

## 2008 PROFILE

### MARIE-FRANCE DUBREUIL AND PATRICE LAUZON

**PERSONAL DATA:** Born: August 11, 1974, in Montreal (Marie-France)  
November 26, 1975, in Montreal (Patrice)

**COMPETITIVE RECORD:**

- 2007 – 1<sup>st</sup> Canadian Championships  
2<sup>nd</sup> World Championships
- 2006 – 1<sup>st</sup> Canadian Championships  
2<sup>nd</sup> World Championships  
Olympics (withdrew due to injury)
- 2005 – 1<sup>st</sup> Canadian Championships  
7<sup>th</sup> World Championships
- 2004 – 1<sup>st</sup> Canadian Championships  
8<sup>th</sup> World Championships
- 2003 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Canadian Championships  
10<sup>th</sup> World Championships
- 2002 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Canadian Championships  
12<sup>th</sup> Olympics in Salt Lake City  
10<sup>th</sup> World Championships
- 2001 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Canadian Championships  
11<sup>th</sup> World Championships
- 2000 – 1<sup>st</sup> Canadian Championships  
10<sup>th</sup> World Championships

Part of the key to success for any ice-dancing team is consistency. And that can only be obtained by longevity. Marie-France Dubreuil and Patrice Lauzon certainly know that. Skating together since September, 1995, this couple has shared many ups and downs together and lately, has shared more ups than downs.

They are two-time World silver medalists entering the 2007-08 season and are considered one of the top teams to win the Olympics in 2010, which just so happen to be held in their native country of Canada. Marie-France and Patrice, both born in Montreal, hope to achieve their Olympic dreams in front of a Canadian crowd in Vancouver.

The couple trained with Murielle Boucher-Zazoui in Lyon, France. She was the coach who guided the French ice dancing team of Marina Anissina and Gwendal Peizerat to the Olympic gold medal at the 2002 Olympics in Salt Lake City.

Marie-France and Patrice were hopeful of their Olympic chances in 2006 in Torino but during the original dance portion of the event, they had an accident on a lift and she injured her lower back and hip. The injury was so severe that Patrice had to carry Marie-France off the ice. The couple was forced to withdraw from the Games.

It was a stressful and disappointing time, but they found strength from their supportive fans.

“I never felt so much love and positive energy sent our way, ‘ Marie-France told *International Figure Skating*. “It was actually overwhelming.”

Thirty-three agonizing days after Torino, they were healthy enough to compete at the 2006 World Championships in Calgary. Although the couple had never placed better than seventh at the World Championships, the Canadians produced an emotional rendition of their free dance “Somewhere in Time.” It proved to be one of the most magical moments of the competition. Even though they finished second overall, it marked a major triumph for the couple.

They decided to take the following season off and performed with the Smucker’s Stars on Ice tour. Then in May, 2008, they decided to retire from competitive skating for good and once again will dazzle audiences with Stars on Ice, America’s premier skating tour.

Off the ice, the two are a romantic couple as well. They began dating about a year and a half after they began skating together and have been a couple ever since. In August, 2008, they married.

Their shared love for each other and for skating has made them one of the best teams in the world, and one many in the world will be cheering for in years to come.