

## QUICK QUOTES

Ice Dance, Free Dance (warm up group 3)

### **Laurence Fournier Beaudry/Nikolaj Sorensen (DEN) 2017 European Championships 7<sup>th</sup>**

Fournier Beaudry: It's been a long time since we went first in the group and we're not used to it so we were anxious but it was great, great, great from the beginning.

Sorensen: It was actually good skating first because you don't have time to disconnect from the warm-up. You continue the momentum from the warm-up and we really enjoyed ourselves. We came out and produced what we did in practice which is our job. The only thing you to add is the 5% magic of competing. (on not being able to go to the Olympic Games) The whole thing is raising questions about our future. We were focused on going to the Olympics in 2022 but now we're taking it year by year. We can't go as long as we don't live in Denmark. The government have to stay fair to everybody so there are no exceptions. But for now we will work hard for the World Championships

### **Natalia Kaliszek/Maksym Spodyriev (POL) 2018 National Champions**

Kaliszek: This was the best skate of the season. We were more focused than in previous competitions and we skated like we did in practice.

Maksym: We focused 100 percent on the elements in the program today. (On the future) Now we are going to go home and work especially on improving our speed. We have a competition in our home town in two weeks and after that we will head to Korea.

### **Sara Hurtado/Kirill Khaliavin (ESP) 2018 National silver medalists**

Hurtado: Our performance is really coming along in every competition. We got our levels and now we are letting our programs grow. (on competing at her second Olympics) It feels new, of course we are a different team. We have other things to show and give than I did when I skated with Adria (Diaz). I know I can give Kirill my experience and we will just live it together and enjoy it together. (on the support of Kirill's ex-partner and now wife Ksenia Monko) It is really special. It is like she is living it through us and I will be forever grateful for her support. Kirill would not be here without her.

Khaliavin: No more, no less, we feel great. We did not skate at our top ear, it was not the most huge skate, but we tried to be solid, to keep it in control. We want to come to Olympics in perfect shape. We did not do a full emotional skate today but we skated every step clean. (on the support from his ex-partner and wife, Ksenia Monko) She is here in the seats. I know exactly where she is and I saw her.

### **Penny Coomes/Nicholas Buckland (GBR) 2018 National Champions**

Coomes: It's very frustrating when you make a comeback from injury and you want to come back with a vengeance and it doesn't work out. You know you can do better so it's hard to swallow when you've worked so hard and you make a silly mistake. (on coping with her knee injury) There are certain things I can't do now. I can't bend the leg all the way so I can't do dips all the way down so instead of doing some things on the right leg I have to do them on the left.

Buckland: It went a little bit different today from yesterday. There were a couple of major errors. The main one was the spin where we clashed blades which sent us off axis and we only got a Level 1 spin so we threw marks away. (on changing their Free Dance from The Silk Road by YoYo Ma to Butterflies and Hurricanes by Muse) We changed our Free Dance after Nationals and now we're feeling it much more and the audience relate to it more. We want to go the Olympics with two of our strongest programs so we went back to our Butterflies and Hurricanes program. We completely changed the second part. We went to Christopher



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Dean for choreography and it was a real honor to work with him. Now we'll change another couple of things before the Olympics.

## **Tiffani Zagorski/Jonathan Guerreiro (RUS) 2018 National bronze medalists**

Zagorski: If I can say so, it was our best free skate of the season. I can't stop smiling. It was so great. We skated strongly right to the end. It was better than yesterday. We were worried about it, but Jonathan spoke to me, he calmed me down and told me we are skating together.

Guerreiro: We sat down after the short dance and really focused and collected ourselves. The support in the arena was class. I can't remember such a feeling. We had no expectations or hopes for the result or even our marks because it is our first time here. We are just so happy. Now our only plan is to relax!



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