

## QUICK QUOTES

Men, Free Skating (warm up group 4)

### **Mikhail Kolyada (RUS) 2017 GP Final bronze medalist & 2018 National Champion**

I am very upset about the quad toe (he fell). The (quad) Lutz, okay, that was to be expected. It is not consistent enough yet and I take a long time to get jumps consistent in competition. On a scale of five, I'd give myself a four with a big minus for my performance today. There also some positive things and we just need to continue to work. A positive thing was that I was able to leave the short program behind and start fresh in the free.

### **Matteo Rizzo (ITA) 2018 National Champion**

European Championships was a very nice event. To perform in Moscow is very special. But my free skating was not my best. It started very good, but there were a couple of mistakes in the middle, but it's fine. In worst case I will be tenth, and it means two spots next year for my country and It was my goal and I am happy with this.

### **Jorik Hendrickx (BEL) 2017 European Championships 4<sup>th</sup>**

Every elite skater has bad days and my worst day came today. I have always been consistent but today I couldn't deliver. On Wednesday (the short program) I was a bit off and it's very disappointing because I worked really hard for this event. It's a shame I couldn't show what I can do. This was going to be my last Europeans but now perhaps I'll have to do another one to redeem myself. I don't know what happened. Perhaps I was too focused on the Olympics, so hopefully I'll be able to deliver there. (on his sister also competing at these Championships) Of course I'll be watching her and hopefully she will deliver and show her best and one of the siblings can go home happy.

### **Deniss Vasiljevs (LAT) 2018 National Champion**

It was good but could be better. I am very happy. I really enjoyed it, but I was a bit nervous. A bit... a lot! (how he dealt with his nerves) I listen to music before the skate and we did good work before the competition in Champagne. So now I will move forward, I will skate more, I will practice better, and I will practice in this gilet (his free program costume). It looks cool, I just need to get used to it.

### **Javier Fernandez (ESP) Five-time European Champion, 2015 & 2016 World Champion**

It was a good program. We came here to train, because this is the last competition before the Olympic Games. I came here to improve and I got a season's best, so we accomplished what we came here for. (On winning his sixth consecutive European title) It means a lot. It is always nice to make history in figure skating for Spain and it is nice to skate well and win another title. (on competing in Russia) I think this is the best place for us skaters to compete. People here really appreciate figure skating and support everyone, not only their own skaters. I am always happy to come here and I like Moscow a lot.

### **Dmitri Aliev (RUS) 2017 World Junior silver medalist**

I'm happy with the technical side, it was almost perfect. The short program went ok but then I was nervous today. But for the first half of the program I kept control of myself, and then in the second half I felt confident and enjoyed it. I am incredibly happy.