



QUICK QUOTES

Men, Short Program (warm up group 4)

Grant Hochstein (USA) 2018 National Championships 5th

I had a great short program in the U.S championship and that was only two weeks ago, so of course I'm disappointed (about my performance today). But I gave everything I had, I didn't give up, and I kept pushing, pushing and pushing. It just didn't happen. (on coming to Four Continents) I love Taipei. My fiancée (Caroline Zhang) is here, so she's been the tour guide and translator, because my Chinese is very poor. I can survive but not (speak) well. I think what people need to realize also is that it's more than just about going up lanes and jumps. It's about making memories and having a long, great career. This is just another memory tag in my book. (On his final season) I want to feel proud of myself when I finish whether that's winning the free skate or finishing 24th. I'm proud of what I did today. It was obviously not my best and I can do much better. But I'm proud of the fight that I had. I will fight harder and do better in the free.

Denis Ten (KAZ) 2015 Four Continents Champion, 2014 Olympic bronze medalist

I think it was a decent performance because I was not able to train very properly on the ice. It was a rehearsal before Olympic Games and I am quite happy about it. Although I have been seriously injured, I find a way to overcome the challenges. I'll do my best the day after tomorrow for the long program. This year has been very painful literally because every time I jump I have to suffer very serious pain, so I could not allow myself to do what I want to do when I am on the ice. The injury is healing but a bad injury needs two years to fully recover. It's fine to take a decision to compete in Olympics and I'll do my best. It's fun to be here and enjoy with everyone. Thanks to fans and the audience all over the world, they came here and brought many banners and gifts. I'm really grateful and I'll keep skating. It's great for all of us who can skate together in such an event and keep skating.

Kevin Reynolds (CAN) 2013 Four Continents Champion

The Canadian champions were very close to this competition, and so I really have a couple of days to kind of regroup after some disappointment of not making to the Olympic team, and then to refocus and get to back to practice for this competition. (on next plans) I have a very small chance of going to the Olympic Games or the World Championships, just because I'm a third alternate, so I have to do my best to keep motivated and train through these couple of months, but at the same time I know this is possibly my last competition of this season and maybe of my career, so I just want to be able to perform happily and freely, and do the best that I can for the fans.

Takahito Mura (JPN) 2014 Four Continents Champion

During the six minutes warm up I was doing a pretty good quad toe so I wasn't worried about it. But during the competition I didn't have enough speed and was trying to control my jump. I could have skated more strongly. I am not worried about the free skating. I have a positive feeling. I got high score today even if I didn't have my quad toe. I was thinking how high the points would it be if I didn't make a mistake. (on coming to Four Continents after missing out to qualify for the Olympic Games) Even though I won't be skating at the Olympics I have a good feeling towards this rink and wanted to skate here.

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I have won the Four Continents before and if I can skate like I did at Nationals it would be great and would be a challenge for me.

Han Yan (CHN) 2016, 2015 & 2013 Four Continents bronze medalist

It (my performance today) was at my usual level. I had some mistakes on the jumps. I knew it would fail before I jumped. Other than that, I think it was okay. Since I just got injured, this (the competition) is kind of like a practice to see how far I can go before the Olympics. This short program is about a love story and it is kind of crazy. I am satisfied since I gave a good performance to the audience. That's enough for me. Before I came here, my condition was like a train climbing up and going down. Except for the jumps, I have found my condition back, and I skated comfortably and with great feelings.

Nam Nguyen (CAN) 2014 World Junior Champion

I felt like today's performance was really strong. The practices leading up to this program tonight have been a little bit rocky, but I'm glad I was able to put a solid performance out and I hope to continue building upon this for the free program. (on his goals for this competition) I just want to put out two clean performances for this event. I just want to do the best that I can and show everyone my full potential. I just want to put out a clean long program and to be honest I'm not sure if I want to do two or three quads in the long. That's going to be decided tomorrow or even the day of the free program.