

Kaetlyn skates for gold this time

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Fresh off her figure skating 'Team Event' silver medal at the 2014 Sochi Winter Olympics in Russia, Marystown native Kaetlyn Osmond will skate for gold this week.



Part of her Olympic skating routine, Kaetlyn Osmond leaps in the air, hopefully to celebrate winning a medal during the Sochi, Russia, Winter Olympics this week. Olympics Canada Photo

The team event featured a number of Canadian skaters – singles men and women, pairs and dance competitors – from 10 of the world's top figure skating nations. Kaetlyn placed fifth in both the short and freestyle programs to help her team medal. Only host Russia, winning gold, achieved more.

This Wednesday and Thursday, Kaetlyn takes to the ice again in the women's individual competition – short and freestyle programs.

At the World Championships last year, she finished eighth after winning her first Canadian Women's Singles Championship. This January she repeated as Canadian champion. According to her grandmother Claudia (Osmond) Lambe, she hopes to repeat in the top eight again – this time as an Olympian.

Kaetlyn travelled to Germany last week, with a fellow competitor, during her 10-day layover before her singles program. She took the opportunity to train without the distractions of the Winter Olympics.

Both programs are scheduled around noon hour, Newfoundland time, Wednesday and Thursday. A big screen television at St. Gabriel's Hall in Marystown will again allow residents to gather and view both of Kaetlyn's skates.

Kaetlyn is among 220 Canadians competing on the Winter Olympics squad in 15 sporting categories. The games conclude this Sunday with the men's hockey championship and closing ceremonies.