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Pairs, after Free Skating

Evgenia Tarasova/Vladimir Morozov (RUS) 2018 European Champions

Tarasova: (on winning their second European title) This victory was harder than the last. Last time we skated the short and free program well. This time I made mistakes in the short program and so we had to make up for it in the free skate. That made winning our second title harder than the first.

Morozov: (on today's performance) We are pleased with today's program. It went ok and we are happy with the result. (on preparation for the Olympic Games) We will continue training in Moscow. Then we will train and practice in Japan, which has the same time zone as Korea, before going to Korea ourselves. (on what distinguishes them from the other Russian pair skaters) We have the judges and the audience to determine our individual strengths. (on the Olympic Team Event) I think this Euros is a qualifying event for the team event and so after this the Federation will meet and make a decision. *(Clarified: the decision will be made on Sunday prior to the exhibition)*. (on their choice of music for their free program) I would say the musical style is really close to us so we had no problems concentrating on it. We also have some good skating skills, which helped.

Ksenia Stolbova/Fedor Klimov (RUS) 2018 European silver medalists

Stolbova: (on preparing for the role of Carmen in the free program) I have a great teacher. We did a lot of work with Yuri Smekalov and Alla Kapranova. They sent me links to Spanish music for me to watch and learn from. I watched them and really liked them and I really try to translate in on to the ice. I have no way out. Every week I have to learn something new.

Klimov: (on today's performance) Not everything worked today, especially the jumps. So overall we are not that happy but it was ok. The result is ok.

Natalia Zabiako/Alexander Enbert (RUS) 2018 European bronze medalists

Enbert: (on today's performance) We are happy overall today. We made a mistake on the combination but it did not ruin the overall performance. We are happy, not completely, but pretty much. (on what distinguishes them from the other Russian pair skaters) We have skated since childhood so you try to put emphasis on what we do best. So a strong program will show your strengths and hide your weaknesses. It is a normal process, nothing special, and we have been doing it since the start. (on finishing 0.01 points ahead of 4th place) We saw the result – the order of results – and we were very happy that we got 3rd. At that point we hadn't seen the exact scores. When we knew we came 3rd and we were very happy. By the time we knew the scores, we were already satisfied with the result.



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