

QUICK QUOTES

Pairs, Free Skating (warm up group 5)

Evgenia Tarasova/Vladimir Morozov (FSR), 2018 & 2019 World silver medalists

Morozov: Indeed it was not an ordinary season, we only started skating in June after March. There were some good points. But the Worlds - the last competition did not go at all as we wanted. It's hard to sum up the season, it is what it is. We were calm, we went there and skated almost like in the practice with no nerves, it's the worlds and the judges are there, it was a special skate. So we were calm. Again we made a mistake in the same element as in the SP, the rest was just another skate, all and all it was not bad.

Tarasova: All the previous skates especially in the long program we didn't have any problems with the toeloop. I guess we just wanted it too badly today. All and all we fought, we did today almost all we could except for that one element. So there it is.
 (on the lesson they learned) Going there here and now and not think and hope of the future. Here and now. I could not do it yesterday. I really wanted it today, I had a great warm up, I was not nervous, I was calm. But... I don't know.

Anastasia Mishina/Aleksandr Galliamov (FSR), 2019 GP Final bronze medalists

Mishina: We were really surprised to become first, I don't know what to say at the moment we don't understand it yet. First of all thanks to everyone who supported us. May be we didn't have a lot of audience on the ice, but we know a lot of people watched the translation and we felt their support. (on their program and skating to "We are the champions") After every element we were less nervous and it was closed to the end so every element made us more happy. (on how they will celebrate) We'll go to sleep!

Galliamov: (on the season) indeed it was a tough season, we entered it smoothly, there were hardships and problems. The season began later than usually, we had corona, it postponed the beginning of the season but we did not take that into a consideration and slowly slowly we started peaking. We were talking to the foreign skaters and indeed we were discussing how many competitions we had and some were saying it's my 2nd competition, it's my 3rd.. for us it was a bit less than 10. Some had even 11 competitions. So we were laughing we had almost as many competitions as the usual season.

Wenjing Sui/Cong Han (CHN), 2017 & 2019 World Champions

Sui: We did what we can do right now. We only practiced on ice for two months after the recovery (from injury). We're glad that we can compete in a rather good level. However, we're not our best yet, 70%-80% of our best selves, I would say. We came here in hope to learn some lessons. (on competing this Championship) I think all the skaters, including us, need to get used to the current pandemic and overcome the difficulties it brings. We need to adapt ourselves. We're really grateful for all the things the organizers and the ISU did for us. After all, we need to focus on our training. Due to our injuries, this is only the third time that we did our free skating program completely. And I only started to do side by side jumps 2 or 3 weeks earlier. As you can see, our stamina is not good enough either. The Russian skaters probably already trained for a whole season. We did think we achieved a huge accomplishment within only two months. (on the next season) I think we need to improve every part. Most importantly, we need to keep a good shape. But it's just a matter of time. We will work it out.

Aleksandra Boikova/Dmitrii Kozlovskii (FSR), 2020 European Champions

Kozlovskii: Nevertheless it's our first ever World medal. On the other hand. Of course we wanted more, aimed for more. We were ready, but the ice is slippery. I want to congratulate all who skated here today, it's a challenge for every athlete and I want to congratulate all our teams who won the medals. It's sports, it's a game. We try to minimize the risks, but we can't. Today the things just happened against us. But nevertheless we got the bronze medals and it's an achievement - not many athletes made it to the worlds podium so we can mark a small V in the list.

Boikova: It's hard to say, we were not nervous, it's not the first time we skate the last, we even like it. But as Dmitrii said the ice is slippery and things happen.

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