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Two US National Team Skaters Named Co-Captains of Virginia Speedskating's High Performance Team.

US Olympic Team member, Kimberley Derrick, and World Cup Gold Medalist, Jordan Malone, announced today that they will serve as Co-Captains for the Virginia Speedskating's High Performance Team. "I trained with the Virginia Team during a summer program in the past, said Jordan, they have the foundation for a great High Performance Team and I look forward to representing Team Virginia in National and International Competitions in the 2008/2009 season."

"Kimberley and Jordan are outstanding athletes and represent two of the best speed skaters in the country," reported Steve Burton, Executive Director of Virginia Speedskating. "We are honored that they would lead our team," he added.

"Being able to enlist two of the best skaters on the US National Team to their new High Performance Team will add world visibility and help draw other high performance athletes to their program, stated US National Short Track Team Coach Jimmy Jang.

Virginia Speedskating's High Performance Team will round out the program offering and represents a substantial step forward in the maturity of the speed skating program. Virginia Speedskating is already recognized as having one of the best Development Teams and Beginning Teams in the country, which was shown this year by winning 23 medals at the US National Short Track Championships.

Short track speed skating is the fastest self-propelled sport in the world. It has been referred to as NASCAR® on ice where you compete on a 110 meter oval track in groups of four and five skaters who fly up to 40 mph through the curves.

Virginia Speedskating is a non-profit organization that coordinates speed skating activities in the greater Richmond area. The club skates at the Richmond Ice Zone on 646 Johnston Willis Drive. Skaters of all ages and abilities are welcome to join the club. There is no cost to join and the first month is free for anyone interested in trying the sport. All needed equipment is provided for each skater by the local club.

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