

## POST OLYMPIC

**(Ambience)** Crowd at D.C. Ice Event

**(Hughes)** I decided to skate to something a little bit more upbeat. I want to skate to *Proud Mary* from Tina Turner.

**(Ambience)** Announcer: Alright, shows on time.

**(Hughes)** Emily Hughes. I'm 17. I'm a figure skater, and I guess my biggest accomplishment would be making it to the Olympics.

**(Ambience)** Proud Mary Song

**(Goebel)** I'm Tim Goebel. I'm 25. I'm also a figure skater and I was at the 2002 winter Olympics where I won a bronze medal and that was my biggest accomplishment.

**(Ambience)** Proud Mary Song

**(Hughes)** I was in a sort of different situation than most people were. I found out I was going to the Olympics after the opening ceremonies, so there was more media attention than I would have ever imagined. I mean, the two weeks of the Olympics were just such a whirlwind of media and I was doing all these interviews and I couldn't believe that people were actually interested in, you know I got third place at nationals, I'm like the last person that actually gets on the team.

**(Goebel)** I've done media training before and they had tried to prepare but to actually walk into a press conference and have like 4 or 5 hundred reporters standing there like listening to your every word, it was really, I was a little overwhelmed at first.

**(Hughes)** When I got there, there was the press conference and the big auditorium with all the people and I'm sitting there like whoa I've only been to one international competition before this one.

**(Goebel)** Again, having the Olympics in your own country and having winning a medal there, you have more media exposure than you would anywhere else.

**(Goebel)** It was definitely more than I was prepared to handle going into it.

**(Ambience)** Swing Song

**(Goebel)** Skating is one of those sports that is only really really popular during an Olympic year, so since after the Olympics it really died down quite a bit and I got to go back to my normal life, which was nice.

**(Hughes)** it's pretty funny when people recognize me because I think I'm the same person that I was before the Olympics, but you know it's cool, it's pretty cool. People sometimes say I'm Sarah, It's pretty funny. Everyone thinks we look alike.

**(Ambience)** Bocelli Song.

**(Hughes)** I really wanted to focus on school and I took a month off and I finished up my junior year of high school

**(Goebel)** I'm going to be going back to a university this fall to study finance. I'm not quite sure where I'm going to be going to school yet, but I hope to work someday for an investment bank.

**(Hughes)** I'm definitely competing next year, so I'm definitely looking forward to that and taking things year by year. I mean I love skating, but I know that I'm not going to be competing forever, so I think education is really important, so that's why I do want to continue going to school and try to go to college and skate might be tough

**(Goebel)** I'm sort of done with that aspect of my life and I'm moving back to the educational world.

**(Ambience)** Bocelli Song.