

QUICK QUOTES

Ice Dance, Free Dance (warm up group 3)

Tiffani Zagorski/Jonathan Guerreiro (FSR) 2020 Rostelecom Cup silver medalists

Zagorski: Today we had a good, solid skate. We can't say it was the best skate of our lives but we were pretty happy with what we did, just a couple of elements weren't quite the level we hoped for. I think on the PCS this competition has not been the best for us, but we've been having a great season so far, all the competitions we've performed at we've been progressing and progressing. I guess it was inevitable at some point we would have a competition that wasn't so great, but I can't say it was bad either. (On what they will take from Worlds) One of the things you learn as a top-level athlete is that no matter what is going on around you, you still have to go out and deliver a performance. Today we went out and did our job, did all our elements and got to the end strong. I think that's something that experience gives you, and this competition was another one of those experiences. It was something new we've never done before – skating in a bubble, skating first in a group, that's all good experience for next season, an Olympic season.

Guerreiro: (On what they have learned) This season we have been skating mostly on ratings, so we are not usually prepared for skating first in the group. Obviously it was reverse order here and we happened to come tenth [in the short dance], but we have never done that this season. That's something to take into account next season just to make sure we are prepared for anything.

Natalia Kaliszek/Maksym Spodyriev (POL) 2021 National Champions

Kaliszek: Our goal was to qualify for the Olympic Games and to deliver very nice performances. The short dance was really good, but our free dance is a new program for us, so we didn't have much time and competitions to make progress in it. Of course, we know what we have to do for the next season, how to work with this program. So I think our goal was to show nice performance, it wasn't perfect, but we know what we have to do to improve.

Spodyriev: We will definitely keep this free dance for the next season, because we performed it just once in December and the World Championship is only a second competition with it. We worked on that dance during the season and now we will have more time to concentrate on the new Rhythm dance.

Lilah Fear/Lewis Gibson (GBR) 2019 Skate Canada bronze medalists

Fear: We're really, really happy about our performance today. We're still buzzing that we've competed at Worlds. (on GB having two spots at Olympics) It's possible my sister (Sasha Fear skates with George Waddell) will have the chance to qualify for that second spot and I'm happy to give her that opportunity in any way possible so I'm excited for her too.

Gibson: (on what they will do next) First we have to quarantine and then we're going to have a new rhythm dance and a new free dance so we're really excited to try that out. (on GB having two Olympic spots) It's really great for Great Britain as a country to have as many athletes as possible given the opportunity to compete at the Olympic Games.

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L. Fournier Beaudry/Nikolaj Sorensen (CAN) 2019 Cup of China bronze medalists

Sorensen: We went out and did the best we can. At the end of the day it's a competition. I know I left a couple of points out there today. I can't say I did my job 100 per cent and that's just part of the game. Maybe four hundredths of a point is even a harder pill to swallow. You wish that sometimes it would swing in your favour but that's the name of the game. (on their music choice) In fact the last part of the music is composed by Glenn Gabriel who was born and raised in Stockholm, a big artist and composer from Sweden. It is very close to home for us. It is something that... me coming to Canada, our travel, finding new land, it's really close to the backgrounds that we have with the Vikings here in Scandinavia, they were the first quads to actually hit land in Nova Scotia I believe, and the islands in the east of Canada, so it's something we really try to work on.

Fournier Beaudry: (On their new free dance) It was very special to skate it the first time in Sweden because the program is a little bit with Scandinavian music. We know that it is also with this situation all around the world, this free dance is for us to take a stand and make everybody realize that it's just destiny and endless possibilities if we continue to through and support each other. We just wanted to dance and give some hope for everybody. (On if they are keeping the free dance for next season) We are not ruling that out. We'll see after this whole competition. We'll settle down and see what we want to do what we want to bring. We really like it and we think that it has still a lot of potential to grow.

Charlene Guignard/Marco Fabbri (ITA) 2019 European bronze medalists

Fabbri: We felt great skating tonight. We didn't know what to expect of this World Championships, we only had an opportunity to compete with no crowd and on the national events, but the competitors were not the same, the judges were not the same... So we were super happy we were able to perform well in both performances. it's a great way to start and finish the season at the same time like this. (on their new free dance) We decided to change the free dance from last year, because we knew that very likely this season we will not compete much internationally and we were not satisfied with the last year's program, so we had time to work on the new elements, choreography and program so why not move to the new program and then we said if it's gonna work why not keep it for the Olympic season? So 99% we'll keep it with some changes, upgrades and adjustments.