SHANI DAVIS

LONG TRACK SPEEDSKATING
2010 Olympic Winter Games – Vancouver, Gold Medal in men's 1000m, Silver Medal in men's 1500m
2006 Olympic Winter Games – Torino, Gold Medal in men's 1000m, Silver Medal in men's 1500m

Personal Specs
Date of birth: August 13th, 1982
Hometown: Chicago, Illinois
Residence: Salt Lake City, Utah

On the Fast Track
55-time World Cup 1000m medalist (42 Gold, 11 Silver, Two Bronze)
33-time World Cup 1500m medalist (20 Gold, Seven Silver, Six Bronze)
7-time World Single Distances Champion

Passion for the Olympics
Shani was the first African-American to earn a spot on the U.S. Olympic Speed Skating team. After his first gold and silver in the 2006 Olympic Games, Shani went onto break two world records. Setting the bar high for Sochi he recently became one of only three men to pass the 10,000 points mark in a World Cup career. Shani is constantly challenging himself to break new records and will bring his ambition to Sochi in 2014.

Personal
Shani was born and raised in Chicago where he started skating at local roller rinks. Once he made the transition to ice he began winning local and regional speed skating competitions. With the encouragement of his mother, Shani pursued a full time career in speed skating which quickly developed into an Olympic dream.

Did You Know…….? 
• Shani inspired the creation of Inner City Excellence (ICE) which is a skating-based youth development program
• Shani also inspired Frozone, an African-American superhero with ice powers, from the animated movie The Incredibles
• Shani set a total of 8 world records to date