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Pairs, Free Skating (warm up groups 2 & 3)

Miu Suzaki/Ryuichi Kihara (JPN) 2018 National Champions

Suzaki: (We are) excited. We don't have experience. We want to have experience through this competition before the Olympics.

Kihara: (On what they take away from this competition) For the short program, I think we have done what we can do. We look forward to deliver the same-level performance in the Olympics. For the free dance, our performance today was not what I want to bring to the Olympics. So when we go home, we want to further improve it, to fix the issue we found, and hopefully we can do it for a better performance in the Olympics.

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

Moscovitch: (on missing the lift) Our alinement going in, the lineup was off. When I'm down on my knee, the alinement was off, I only have one foot to steer. It was hard to grip in the ice to get a lift up and balance. When I come sideways, unfortunately I didn't have any balance to keep it up. We did it last year (a special lift like the ice dance) on the entrance to our last lift, so we thought this year if we're not going to use it, at least maybe use it somewhere, because it's quite beautiful. We're disappointed with our skating and our results. We're definitely capable of doing much more. It's been a bit of a roller-coaster for us for the last month or so, the nationals and the accident before the nationals. So we've been kind of treading water on the middle of the ocean, so we're just trying to keep our head above water. We haven't given up, we kept pushing hard, but still disappointed with how everything turned out for us this week. This is our last season. (on whether this was their last competition) It really depends on the other three teams who are going to the Olympics. If one decides not to go to Worlds and we get asked to go then we'll discuss that together, make that call then. But as it for now, we're going to go home, and get to stay on the ice for a little bit, because we're the alternates for the Olympics, so until everyone goes we're going to stay as ready as we can be, and probably take a little bit of a down timing, rest our bodies and then see what happens.

Ilyushechkina: Some things were done nicely. We unfortunately missed a few levels, we don't know why yet. Dylan knows the capability of my body, and he pictured doing that position (in the ice dance type lift) and he suggested to try it and we try. This is my second time here in Taipei. Nice to be back knowing the rink, knowing the area, and the hotel is very close, so it's very convenient.

Deanna Stellato/Nathan Bartholomay (USA) 2018 National bronze medalists

Bartholomay: We came out here, it is our first championship event, it's our first time together in Asia. We did some nice things, but we're not very happy with our performance here. It's still a bit disappointing. So we'll go home and work harder and we'll bounce back strong for next season. Right now we're just focused on next season.

Stellato: I am disappointed with the quad (throw Salchow) in the program. It wasn't so bad and I landed it this morning and yesterday in practice. The throws are the most difficult thing for me being a single skater coming into pair skating. (on switching to pair skating) I've been skating pairs for a year and a half. It's nice having someone out there with you. Both programs were disappointing for us. So we are hoping that this kind of lights the fire in both our bellies to kind of continue training hard in the off-season and take that confidence that we should gather from these six months before we start competing again in the following season.

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

Kayne: I feel really great about our performance. We got the levels we've worked for and it is really exciting for us. I felt fantastic when I came on the ice today. As we are the first alternate for American to Olympics, we will continue training really hard until that time. Then, we will continue our training for the World Championships. It's busy as usual for us and this is a stepping stone. Next season we will definitely work on a higher technical mark and we are going to start immediately trying other technical things and hopefully next year we can continue this hard work to get higher scores.

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O'Shea: I was a little disappointed at my mistake on the Axel. It is disappointing for me because it is a very easy element and I just kind of lost my focus right on the first landing. But everything feels great and I am very happy with the improvements from Nationals to here, and I think we can keep growing as the season continues.

Tae Ok Ryom/Ju Sik Kim (PRK) 2017 Olympic Qualifier Nebelhorn Trophy 6th

Ryom: (On today's performance) I don't feel satisfied about anything until now. In today's competition, we didn't reach the same level as we did as in practices. I'm really upset and it's a pity. What I want to keep working on is to improve my technical level as fast as I can. (On coming third) I'm happy.

Kim: We are not satisfied at all. What I want to work on is to perform as well as we did when practicing because we did better in practice. After finishing this competition comes the preparation for the Olympics. I hope we can take the experience this time and perform all the technical elements well in the Olympics. It's really a pity that we did not do as well as we did when practicing. (On winning the third place) I'm happy, but there's also a lot of regrets. It's our first to win in an international competition. I feel a little happy.

Ashley Cain/Timothy LeDuc (USA) 2018 National Championships 4th

Cain: Today was a fight. We knew that coming in as the first place after the short program, we couldn't make any huge errors. Being on the podium is enough for us, we're extremely happy. I found out yesterday that my grandfather is in the hospital and he might pass away soon. So I felt like today I fought for him, and I skated for him. It wasn't easy for us, coming in the first place team after the short program in such a huge event. We kept our eyes straight forward for the free skating. We didn't want to let any distraction come in and affect us. And we felt like we did that today. It's been a hard season, and it's been a lot of learning. We've really fortunate to be able to train with people like Nina Mozer who's the top coach in Russia, and she has taught us so much, that now we're ready to apply to the off season. We got a really late start for this season, because we competed at the World Team Trophy last year. And so we're looking to expand our component side of skating as well because we're two really strong skaters, and we want to apply that to our programs next season, and to have us on the top in the US. For this season, we were really unsure of what was going to happen with everything, and the fact that we are here, we're really grateful for that.

Leduc: Ashley is so strong, and we helped each other for the performance today. And I think the best thing that we showed for our future career over the next four years is that we're fighters, and we can trust each other push under any circumstances.

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

Alexandrovskaya: We didn't do anything to win. It was not good. We missed the jump, the lift, both throws were not clean.

Windsor: Honestly, it was not a good skate, lots of mistake in the program, so understandable for us to go down, it just wasn't meant to be for us today. I mean the preparation wasn't as good as it was for other competitions where we skated well at.