

## QUICK QUOTES

Pairs, Free Skating (warm up groups 1, 2 & 3)

### **Cleo Hamon/Denys Strekalin (FRA), 2021 National Champions**

Strekalin: It was our first world championships, so for the first time I think no one was perfect but among these things there is a really good point, a really positive one is that this time more important was the experience we took from this competition. I could say that we are satisfied about the things that were good which is quite normal and there are moments for which we must work to be better next year.

Hamon: (on what they like the most about their program) I like the originality of the program. We tried to find different movements and I really like skating this program. (on their plans after Worlds and plans on a new program for the next season) We are not sure yet. Maybe we will change just one program, we will see, we are not sure yet. If we find good music, something that we really enjoy skating, I think maybe yes we will change it, but we didn't skate a lot our program this year so it would be really sad to change the free program. We will go to the Nebelhorn Trophy and will try to qualify for the Olympics.

### **Ioulia Chtchetinina/Mark Magyar (HUN) 2021 National Champions**

Chtchetinina: We are both happy with performance. We were very disappointed yesterday and did all we could tonight. I am very proud we fought back tonight. This was our first Worlds together and we had pressure. (on plans for the future) The dream for us is as for many athletes- to qualify to the Olympics. It depends on the teams after us skating today and we'll fight in Oberstdorf of course. Our dream is to qualify and we'll do all we can to reach it.

Magyar: Tonight, it was one of the mentally toughest performances in my career and am not young. Yesterday was also really hard, but today we had nothing to lose. Perhaps we should have approached the short program the same way. The season was not easy and we know it was not easy for anyone and we are happy with our performance today.

### **Anastasiia Metelkina/Daniil Parkman (GEO)**

Parkman: (on what went wrong with the lift) It's lack of work, that's always the reason. Of course not all that we planned worked unfortunately, the most annoyingly the lift, not all the jumps went by the plan - the first jump we missed, we did the combo on the second, the throw first was ok, the second not so much. But all and all we know what to work on in the future which is the most important. (on the competition) It was the first competition together, for Anastasiia a first international competition. It's a huge experience for us.

### **Elizaveta Zhuk/Martin Bidar (CZE) 2021 National Champions**

Bidar: The feeling was not so good I was really exhausted in the end the elements were not that bad but in practice we can do better and I hope to be show more next time. (on plans for the rest of the season) We'll have a little break now and we maybe have some later in the season competition, but we don't know yet. (on working with his brother) It's hard to explain. I have respect for him, it's not like I can do what I want. Because he was also a skater so I take his advice. He is much older. I think it can be difficult for somebody but we are fine.

Zhuk: (On the throw jumps) I guess not enough concentration, during the last skates and practices we did not make such mistakes, it's the first time we have such a major competition, so it was the first time we had a chance to try, so we hope not to make such mistakes again.

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**Annika Hocke/Robert Kunkel (GER) 2020 Nebelhorn Trophy silver medalists**

Hocke: It was our first world championships. I shouldn't expect much, but I'm a bit sad because I wished for more. We were well prepared, but the fall was there and we missed several levels here and there, it bothers me because we are able to show more. But again we can't forget that it was our first championships. I know that I felt a bit odd today, it's not an excuse, but my legs were shaking a bit, and it lasted until the end. (on pressure) I'd lie if I said I didn't feel any pressure at all, but that is something where I'm the guilty one myself. I didn't want to let the pressure on me, and I succeeded really well until the short program but then I was a bit annoyed about the scores yesterday, and put some pressure on myself for the free skate because I know we always skate good long programs and I let the pressure get on me.

**Nicole Della Monica/Matteo Guarise (ITA) 2021 National Champions**

Della Monica: We are really happy about tonight especially after being disappointed yesterday, where we made some mistakes. We were prepared, and tonight we were able to show what we worked on. While it is still not perfect but it's on the way.

Guarise: (on skating without the audience) We lived through this situation and we will be able to tell that kids, to the new generations. It's a gift we were able to try something different that no one else tried. It is the moments like this that give you time to think about what is important for you. And for us, it's important to live the moment, because when you live the moment and the music, the rest disappears. We learned what means skating in general and it's not all about competition. We want people to remember us not just by the results. But when you hear Della Monica and Guarise, you will remember us, not the results.

**Kirsten Moore-Towers/Michael Marinaro (CAN), 2020 4Continents silver medalists**

Moore-Towers: We were excited to show that program and I think that was lacking yesterday and I think it showed in our skating. We're so proud of the vehicles we create with (choreographer) Julie Marcotte and it's important for us to show that pride in our skating and that connection. (On plans for their programs next season) We already have short music for next season. We don't believe we'll keep our long. (Goals for their summer training) We're going to keep honing our skills. We've been watching the Russian and Chinese teams here and we are huge fans of them. Our goal is to keep pushing and so we can break into that group.

Marinaro: We have a lot of work to do and there's no reason we can't be competitive with those top guys so that's the main goal over the next 3 or 4 months. We'll build for the big one in Beijing.

**Miriam Ziegler/Severin Kiefer (AUT), 2021 National Champions**

Ziegler: We are completely satisfied, we could not do more. Of course, we could do the toe better (in the combination) but we showed what we do in training. We are a bit surprised that we didn't get all the levels, basically on each element there was one level less than expected. Both of our jumps received q although we have never had this problem before. All this took us many points overall and it was reflected in the score, but according to our own feeling we are very satisfied. I have to say that I like the location very much, we've been here 2015 for the European championships.

Kiefer: Due to my injury it was quite difficult in the last two months, we have to take breaks from time to time, but we managed to get it under control with a lot of physiotherapy. It was something that we are proud of under the circumstances. (on what they liked and didn't like about the event) What was difficult for us is the qualification to the Olympics bound to the championships, we were against it from the very beginning and there are other sports where it was resolved in a different way. We didn't know until this morning when we got our negative test results whether we can do the free program today. Of course, it brings some uncertainty, and I think that it was ok for the Worlds but in relation to the qualification for the Olympics it made things very difficult. (on next plans) We will take some free time to heal the injury and will start to train in May in Austria. Hopefully the problems with the injury will be over by then and we will be fit 100 percent.