

SA skaters in line for success at national titles

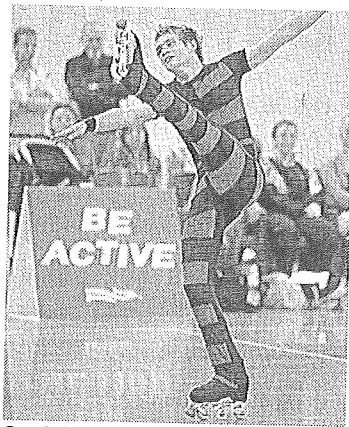
SOUTH AUSTRALIA will be represented by 15 artistic roller skaters at this weekend's Artistic National Championships at Carerra in Queensland.

The championships feature skaters from such age groups as juvenile, junior, senior and masters, competing in events such as, figures, dance, freestyle and pairs.

Andrew Bassi, currently ranked fourth in the world in the men's Inline International Event, is South Australia's highest-placed skater on the world scene.

At this national tournament, he will be working towards selection on the 2009 World Team. The 54th world artistic roller-skating event will be held in Freiburg, Germany from November 9-21 later this year.

Tara Gundlach, one of our promising female freestyle skaters is entering the international area for the first time at the junior international



South Australia's world no.4 skater Andrew Bassi

level and also hopes she will gain selection to represent Australia.

Last year the SA team brought home 16 medals and it is hoped that they can continue that success.

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