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Good Luck to Our South Atlantic Regional Competitors!

Good luck to our 20 club members who will compete at the 2019 South Atlantic Regional Championships in Coral Springs, FL on October 3 - 7 (qualifying) and October 3 - 6 (non-qualifying). Club officials who will be participating are **Dana Graham, Catherine Hackney, Sharon Hyre, Gloria Lewis, and Sara Stephens.**



Georgia Bolocan
Tim Dolensky
Triniti Fong
Elvira Junnila

Katia Kochengina
Kaitlyn McGarigle
Katie Palmer
Marie Poljanycka

Elisa Bode
Mia Calabrese
Violet Ee
Audrey Latham

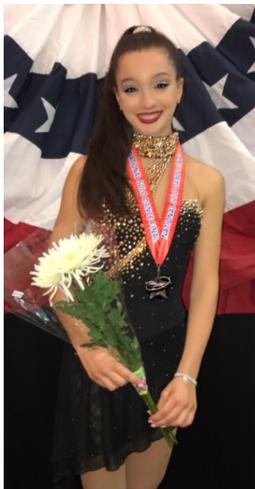
Natalie Martin
Amelia Marsh
Emily McDaniel
Alexa Phillips

Cathy Sabella
Alexandra Silvia
Zoë Silvia
Hasita Yalamanchili

We Have a New Website!

Take a look at our new website, designed and managed by our new webmaster **Gaia Shamis!**

Sincere appreciation to **Barry Johnson** and **Tony Maness** for their countless years serving as webmasters!



Madeline (Novice Combined)



Soucci (International Pattern Dance)

Madeline Freeman Wins Pewter Medal for Novice Combined



Congratulations to our National Solo Dance Final competitors, **Madeline Freeman** and **Soucci Taylor!** Madeline competed in Pre-Silver Pattern Dance (6th) and captured fourth place in Novice Combined. Soucci competed in International Pattern Dance and placed 9th overall.

Results are posted on Page 7.



- October 26, Hallowskate Club Ice Special Event
- October 26, Test Session
- Disney on Ice, October 27 (Savannah, GA)
- November 9, Sectionals Exhibition



Georgia Bolocan (Intermediate), Elvira Junnila (Novice), Katia Kochengina (Juvenile)



Audrey Latham (Pre-Juvenile), Hasita Yalamanchili, Emily McDaniel (both Preliminary)

Many thanks to Special Events Chair **Nikki Edwards** for the creative decorations and photos, to **Jennifer Latham** for the cake and photos, to **Jamie Traylor** for music and announcing, to **Tea Junnila** for the gifts, and to **Ingie Ekhashab** for cutting the cake.

Whatever you're fighting for, you go with full passion and love. ~Michelle Kwan



Elisa Bode (Preliminary), Kaity McGarigle, Katie Palmer (both Juvenile)

Skating can make you feel athletic, graceful, beautiful. ~ Gracie Gold

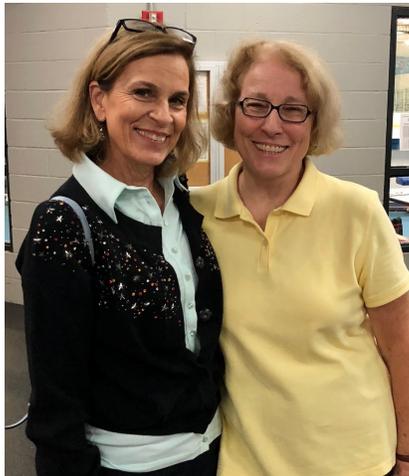
I think success is finding happiness! Everyone certainly has different goals in life, and things that are important to them. I think the important things are the things that make us happy and finding those things is the definition of success. ~ Meryl Davis

The most important thing is being passionate about what you're doing and always give it your all. That is the key to success. ~ Charlie White



Mia Calabrese, Amelia Marsh (both No Test), Violet Ee (Pre-Preliminary)

I didn't hold back.
~ Sarah Hughes



Jamie and Kathy

I was passionate. I found something that I loved. I could be all alone in a big old skating rink and nobody could get near me, and I didn't have to talk to anybody because of my shyness. I was in my fantasy world.
~ Dorothy Hamill



Cathy Sabella (Adult Pre-Bronze)



Katie and Kaity



What defines me is what my mom always taught me: to treat everyone with respect, to always be a hard worker, and to be kind. ~ Adam Rippon

You have to train your mind just as much as you train your body. ~Tara Lipinsky





MOVE LIKE A CHAMPION
PERFORM LIKE A
STAR

CONGRATULATIONS

**AUDREY LATHAM
&
TIM DOLENSKY!**

2018 TOP NATIONAL SCORES

Audrey achieved the top national score of 1434 among ALL testers. Average score was 828.

Tim also achieved the top national Men's score of 1237 among ALL Men testers. Average score was 811.



	Number of Assessments	Average S.T.A.R.S. Score	Highest S.T.A.R.S. Score	Congratulations!
National Top Scores	556	797.03	1434.00	
National-Ladies	459	827.56	1434.00	LATHAM, Audrey
National-Men	44	810.80	1237.00	DOLENSKY, Timothy A.
National-Pairs	13	854.54	1109.00	LARSON, Zoe
National-Ice Dancing	10	718.40	1036.00	LASSITER, Hope Noelle
National-Synchro	70	588.70	1206.00	WENGER, Athena
National-Male-6-10	10	838.00	1160.00	TANKOVIC, Alek
National-Male-11-14	23	798.59	1208.00	LUNG, Liz
National-Male-15 and up	21	811.29	1237.00	DOLENSKY, Timothy A.
National-Female-6-10	142	802.52	1434.00	LATHAM, Audrey
National-Female-11-14	308	791.08	1385.00	WANG, Sofia
National-Female-15 and up	92	800.62	1394.00	KALVAN, Poops M
Eastern Region Top Scores	260	787.96	1434.00	
East-Male-6-10	5	866.00	1160.00	TANKOVIC, Alek
East-Male-11-14	10	687.20	1208.00	LUNG, Liz
East-Male-15 and up	5	828.67	1013.00	GARIBOTTI, Sam
East-Female-6-10	61	836.51	1434.00	LATHAM, Audrey
East-Female-11-14	136	777.38	1371.00	JORDAN, Madelyn
East-Female-15 and up	42	789.57	1388.00	MCCLELLAN, Ellie S.
Western Region Top Scores	70	856.56	1384.00	
West-Male-6-10	4	805.00	1050.00	CHAN, Dominic
West-Male-11-14	5	790.20	1184.00	DAVTON, James F.
West-Male-15 and up	1	798.00	798.00	JOHNSON, Colin
West-Female-6-10	19	782.26	1296.00	BROWN, Thea
West-Female-11-14	38	910.58	1384.00	LAN, Olivia
West-Female-15 and up	3	861.67	1000.00	CHANG, Olivia
Central Region Top Scores	256	790.22	1394.00	
Central-Male-6-10	1	830.00	830.00	FIELD, Declan
Central-Male-11-14	8	941.50	1175.00	PLEN, Joseph F.
Central-Male-15 and up	14	896.14	1237.00	DOLENSKY, Timothy A.
Central-Female-6-10	62	775.29	1338.00	CHURCH, Margaret
Central-Female-11-14	134	770.99	1385.00	WANG, Sofia
Central-Female-15 and up	47	806.60	1394.00	KALVAN, Poops M





Nebelhorn Trophy
Oberstdorf, Germany
September 26 - 29

Senior Men
Tim Dolensky
Final 4th/8
Free Skate 4th/8
Short Program 5th/8



Lombardia Trophy
Bergamo, Italy
September 12 - 16



Tim with Team USA at Trophy Lombardia

ISU Challenger Series

SENIOR MEN
Tim Dolensky
Final 6th/14
Free Skate 6th/14
Short Program 6th/14



Tyler, Breeleie, and Coach Graham at the Novice and Junior Challenge Skate



Novice and Junior Challenge Skate
Salt Lake City, UT
September 12 - 16

NOVICE DANCE
Breeleie Taylor/Tyler Vollmer
Final 3rd/4
Free Dance 3rd/4
Starlight Waltz 3rd/4



National Solo Dance Series Final
Yarmouth Ice Club, Hyannis, MASS
September 14 - 16

Soucci Taylor
International Pattern Dance
Final 9th/13
Yankee Polka 9th/13
Rhumba 7th/12



Mid-Atlantic FS Championships
SC of New York, New York, NY
September 6 - 9

Madeline Freeman
Novice Combined
Final 4th/19
Tango 5th/19
Free Dance 5th/19

JUVENILE GIRLS
Kaitlyn McGarigle
Free Skate FR 11th/14
Free Skate QR 4th/14

Madeline Freeman
Pre-Silver Pattern Dance
Final 9th/17
Foxtrot 5th/17
European Waltz 14th/17

New SafeSport Policies in Effect



U.S. Figure Skating is committed to providing a safe, healthy and positive skating environment for all members and volunteers. Beginning July 1, 2018, all coaches, officials and necessary volunteers must have completed the SafeSport online training program and successfully passed a background check in order to participate in any U.S. Figure Skating activity.

For purpose of SafeSport, necessary volunteers are those individuals who are in a position of authority over minor athletes in their event role or who are in frequent contact with athletes, unless that contact occurs in a public area that is readily observable and interruptible by the general public.

At a minimum, the following individuals are considered “necessary volunteers” and must be compliant:

- Club/LOC leadership. **Chairs and/or committee positions with direct oversight of the competition.** This ensures that anyone in a leadership role with our LOC is allowed to be anywhere in the rink.
- Medical volunteers assigned to the competition (members and non-members)
- **Locker room monitors for sanctioned competitions, ice shows, club events**
- Any/all third-party organizations (Sports Commissions/CVB support staff) providing volunteer support with frequent access to athletes

Instructions for the SafeSport Training and Background Check

1. Log into your Members Only account at ussaonline.org. 2. Click red bar: “Your member compliance is NOT COMPLETE,” or the U.S. Figure Skating SafeSport icon (second from left). 3. All compliance items are in the blue box that will appear on the screen. For SafeSport Initial Training, click red “BEGIN” button. Then enter your member number and validate the information is yours. 4. Complete the Account Setup, create a password. You will need access to the email address entered to validate the email before you can begin the training. 5. For a Background Check, click the red “BEGIN” button. You will be required to validate your information before being sent to the National Center for Safety Initiatives in a new window. You must pay for the background check and will be reimbursed by the club. Please have your Social Security Number, past addresses and driver’s license available.

Remember: If you see something, say something.

U.S. FIGURE SKATING NEW TESTING PROTOCOL

Effective Sept. 2, 2018, all U.S. Figure Skating tests (except figure tests and tests that are pass and retry only) will be marked with an evaluation scale of -3 to +3 in place of the 6.0 marks. Two new categories have also been added: pass with honors and pass with distinction for performing well above the passing average. Eliminated is the serious error restriction rules which mandated a retry or retry test result.

Three marks will be recorded:

- Free skate, Pairs and Free Dance: Elements, Skating, and Program
- Pattern Dance: Technique, Timing, and Expression

It is critical that all judges, test chairs, coaches and skaters are familiar with the new rules before attending a test session that is offered on Sept. 2, 2018, or later.

TEST RULES

Test Rules that are valid beginning Sept. 2, 2018, can be found in the 2018-19 U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook as follows:

Rules for moves in the field tests, page 167

Rules for singles free skate tests, page 178

Rules for pairs tests, page 217

Rules for pattern dance tests, page 254

Rules for free dance tests, page 261

HANDBOOK AND EDUCATIONAL VIDEOS

Handbook for Tests (8/28/18, PDF)

Educational Video - Overview of the Test Refresh Project (8/28/18)



John Smith Memorial
 Carolinas FSC, Indian Trail, NC
 September 7 - 9

INTERMEDIATE LADIES

Free Skate

Georgia Bolocan 1st/9
 Bailey Snead 8th/9

Short Program

Georgia Bolocan 2nd/13
 Bailey Snead 11th/13

JUVENILE GIRLS

Short Program

Audrey Latham 4th/6
 Sarah Cairo 6th/6

PRE-JUVENILE GIRLS

Free Skate

Audrey Latham 2nd/13
 Amber Homan 6th/13
 Kayla Redburn 7th/13
 Sarah Cairo 9th/13

Showcase - Lt. Entert.

Amber Homan 2nd/2

Showcase - Dram. Entert.

Kayla Redburn 1st/1

NO TEST GIRLS

Free Skate

Final Round 9th/12

Amelia Marsh

QR, Grp. B 4th/8

Amelia Marsh

Compulsory Moves

Amelia Marsh 2nd/4

HIGH BEGINNER

Free Skate, Grp. A

Abigail Dale 3rd/4

Showcase - Light Entert.

Abigail Dale 1st/1

ADULT BEGINNER

Free Skate

Josie Castracane 1st/1

Compulsory Moves

Josie Castracane 1st/1

BASIC ADULT 6

Free Skate

May Chen 1st/3

Compulsory Moves

May Chen 1st/3



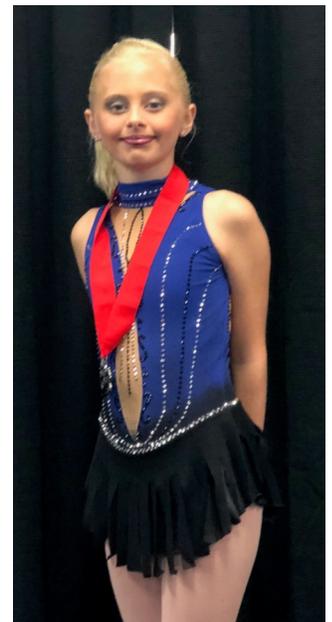
Bailey, Audrey, Amelia



Audrey



Amelia, Audrey, Bailey, Coach Pam



Amelia



Peach Open
Georgia FSC, Duluth, GA, September 1– 2

NOVICE

Free Skate

Elvira Junnila 1st/5

Short Program

Elvira Junnila 2nd/3

INTERMEDIATE

Free Skate

Georgia Bolocan 1st/6

Emily Hwang 3rd/6

Ava Williams 4th/6

Audrey Kate Johnson 5th/6

Short Program

Georgia Bolocan 1st/8

Katia Kochengina 2nd/8

Ava Williams 3rd/8

Elizabeth Douglas 4th/8

Bailey Snead 6th/8

Emily Hwang 8th/8

JUVENILE

Free Skate

Kaitlyn McGarigle 1st/3

Katie Palmer 3rd/3

Short Program

Mia Rafanelli 1st/4

Audrey Latham 2nd/4

Katie Palmer 3rd/4



Georgia



Kaity (center), Katie

PRE-JUVENILE

Free Skate

Mia Rafanelli 2nd/9

Audrey Latham 3rd/9

Amber Homan 4th/9

Kayla Redburn 5th/9

Compulsory Moves

Emily McDaniel 1st/2

Elisa Bode 2nd/2

Jumps

Elisa Bode 1st/4

Emily McDaniel 3rd/4

Spins

Emily McDaniel 3rd/4

Showcase Light Entert.

Amber Homan 2nd/2

Showcase Dram. Entert.

Kayla Redburn 1st/1



Katia, Georgia. Ava



Elvira (center)

PRELIMINARY

Free Skate

Emily McDaniel 2nd/7

Elisa Bode 7th/7

Compulsory Moves

Ava Windley 3rd/3

Jumps

Ruhee Patkar 2nd/2

PRE-PRELIMINARY

Free Skate

Violet Ee 2nd/7

Varnika Kosaraju 5th/7

Ava Windley 7th/7

Compulsory Moves

Anna Windley 4th/5

Iris Liu 1st/5



Mia R., Audrey



Kaity, Katie



Ava

NO TEST BOYS

Free Skate

Nathan Detwiler 1st/1

NO TEST GIRLS

Free Skate, Grp. A

Anna Windley 2nd/9
 Raina Redburn 3rd/9
 Iris Liu 4th/9
 Lily Shamis 5th/9
 Anna Detwiler 6th/9
 Brynn Cartagena 9th/9

Free Skate, Grp. B

Leia Beinenson 2nd/10
 Mia Calabrese 8th/10
 Marlowe McIntyre 7th/10
 Sona Durairaj 0th/10

Compulsory Moves

Grp. A

Brynn Cartagena 3rd/4

Grp. B

Sona Durairaj 3rd/3

Spins

Raina Redburn 1st/4

Showcase Lt. Entert.

Raina Redburn 1st/4

HIGH BEGINNER (Excel)

Free Skate, Grp. A

Isabel Chen 1st/3

Free Skate, Grp. B

Grace Xie 1st/3

Compulsory Moves

Grace Xie 1st/6
 Matigan Edwards 2nd/6
 Lucia Baumgartner 6th/6

BEGINNER (Excel)

Free Skate, Grp. A

Matigan Edwards 1st/2

Free Skate, Grp. B

Katie Trizzino 1st/4
 Lucia Baumgartner 3rd/4

PRE FREE SKATE

Free Skate

Caroline Crooks 1st/3
 Angela Zhou 2nd/3

BASIC SKILLS

Free Skate 1, Grp. A

Sophie Gao 2nd/3

Free Skate 1, Grp. B

Lyla Gorman 2nd/3



Mia, Audrey, Katie



Peach Classic

Georgia FSC, Duluth, GA, September 1 - 2

ADULT GOLD III

PJ Whalen 1st/4

ADULT SILVER I

Free Skate

Heather Stables 1st/3

ADULT SILVER III

Free Skate

Nancy Ellis Riggs 1st/2

Showcase Dram. Entert.

Nancy Ellis Riggs 1st/3

Showcase Lt. Entert.

Nancy Ellis Riggs 1st/3

ADULT BEGINNER

Free Skate

Josie Castracane 2nd/2

Compulsory Moves

Josie Castracane 2nd/2

ADULT BRONZE II-IV

Showcase Dram. Entert.

D'Arcy Robb 3rd/4

Showcase Lt. Entert.

D'Arcy Robb 2nd/5

ADULT PRE-BRONZE

Free Skate

Cathy Sabella 6th/6

ADULT LTS 6

Free Skate

May Chen 1st/3

Compulsory Moves

May Chen 1st/3

SOLO DANCE

Adult Silver

Final

Heather Stables 1st/2

Amy Kilheffer 2nd/2

Free Dance

Heather Stables 1st/2

Amy Kilheffer 2nd/2

Club Ice Special Event - Back To School Bookworms! August 24



Approximately 24 skaters attended the season's first Club Ice Special Event. Many thanks to Special Events Chair **Nikki Edwards** and her committee - **Ingie Derouin**, **Kate Gorczyca**, **Creighton Gulati**, and **Christine Nix** - who decorated and prepared "brown bag" lunches of meat/cheese pinwheels, cookies, and gummy worms. An engraved Atlanta FSC pencil, an eraser, and a bookworm bookmark were also given to each skater.

Thanks also to **Tori Williams** for the Freeze Tag on-ice game and music playlist and to **Herbert Wiesinger**.

Exhibitions were performed by Novice dance team **Breelie Taylor** and **Tyler Vollmer** in preparation for the Novice/Junior Challenge Skate and by **Cristanne Goodwin** who performed a dramatic entertainment program that qualified for the 2018 National Showcase competition.

And everyone brought a book to swap!





**EXHIBITIONS
BY:**

Breelie Taylor &
Tyler Vollmer
Novice Dance
Junior and Novice
Challenge Skate

Cristanne Goodwin
National Showcase







SPOTLIGHT SKATER

Emily Hwang

What is your favorite element?

I love footwork, because I am able to show off my artistic side and really focus on presentation.

Favorite program and competitive accomplishments?

My favorite program/music is definitely the long program that I'm working on right now. It is from the "Howl's Moving Castle" soundtrack. I also loved my previous long program music called "Charms" from the W.E. movie soundtrack.

Who is your favorite skater?

Kim Yuna, Michelle Kwan, and Mao Asada. But if I had to choose one, it would be Kim Yuna.

What is the most memorable event of your skating career?

When I won first place in Birmingham, because my little sister also won her tennis tournament on the same day, and we celebrated together with Japanese ramen noodles.

Tell us about your school and extra-curricular activities.

I attend Georgia Connections Academy. My favorite subjects are geometry and literature. I took the SAT in 7th grade and got into the Duke TIP program.

Besides skating, my extracurricular activities consist of drumming. I've taken ballet since I was three and danced competitively since I was eight.

If I weren't a skater, I would have

Continued ballet.

Best advice I ever received

"Worrying makes you suffer twice." ~Newt Scamander

Tell us something about yourself or your family that no one knows.

I have Trypophobia, a fear of small holes.

What famous person would you most like to meet?

Emma Watson, because she is my role model.

My family is most like the TV show

"Teen Titans Go" because we're crazy and love to laugh.

Tell us about your family, other hobbies, pets.

I have a little sister who is 12 and a little brother who is eight. I love to read, listen to music, and draw.

What are your future skating and educational goals?

I would like to have a consistent and clean double Axel.

I would like to pursue a career in biomedical engineering and skate for as long as I can.

My favorite things are

Movies, books, and mints.

Whom do you most admire?

I admire my coach and parents, because of all the things they sacrifice for my skating.

Who would you choose to play you in the movie of your life?

Young Emma Watson

If I were stranded on a desert island, I would have to have:

Food, water, and a satellite phone.

Favorite word: *Flummadiddle, which means utter nonsense*

Least favorite word: *Disappointed*

What turns me off: *People who brag/ people who are arrogant*

Favorite food: *Sushi*

Least favorite food: *I don't have one*

Favorite book: *Kira-Kira by Cynthia Kadohata*

Favorite movie: *"The Little Prince"*

Favorite TV Show: *"The Office"*

Favorite Song: *"Somebody to Love" by Queen*

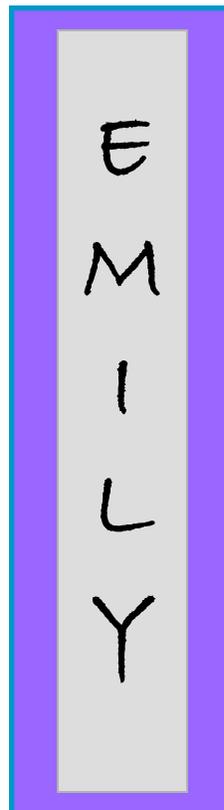
Favorite color: *Purple*

I would never want to be: *In public broadcasting*

Pet peeve: *Someone else eating my food*

Favorite Vacation: *When I went to Korea to visit my cousins and grandparents*

Three words that best describe me: *Perfectionist, introvert, curious*



Tests Passed

September

Lila Mutch	Pre-Preliminary Moves
Katie Nix	Pre-Preliminary Moves
Nastasia Rozenberg	Swing Dance



Atlantic Station/ Avalon Exhibitions



Once again, we have been invited to perform exhibitions at Atlantic Station and Avalon. Performance criteria have been emailed to all skaters, parents and coaches.

Atlantic Station

Saturday, November 17 Exhibition and Tree Lighting Parade

Avalon

Wednesday, November 14 VIP Exhibition, 4:00 – 5:00 pm

Sunday, November 18 Exhibition

Skaters who don't meet the criteria for a solo or feature may form a group - ice dancers, bridge, adults, etc. We will accommodate as many skaters as possible.

Vera Ee
Marika Mathers
Shuka Mathers



Luda Smitson
Vanessa Solorzano

DISNEY ON ICE Saturday, October 27, 3:00, 7:00 Martin Luther King, Jr. Arena Savannah, GA



Disney star, Benita Williams, who taught a performance seminar during Club Ice last year, is offering discounted tickets at \$15.00/person. There will also be a random drawing of 6 tickets for a post show backstage tour for the 7pm show only! Must be 12 or older to tour.

Checks (payable to the Atlanta FSC) may be given to Tami Mickle or mailed to

Jennifer Latham
297 Hidden Lake Ct.
Marietta, GA 30068

DEADLINE: **October 12** (received)



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Julie Lapina	1	Xuhong Zhu	14
Kristen Berner		Christine Nix	15
Eva Campanya	2	Jason Chen	
Terri Maurice		Alison Arnold	16
Daisy Ellis	3	Melanie Schael	
Wendi Hiller		Amelia Marsh	17
Josie Castracane	7	Audrey Latham	18
John Millier	8	Luda Smitson	
Judith Flair		Jacki Munzel	19
Wade Williams		Kayla Redburn	20
Suesan Phillips	10	Jane Jud	22
Tinamarie Imperiale-Webb		Eden Speigal	28
		Ryan Schael	30
Katie Trizzino	11	Erin Crooks	31
Janet Rhoades	13	John Crooks	
Ashley Dale	14		



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Berkeley Williams	1	Cathy Sabella	18
Riya Kinnarkar		Linda Windley	19
Katia Kochengina	2	Tina Gravenstein	21
Isabel Chen	3	Judy Williams	22
Liudmila Carroll	7	Betty Weller	23
Eve Williams	9	Ava Windley	26
King Fu	10	Nastasia Rozenberg	
Serena Shang		Ava Landon	27
Ji Li	11	Jennifer Oseid	
Angela Zhou	14	Gloria Lewis	28
Andrea Rafanelli	15	Kristen Wilson	
Gina Palermo		Marie Murdaugh	29
Sona Durairaj		Andrew Rutter	30
Hanna Zhu	17	Laurie Sanii	
Lindsay McDaniel		Nancy Ellis Riggs	



Upcoming Events

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>SPONSOR/LOCATION</u>
Hallow skate Club Ice	October 26	Atlanta FSC
Test Session	October 26	Atlanta FSC
Sectionals Exhibition	November 9	Atlanta FSC
Eastern Sectional Championships	November 13 - 17	Triangle FSC, Wake Forest, NC
Pacific Coast Sectional Championships	November 13 - 17	Salt Lake City FSC, Salt Lake City, UT