

QUICK QUOTES

Pairs, Short Program (warm up group 5)

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

Galliamov: We are thrilled being in such a big competition, we will get ready for tomorrow and we are happy with the skate, we will try to set ourselves for tomorrow and go in with a clear head. (on the lack of audience) It's weird but it's not the first time for us. Besides, the venue was not entirely empty, we were supported by the volunteers, journalists, some other skaters and though there was not a big supporting team we still had the mood and the support. (on their goals for the Free Skating) The content is known and published, the music is known, so we will just wake up, do the practice and off we go.

Mishina: The music does not demand the addition of the clapping, it's self-efficient, the clapping is nice but even without it we are good. In Russia we had a lot of competition so we should be in a good shape, it was almost like a usual season for us. We didn't have the international competitions but we had plenty in Russia.

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

Sui: I think we did pretty well. Though we made a little mistake (she stepped out on the side-by-side 3T), we are happy that we finished our first program this year in a rather good way. I hope we can finish our long program successfully and do our best tomorrow.

Han: (on missing Cup of China) It was because of my injury (recovery from hip surgery in April 2020). Because I had a surgery, our main goal this year was to recover from the injury. Next year will be the Olympics, and that's our biggest goal. This competition is challenging for us. We like our ways of training, and it's been moved to the right track gradually. As you can see from the competition, our physical condition is getting better and better. So for us, this competition is to show the best side of ourselves. (on their Short Program music) Han: Because of my injury, we didn't have much time to do the choreography. And there were many moves I was not able to do during the choreography. Thus we chose a piece (went back to their 2017 Worlds SP to "Blues for Klook" that helped win them the gold medal) that we wanted to perform the most from programs all these years.

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

Kiefer:(on preparation for the season/Worlds): It has been up and down since the summer as it was unlikely we would do a Grand Prix in France and we had some injuries but got them under control in time. In terms of emotions and motivations, it was hard to manage. We are happy we made it and we hope we will continue the same way tomorrow.

Ziegler: (on qualifying for the Olympics) It was the main goal and the only reason we are here. if it wasn't for the Olympic qualifications, we would not be here this season. it was just too stressful and we did not feel as ready as we would like to be. We basically came in the hope to qualify.

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

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