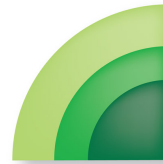




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World cup whets Olympics appetite



Ice machine: Speed skater Alix-Myra Anderson hopes to make the 2010 Olympic team.

Picture: Claire de Groot

By **Michael Carayannis**

YOUNG Australian speed skating squad member Alix-Myra Anderson has her eyes firmly set on the Vancouver 2010 Winter Olympic Games.

Anderson, 20 of Lugarno, recently returned from the International Skating Union World Cup, where she

took part in the short track event.

The cup consisted of six events worldwide which took place in Canada, the United States, the Netherlands, Italy, Japan and Germany.

"In season we train for 2½ hours in the morning and two hours in the gym every afternoon - and that is every day of the week except Sunday,"

Anderson said.

"I definitely want to go to the 2010 Olympics and would love to compete in the individual races."

Anderson finished the 2007-08 World Cup in 69th position for the 500 metres, 59th for the 1000m and 50th for the 1500m.

She is studying ancient history at university.