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## **Humboldt Speed Skater going to World Sprint Championships**

(Calgary) William Dutton of Humboldt was named to Canadian team for the International Skating Union's World Sprint Championships in Obihiro, Japan, Jan. 15-16. The Championship will feature the World Cup leading Korean and Japanese sprinters in the last big meet before the 2010 Olympics in Vancouver.

"I'm very excited to be representing Canada in a World Championship. I hope to build on the experience of skating some of the fastest men in the world during the Canadian Olympic trials and Can-Am in December," Dutton said.

Dutton, a product of the Humboldt Speed Skating Club, raced Canadian speed skating legends Jeremy Wotherspoon, Mike Ireland and Denny Morrison in the last three weeks of December.

This is Dutton's second World Championship this year. He placed 7<sup>th</sup> in sprints in the 2009 World Junior Championships, held in Poland in February.

Canada will send four men and two women to the competition. Canadians Jeremy Wotherspoon and Mike Ireland have previously won this Championship. On the Women's side, Cathy Priestner, Sylvia Burka, Catriona LeMay Doan and Cindy Klassen have graced the podium.

Dutton will also skate in Speed Skating Canada's "Canada Cup 2" at the Clarence Downey Oval in Saskatoon, beginning Jan. 29. The Canadian Junior Championships will be held in Saskatoon the same weekend.

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