



BECKIE SCOTT

Cross-Country Skiing

Beckie Scott was awarded the first Olympic cross-country ski medal ever won by a Canadian when she edged her fellow competitor by a tenth of a second with a gutsy drive on the finishing track to get on the Olympic podium at the 2002 Salt Lake City Winter Olympics. Beckie originally was awarded a bronze medal in the five-kilometer free pursuit – the first cross-country ski medal won by a North American since 1976.

Leading up to the Games, Beckie was an outspoken critic on the use of performance enhancing drugs being used in her sport, and she experienced some justice when the gold and silver medallists in her event tested positive after the Olympics. Beckie continued the fight against drugs, and was finally awarded with the Olympic Gold medal she so richly deserves, given her performance at the 2002 Winter Olympics.

Over the past several seasons, Beckie has proven that she belongs in the ranks of the world's elite cross-country skiers and sprint racers. She is Canada's undisputed cross-country sprint queen. The sprint, Beckie's signature event, was introduced in the 1998 season, and she instantly made her presence felt, consistently finishing in the top 10.

Raised in Vermillion, Alberta, Beckie began cross-country skiing at the age of five, when her parents, both avid skiers themselves, enrolled her in the local Jackrabbit League. She entered her first race at the age of seven, and by age 12 she was winning medals at Junior National competitions. She currently lives and trains in Bend, Oregon, where she moved after the 1998 Nagano Olympics.

- **GOLD**
2002 Olympic
Winter Games

- **3rd**
2002 World Cup,
Sprint

- **3rd**
2001 World Cup,
Sprint

- **5 time**
Canadian
National
Champion

- **2 time**
US National
Champion