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ISU European Figure Skating Championships 2022

Day One

2021 ISU World Champions [Anastasia Mishina/Aleksandr Galliamov](#) and [Andrei Mozalev](#) of Russia skated to the lead as the [ISU European Figure Skating Championships 2022](#) in Tallinn, Estonia kicked off with the Men's and Pairs Short Programs Wednesday. Tallinn hosts the ISU European Figure Skating Championships for the second time since 2010. The ISU European Championships are back after the event had to be cancelled in 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Last minute replacement Mozalev leads Russian sweep of Men's Short in Tallinn

2020 World Junior Champion [Andrei Mozalev](#) of Russia came to Tallinn as a last minute replacement and took the lead in the Men's Short Program as the ISU European Figure Skating Championships 2022 opened in Tallinn (EST). Teammates [Mark Kondratiuk](#) and [Evgeni Semenenko](#) follow in second and third. All three men are separated by less than a point.

Skating to "Heart Cry" by Drehz, Mozalev produced a quad toe-triple toe, quad Salchow, triple Axel and level-four spins and footwork to score 99.76 points, improving his personal best by 15 points. The 2022 National bronze medalist was not even supposed to be at the event and came in as a late substitute when [Mikhail Kolyada](#) (RUS) withdrew citing injury.

"I learnt about my participation only on Sunday and we had to fly to Tallinn on Monday," Mozalev shared. "I prepared myself as usual, calmly. I was the first substitute, so I had to keep myself in good shape. I was ready to go any time."

Kondratiuk's performance to "The Magnificent Century" featured a quad toe, triple Axel, quad Salchow-triple toe as well as an expressive step sequence that was rated a level four. The 2022 Russian Champion posted a new personal best of 99.06 points.

"Today I was not too nervous. I was calm, I can even say confident. I trained well here and I woke up this morning with the thought, today I am confident," the 18-year-old noted. "Today I just tried to go out like for any other competition not thinking about this being the European Championship. It is my career-best score (for the Short Program). It is good for today, but the most important thing is the free skating the day after tomorrow and I need to keep it up."

Semenenko landed a quad toe-triple toe, quad Salchow and triple Axel in his routine to "What It Is About Her" by Nadim Naaman. The 2021 Skate Canada bronze medalist got a new personal best as well with 99.04 points.

"The short program is done and I want to thank the audience who supported us during the short program. We will be setting ourselves up for the free skating," Semenenko commented.

Reigning European bronze medalist [Morisi Kvitelashvili](#) (GEO) landed two quads, but underrotated his triple Axel to finish fourth at 92.76 points. Gran Premio d'Italia bronze medalist [Daniel Grassl](#) is

not far behind in fifth after landing a quadruple Lutz-triple toeloop combination (91.75 points). [Deniss Vasiljevs](#) (LAT) rounds up the top six with another clean performance and 90.24 points. Thirty-three Men competed in the Short Program and the top 24 advance to the Free Skating on Friday.

Mishina/Galliamov shine in Pairs Short Program in Tallinn

Russia's reigning World Champions [Anastasia Mishina/Aleksandr Galliamov](#) shone in the Pairs Short Program at the ISU European Figure Skating Championships Wednesday to take the lead ahead of teammates [Evgenia Tarasova/Vladimir Morozov](#) and [Aleksandra Boikova/Dmitri Kozlovskii](#).

Skating last, Mishina/Galliamov put out the best performance of the day, hitting a triple twist, side by side triple Salchow, throw triple flip, and a level-four lift, spin and death spiral. The Russian Champions, who are competing in their first European Championship, earned 82.36 points, setting a new personal best for themselves.

"We enjoyed our skating. This time it was with the public, we saw the Russian flags and we felt the support. It's the first competition of this year. I am so happy to skate not just for the people on the TV, it really feels good to skate for people around you and feel their support," Mishina shared.

Tarasova/Morozov opened their program named "Pygmalion and Galatea" with a set of triple toes and followed up with a triple twist, but Tarasova touched down with her hand on the throw triple loop. The two-time European Champions set a new personal best with 81.58 points.

"We fought today for a clean skate, we didn't leave a single element. There was a slight mistake on the throw jump. It's good we concentrated and we did it. The other elements were done well, we got high marks, so it's nice," Morozov noted.

Boikova/Kozlovskii produced a triple twist, throw triple flip and got a level four for four elements. However, she doubled the side by side Salchow. The defending European Champions scored 76.26 points.

"Mistakes happen, the ice is slippery, that's why it happened that way. That's all," Boikova commented. "This day is already over, we'll start to concentrate on tomorrow's free skating," she added.

[Rebecca Ghilardi/Filippo Ambrosini](#) (ITA) came fourth at 62.76 points followed by [Minerva Fabienne Hase/Nolan Seegert](#) (GER) at 62.21 points. Both couples missed the throw jumps. [Karina Safina/Luka Berulava](#) (GEO) are currently ranked sixth (61.93 points).

Twenty-one pairs competed in the Short Program and the top 16 advance to the Free Skating.

The ISU European Figure Skating Championships 2022 continue Thursday with the Women's Short Program and Pairs Free Skating.

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