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Men, after Short Program

Shoma Uno (JPN) 1st after Short Program

Today I was cautious about my program so I would like to be stronger for the free program. My skating and my steps were about half of my ability. The quad-triple toe became a quad-double for example. (on going into the Free Skating almost tied with Jin) I'll do my best. (on the emotion foremost on his mind so shortly before the Olympic Games) I want to have fun.

Boyang Jin (CHN) 2nd after Short Program

(on coming back from injury) After the Grand Prix Skate America and before the Grand Prix Final I have been talking a lot to my coach, for about three days discussing whether I should go to the Grand Prix Final or not. Then we came to the conclusion that if I do the Grand Prix Final I may aggravate the injury. So because the Olympic Games are the ultimate goal of the season and we want to be able to perform at the highest level at the Olympic Games we decided to skip the Grand Prix Final and recover well. To prepare for this competition we tried our best to recover and to ensure that we can deliver the best performance we can here. (on missing the Grand Prix Final) During the Grand Prix Final my coach talked to me and he felt really sorry for me, because he knew how much I wanted to compete and indeed I wanted to compete. But watching the competition motivated me to train better, because I didn't have that experience. (on the injury) The injury was the worst I ever had. I injured both feet and I had to get injections in both feet. I lay in bed for a few days and I never was in so much pain because of an injury. But after that I gradually recovered and worked really hard to come back. I trained the hardest I could and I think now I am recovered 90 percent. (on going into the Free Skating almost tied with Uno) I want to challenge in the free skate. I want to show a program that I can be satisfied with and can really enjoy. (on his emotion foremost on his mind so shortly before the Olympic Games) I don't want to disappoint myself so hard work can be paid off.

Keiji Tanaka (JPN) 3rd after Short Program

Today I was a little nervous before my program. The jumps were very good for me, but I am not satisfied with my spins. So I would like to perform stronger in the free program. (on his emotion foremost on his mind so shortly before the Olympic Games) I would like to have fun at the Olympics.

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