

## QUICK QUOTES

Ice Dance, Free Dance (warm up group 4)

### **Charlene Guignard/Marco Fabbri (ITA) 2017 European Championships 6<sup>th</sup>**

Fabbri: It was really good, maybe not our best because at the end we were a bit tired. The end section could have been better, but really we couldn't ask for more. Our main focus is the Olympics so our preparation for Europeans was really short. But that means we will just be getting better from here so we will be ready for the Olympics. I think we will head there (to Korea) in about two weeks so we have time.

### **Ekaterina Bobrova/Dmitri Soloviev (RUS) 2017 European bronze medalists**

Bobrova: We think our best program was at Russian Nationals. Our second lift today was not as good as it can be. Maybe not everyone noticed it, but we know. Yes, we achieved a personal best, but we still want the mark to be higher. Now it is important that we relax a bit and then on 27<sup>th</sup> January we will fly to Japan and wait for our invitation (to Korea).

Soloviev: We are happy to be skating in Moscow. There was a very warm welcome so we want to say thank you. We could feel the support the whole way through the program. We were not 100% at this competition. Unfortunately, there were mistakes, I don't know why, but we will look at it and we have time before the Olympics. In principle, we are happy. This competition is like practice for the Olympics. There are still some additional nuances which we will work on. We will work on all of our elements, but especially those which aren't getting Level 4s.

### **Anna Cappellini/Luca Lanotte (ITA) 2017 European silver medalists**

Cappellini: Unfortunately, it was definitely the worst competition of the season. We made a mistake (on the twizzles) at the beginning of the program which doesn't help concentration for the rest of it. And we had a deduction for what we don't know. Now we focus on the Olympics, so we're going to go home and review what we've done. Sometimes the tough competitions teach you the most.

### **Alexandra Stepanova/Ivan Bukin (RUS) 2018 National silver medalists**

Stepanova: We have just looked at our marks and our first lift got a Level 3. We're not sure why. They should all be a Level 4 so it is quite strange. We need to have another look at it. Our coach (Irina Zhuk) said well done and that she is very pleased with us.

Bukin: We will have a look at our exact marks one we're home and then we will work on our little mistakes and fix them. We are happy, but all athletes always want more, so we will keep on working even harder. Today was not our best, but it was good. This is not just a local competition, it is the European Championships! So to be in the top three is very cool. We approach all competitions in the same way. This is of course a very important competition, but we don't change our preparation. We like to be fun and relaxed when we go on the ice. We have a joke and make sure we are relaxed. Today there was such a fantastic atmosphere we couldn't wait to go on the ice.

### **Gabriella Papadakis/Guillaume Cizeron (FRA) Three-time European & two-time World Champions**

Cizeron: I think the secret of our success is really our team. We have a great team working with us and it is their experience and the trust we have in them and also the relationship in our pair that is the secret of our success. The Europeans Championships were an important step for us and a good opportunity to test the little adjustments we've made to our programs. The Olympic Games will come up very soon now and we're really excited.

Papadakis: We are very happy with our performance, it went really well. We competed in Moscow before in a Grand Prix event a few years ago, but we didn't do so well. So we're very happy to come back here and skate well.