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SportsQuest Speedskaters Kimberly Derrick and Jordan Malone Take the Ice on Day 2 of the 2010 Winter Olympic Games

Derrick and Malone will each compete in three Short Track Speed Skating Events.

Displaying outstanding skating skills, Malone qualified for the Quarterfinal Round. In his Quarterfinal race, Malone went to the starting line as one of the six top skaters in the world, hoping to finish 1,500 meters in position 1,2 or 3, so that he could join fellow US Teammates, Apolo Ohno and JR Celski, in the Semi-Final Round.

"He skated the first half of the race sitting in the back" stated Steve Burton, SportsQuest CEO, "he was watching the other skaters fighting amongst themselves for the lead. He saw an opening in the last two laps and executed a nice inside pass to move into third place with one lap to go," added Burton. Malone crossed the finish line in third position, which would have been put three US skaters in the Semi-Final Round.

The pass is when it happened - Malone received a small push in the back by the skater behind him entering one of the final corners. Losing his balance for a moment, Malone bumped into the skater in front of him, who lost his balance. Malone was disqualified for impeding another skater. "The unpredictability of the sport is one of its many thrills," added Burton, "the officials saw Jordan bump into the front skater, but missed the earlier push." He added, "It's one of the chances Malone took by sitting in the back so long - making his move earlier might have been a tactically better race." Burton remarked, "we are all so proud of Jordan [Malone], he's a great competitor and he's got two more distances - 500 meters and Men's 5000 meter relay - where he can possibly medal for the US."

Derrick's debut event at the 2010 Olympic Games was the Women's 3,000 meter relay. The team finished second in their Semi-Final heat to move on to the Final's, which will be held on Wednesday, Feb 24. The US Team will skate in the final four against Canada, South Korea, and China - three of the teams will receive medals.

The Short Track Relay races are one of the most exciting events in all of sports", added Burton, "each skater takes their turn sprinting for about 150 meters and then the next skater takes over - they keep rotating until

the team completes the 3,000 meter race." What adds to the thrill is that 16 skaters - four teams of four skaters each - are on the ice sprinting at top speeds at the same time. There is no baton to pass in this relay. Each team has one skater skating on the outside track - the other three take turns rotating into the race by jumping out in front of their teammate, who is exiting a corner at over 30 MPH and one teammate shoves the other in the rear to give a boost of speed.

"Kimberly [Derrick] skated strong rotations throughout the race," commented Burton, "our Women's relay team is well positioned for a possible medal."

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