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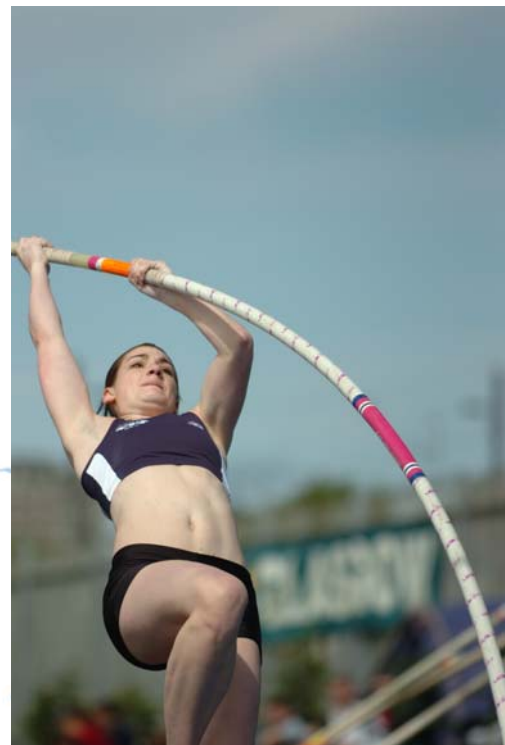
Pole vaulter Kim Skinner started the indoor season with some great results. Having missed out on the East District Championships her first big event was the Scotland Senior Indoor Championships held at the Kelvin Hall. Kim twice broke the Scottish National Under 21 record in clearing 3.90 metres and came close to clearing 4.00 metres. Although only aged 18 Kim won the gold medal and in the process beat Kirsty Maguire who is soon to get off to represent Scotland at the Commonwealth Games.

Two other CSIS athletes competed at the Kelvin Hall. Pole vaulter Richard Hurren won the mens event, clearing 4.60 metres. This was off a shortened run up as Richard is recovering from injury. However his clearance was good enough to win by a clear margin. Relatively new long jumper John Carr finished 4th in the men's long jump, missing out on the bronze medal by 6 centimetres. However this was a good start for John as he has just changed his coach and started working in the gym. John is therefore looking forward to the rest of the indoor season and the summer.

Judo player Jayne Clason won the silver medal at the British Championships and was therefore selected for the British Squad. This will mean that Jayne will now fight in higher level competitions abroad. As a result of this performance and her previous performance at the US Open and Canadian Open, Jayne has been selected for the Scottish Institute of Sport where she will be under the eagle eye of coach Graeme Randal.

Two CSIS curlers, skip Logan Gray and lead Gordon McDougall were in the rink which took part in the Oak Island Junior International Cashpiel in Nova Scotia, Canada. Logan skipped the rink to 2 initial wins but they were beaten in their 3rd match. This meant a play off for a place in the semi-final. They won comfortably and in the semi-final they played well to win 9-6. In the final they faced the only team that had beaten them in the early stages, skipped by Scott Saccary. However the boys gained their revenge with a stunning 10-3 win after only 6 ends. Yet another Scottish victory on foreign soil and this time in the home of the world's strongest curling nation, Canada.

In the inaugural Aberdeen Cup played against England, 2 CSIS players took the court. Jamie Murray teamed up with brother Andy (SIS) in the men's doubles to defeat Greg Rusedski and David Sherwood in 3 close sets, winning 6/4, 2/6, 7/6. At the other end of the age scale 12 year old Scott Lister lost to Oliver Golding of England but was still totally motivated after "watching Andy Murray".



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