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THE BAY STATE WINTER SAYS GOODBYE TO THE BERKSHIRES

Figure Skaters and Ice Hockey players compete for the last time

WILLIAMSTOWN, MA-The 2007 Bay State Winter Games came to a close today, with the final day of Masters Ice Hockey and Figure Skating. 2007 marked 22 year of the Winter Games, all of which the Berkshires have played host to. Just as in years past, this year's Winter Games brought together some of the best amateur sport talent that Massachusetts has to offer.

Three groups of USFS Pre-Preliminary skaters and six groups of USFS Preliminary skaters competed today at the Williams College Rink in Williamstown, MA. Mary Pura (Greenfield) skated her way into first place for Group 3, Jocelyn Gozdowski (Brookfield) received the gold for Group 4, and Justin Curran (Leominster) was the champion of the Pre-Preliminary Boys group.

In Preliminary girls' action, Amanda Greel (Rockport) placed first for Group A 1 and Emily Baker (Feeding Hills) did so for Group A 2. Baker also beautifully sang the National Anthem at the beginning of each day at the Winter Games, as well as at last night's Bay State Skating Show. Group B 1 was won by Annie McKenna (Lenox), Group B 2 saw Zoe McSweeney (Greenfield) win the gold, and Group B 3's title was won by Hannah Tessler (Amherst). On the boys' side, Alfred Channell (Plympton) was victories in Preliminary Boys B.

ISI Figure Skating highlights include Bay State Blades Figure Skating club sweeping all three medals in the Freestyle 3 Female 11-12 year division. Blair Smith (Milford) received the gold while Alexandria Weinstein (Hopkinton) took home the silver, and Sarah Norris (Enfield, CT) rounded out the trio with the bronze. Bay State Blades was also successful in the Freestyle 1 Female 11-13 division as club members Jackie Doyle (Framingham) and Katie O'Connor (Northborough) placed first and second.

At the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Skating Rink in North Adams, MA, The 50+ Gold medal game was played between the CT Olympics and CDR. The battle ended with CDR coming up with a 2-1 win. In the 40+ Gold medal game the Teddy Bear Pools defeated local team The Shamrocks by a score of 3-2.

The Bay State Games would like to thank all of the athletes, volunteers, staff members, and parents who made the 22nd annual Bay State Winter Games a success. For complete results from Figure Skating and Masters Ice Hockey, please go to www.baystategames.org/winter and click on Results.

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