



## PEI Speed Skaters Medal in Fredericton

**December 9th, 2010, Charlottetown** – Speed skaters from PEI picked up four medals at the recent Harold Joyce Short Track Championship speed skating meet in Fredericton, New Brunswick December 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>.

The meet attracted a strong field of 141 short-track speed skaters representing ten clubs from across the Atlantic Provinces. Host Fredericton skaters proved very strong on home ice, with Andrew Evans taking top division gold for males, while Samia Gould, also of Fredericton, won the top honour among females.

PEI's team was led by Jack Connell, who notched the fastest times among the contingent of fourteen Island skaters competing. Connell set two new personal best times on his way to seventh place in the very competitive Division 1.



Carly Connell of Charlottetown won the lone gold medal of the weekend for PEI in Division 3, her second top finish in as many attempts this season! Andrew Binns picked up a silver medal in Division 7 after posting four new personal best times. Thomas Trotter of Stratford took a bronze in Division 3 with three new personal bests and Kyle Connell rounded out the PEI medalists with a bronze in Division 7, also recording personal bests in all four distances.

“Our team had a very successful weekend,” said PEI head coach Phil Byrne. “Many of our skaters have been working hard on technical aspects of their skating and yet they still generated a large number of PBs, which is not always the case when we focus on technique. Our club has some great young skaters who just keep getting better.”

Overall, thirty-eight personal best times were posted by a dozen PEI skaters, with across the board PBs also set by Michael Rogers, Zach Moran, Korrina LeClair and Kristen Binns.

Also representing PEI in Fredericton were Nathan Cudmore, Clare Cullen, Morgan McGinn, Taylor Johnston and Michael Trotter. Cudmore, Cullen, Johnston and McGinn are among seven members of PEI’s Canada Games training team attending an Ontario Cup meet outside Toronto December 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>.