



On the ice are (front, from left) Abbey Autry, Ma-a Baig of Millington, Whitney Smith, Samantha Wright, MacKenzie Campbell, James Harris; (back) Sarah Guenther, Caroline Straughan of Millington, Lauren Camp, Patricia Bush and Taylor Wright.

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Time to slice up the ice

Figure Skating Club laces up for season

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The 2006-2007 season is under way for the Figure Skating Club of Memphis (FSCM). The season opened in September with ice time at the FedEx Forum and continues twice weekly at the DeSoto County Civic Center in Southaven.

Members of the club were delighted to learn that the Memphis area is one step closer to a permanent ice skating facility. FSCM President Sheila Camp, a US Figure Skating Governing Counsel Delegate and Basic Skills Director for Memphis, said, "Clearly this is a step in the right direction for the area's figure skaters and hockey players. We are excited

the Cordova Sports Complex has a green light to begin the project, and for us it can't open soon enough."

The FSCM athletes, unlike the other sports to be housed in the facility, do not have the luxury of a year-round facility to practice their sport. The skaters must travel about 350 miles to practice when there is no ice at the DeSoto County Civic Center. With positive attitudes and the possibility of a home ice rink in future, club members continue to practice with a new sense of purpose.

The first Learn to Skate Clinic, held at the FedEx Forum drew over 200 skaters, as did the most recent clinic held last month at the DeSoto County Civic Center.

A new Basic Skills class will begin Tuesday at 5 p.m. at the DeSoto County Civic Center. Youth and adults are welcome to enroll for a series of eight, one-hour introductory classes. Basic Skills classes are taught by professional ice skating instructors through the US Figure Skating Basic Skills Curriculum. In addition to the class offerings, the club will host a Basic Skills Competition and test session in January, where there will be several exhibition performances by the advanced skaters.

The FSCM is able to host badge programs for Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, church youth groups, and private lessons. The club offers gift certificates for sale. For information, contact Sheila Camp at sl8mom@midsouth.rr.com.

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