



QUICK QUOTES

Men, Short Program (warm up groups 1 & 3)

Micah Tang (TPE) 2017 Four Continents Championships 24th

I wanted to try the triple Axel for the first time in the short program and decided to do it when warming up. I was nervous (during the short program) because I made the decision a few minutes before, when (in warm-up) I did a double Axel and considered it possible to do a triple. (Then during the competition) I jumped slower today. (On the injured right ankle) It hurts sometimes when practicing. (Whether it had impact on today's performance) Not really. I am fully recovered, so I have no excuse. I am very happy to be in Taipei. It's my home country. Kind of amazing. Their (Taiwanese people's) support was everything. It meant a lot because I was really nervous for the skating. Their cheers really calmed me down and gave me confidence.

Elladj Balde (CAN) 2018 National Championships 4th

This is the best Four Continents short program that I ever skated. In 2013, 2014 it was absolutely horrible. I'm a little bit disappointed with the scores. I am in the first group and I know that goes with the scores. I feel like the emotion behind the skating and in the footwork really spoke to people and they connected with it. (on coming off injury) Right before Autumn Classics (in October 2017) I was training and I was in the shape of my life. Then freak accident on practice I fell and went straight into the boards. It is not my first concussion, so I already knew as soon as I got up, I felt the symptoms. But I didn't think it would last long. I went through very hard emotional and psychological depression you can say. I didn't know when or if ever I'll be able to skate. (End of November) I accepted the fact that maybe I'm not even able to go to Nationals and instantly it started getting better, because I stopped stressing. I had the best Nationals I've ever had my entire life. It was a beautiful ending to my career. I didn't expect to come here to Four Continents. Coming here, if there is one last thing that I wanted to have it is just to compete internationally one more time.

Julian Zhi Jie Yee (MAS) 2017 Four Continents Championships 15th

I felt the struggle was quite good, just a little bit fumble towards the end, but I think overall, not too bad, concerning that I've been under the weather this week, so I think it's quite good. I found that Four Continents it's a great platform for countries like Malaysia to show their skating, because for most of the time I think for the past four years it really is been in Asia, so it's easy to get to, and I think the competition is really good. (On the Olympic Games) I just hope to do my best, keep improving, and I really do hope to get into the free skate, but we never know what would happen, but nevertheless I think as long as I do my best I will be happy.

Brendan Kerry (AUS) 2018 National Champion

It was pretty good. I was a little sloppy with what I did, but I still went out and did everything, and try to consolidate two quads in the short. Overall, pretty pleased. I just want to leave here feeling really confident with myself going into the Olympics. I don't want to be like humming and awing about what I could or not, or should or shouldn't do.

Chih-I Tsao (TPE) 2018 National Champion

I am so happy that it is the first time to have a clean short program in a competition. The last season I practiced so hard and the training hours were double so it is great to have good scores. The three jumps in the program are ok especially the triple Axel, and the performance is ok as well. I believe I am performing better when I get more and more experience. I'm glad to have the competition in my hometown Taipei and since my mind is getting stronger, the applause and cheer are motivating me rather than making me nervous. I hope I can perform what I practice in my long program and this season's goal is to get into the final at the World Championships.

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