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### Esprit de Corps Adult Team Wins National Championship

**Minneapolis, Minnesota** – The Esprit de Corps Adult team won the national title Saturday at the 2010 U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships at the Mariucci Arena on the campus of the University of Minnesota. The team placed first with a whopping score of 60.21, their best of the season and a new team record. This year's program was skated to a lively medley of hits from Saturday Night Fever. The team earned a Level 4 for several elements, including the intersection, wheel, and circle. Team Delaware representing the University of Delaware placed 2<sup>nd</sup> with 54.35 points, while last year's gold medalists, the Crystalletes of Dearborn, Michigan, were 3<sup>rd</sup> with 52.15 points.

The Esprit de Corps Masters team also competed Saturday, placing 5<sup>th</sup> overall. Both the Esprit de Corps Adult and Masters teams are coached by Dede Wilson and represent the Hayden Recreation Centre Figure Skating Club in Lexington, Massachusetts.

*"I think both teams maximized their potential today,"* said Coach Dede Wilson. *"They had their best skates of the year on the right day."*

Sanctioned by U.S. Figure Skating and hosted by the Twin City Figure Skating Association, the U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships featured over 90 teams in eight divisions: juvenile, intermediate, novice, junior, senior, collegiate, adult, and masters. The EDC Adult and Masters teams qualified for nationals by placing 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, respectively, at the Eastern Sectional Championships in January.

Both EDC teams hold a distinguished competitive record:

**Esprit de Corps Adult (EDCA).** Founded in 1986, EDCA has won eight national titles, including this one, and 21 sectional titles. In the adult division, a team consists of 12-20 skaters, all of whom must be at least 21 years old. EDCA is comprised of 19 skaters ranging in age from 22 to 45.

**Esprit de Corps Masters (EDCM).** Founded in 2000, EDCM has won four national titles and five sectional titles. In the masters division, a team consists of 12-20 skaters, all of whom must be at least 25 years old, and a majority of the team, over 35. EDCM is comprised of 21 skaters ranging in age from 27 to 55. This year's theme, entitled Simply Irresistible, features songs from Tom Jones, Prince, and Robert Palmer. Program highlights included a triangle intersection, death drops, a six-spoke traveling wheel, and change-foot spins in unison.

The prestige of skating for EDC draws adults from four states, including Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island. Among the teams are several educators, small business owners, skating coaches, corporate executives, and graduate students as well as a doctor, athletic trainer, geneticist, accountant, social worker, city planner, and engineer.

For more information about the team, please visit [www.haydensynchroteams.com](http://www.haydensynchroteams.com). For more information regarding the event, visit [www.2010synchronationals.org](http://www.2010synchronationals.org).

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