

Hometown hero Kaetlyn Osmond draws crowd in Marystow

Marystow native scores 62.54 in women's short for team event this weekend

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The crowd looked on at St. Gabriel's Hall in Marystow as they watched Kaetlyn Osmond compete in her first Olympic Games.

Kaetlyn Osmond drew out a crowd in Marystow to watch her make her Olympic debut on Saturday in the team figure skating event.

Osmond, 18, is originally from Marystow and has been living in Alberta for the past eight years.

She competed in the women's short portion of the team skate event at the Iceberg Skating Palace for the Sochi 2014 Winter Olympic Games.

She scored a 62.54 in her inaugural skate on Olympic ice, putting her in fifth place for the team skate portion.

Hometown support has been huge for Osmond, with people in Marystow preparing for her inaugural Olympic debut — including her older sister Natasha, who Osmond calls her hero.

Osmond is the first Olympian to come out of Marystow, and people from all over the Burin Peninsula plan to come together to watch the events at St. Gabriel's Hall.

Giant screens have been set up so people can watch Osmond on the big screen during her big events.

Tim Horton's has introduce a Marystow-exclusive treat – the pink Kaetlyn Osmond donut – to show just how much support she has from her home community.

Team Canada qualified for the next round in the team skate competition with 32 points, placing second behind Russia with 37 points and ahead of the United States with 27 points.

Osmond will skate on Sunday in the ladies' free skate portion at 12:30 NT.

After the team event, Osmond will skate again on Feb. 19 and 20 in the women's competition.

Osmond started skating at the age of two, and at 10, began her figure skating training in Edmonton.