



## QUICK QUOTES

Pairs, Short Program (warm up groups 2 & 3)

### **Miu Suzaki/Ryuichi Kihara (JPN) 2018 National Champions**

Suzaki: It was very good today because we had much confidence when doing the performance, and we are happy to achieve the best personal score. But I still do not have enough experience so my goal is to keep going and gain more experience.

### **Tae Ok Ryom/Ju Sik Kim (PRK) 2017 Olympic Qualifier Nebelhorn Trophy 6<sup>th</sup>**

Ryom: (Though we rank the first place until now) we are not satisfied at all. (On the goal of the upcoming Winter Olympics) All competitions are important to us, so we will keep working hard, not only for the Olympics but also for winning in upcoming competitions.

Kim: The final result has not been announced yet. We always ranked high at first, but went lower and lower every time a skater went up to the rink after us. We still have to see how it (the competition) further goes.

### **Ashley Cain/Timothy LeDuc (USA) 2018 National Championships 4<sup>th</sup>**

Cain: We feel really good, really confident. We've been training really hard since nationals, just so we can end our season on a really great note. And we felt like we did that today in the short program. We put everything out there and it was solid. We are overjoyed. Whatever happens in the long program, we can leave happy because we know that we're putting everything into this competition. We've had a season that has a lot of ups and downs. We're still a very new team. This is only our second season together. We feel really confident with that (performance today). It's something that we have been training consistently at home.

Leduc: We're so grateful to be here in Taipei. We didn't come here necessarily to place or to score a certain number of points. We came here to set ourselves up for the next four years. And show that we internationally are a team that will represent the United States very well. That's our goal here. We did it today. We accomplished that, and we're going to do that in the free skates as well.

### **Ekaterina Alexandrovskaya/Harley Windsor (AUS) 2017 World Junior Champions**

Windsor: All elements were good, and we feel like we just did well, so we can't be unhappy about it. We want to get like an extra practice competition for the Olympics. We want this event to be like a good warm up, because we had a big break in between competitions.

Alexandrovskaya: (on coming to Taipei City again) It's a comfortable city and I love this city. There are so many shops and people aren't scared of speaking English. I like this place. It's my favorite.

### **Tarah Kayne/Danny O'Shea (USA) 2018 National silver medalists**

Kayne: I felt a little bit shaky before we went out but gladly, the performance went well. It is an honor that we can represent team USA and skate more in this season. I had surgery in February 2017 and at that time, it was unknown whether we can compete. But this year, being at the Four Continents Championships is really exciting for us.

O'Shea: It is good when we feel like we perform well and found that we had good quality in all elements. It is great to have a season's best and we will keep improving on this. We keep building and making the performance better and we are glad to show off to people in Taipei. The journey has been about coming back: I mean to be here and to put out a good performance. We can't be happier where we are.

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**Liubov Ilyushechkina/Dylan Moscovitch (CAN) 2017 Four Continents Championships bronze medalists**

Moscovitch: We had the right energy level. We lost a couple of levels (for elements) and we're not sure why yet. I think we performed and we had fun and that was our goal here. Not a clean skate, but a good skate. (on moving on after missing out on the Olympic team) With difficulty. It was not easy, but we're athletes and when you set a goal that is one of the highest goals that you can have in sport, nothing is a guarantee. We tried our best and we are surrounded by some very strong teams in Canada and they also did a fantastic job and we have to remember that it's still an honor to be even able to try. It wasn't the way we saw it happening but we tried. That's life, that's sport and if it was easy everyone could do it and it wouldn't be as special. (on switching back to their old Short Program) It was after the Grand Prix in France. We just felt this program had more character and personality that we could connect with.

Ilyushechkina: The idea was to enjoy the program and we did not think about the score.