



## QUICK QUOTES

Ice Dance, Short Dance (warm up groups 2 & 3)

### **Carolane Soucisse/Shane Firus (CAN) 2018 National Championships 4<sup>th</sup>**

Soucisse: It felt really good. I think we felt like home. It's our first really big event except for Skate Canada. But Canada was really home. (on competing early in the morning) We're used to train in the morning, afternoon, night, so that when we arrive at competition whenever we are competing we're ready to go.

Firus: (on competing early in the morning) It wasn't too bad, actually. I guess with our time change skating in the morning was better for us and it feels more like we're training. (on their expectations) Two solid skates for sure and then we're aiming for on the podium or close to it.

### **Yura Min/Alexander Gamelin (KOR) 2018 National Champions**

Min: There was a couple of small mistakes. There wasn't a huge mistake, but just little things here and there. Our levels actually came out better than we expected. Getting on the ice I felt pretty comfortable, maybe I was a little too comfortable. (on their schedule) We've done a couple of competitions already and we have to go back to America and fly back for the Olympics. We're not aiming for a medal at the Olympics, so we thought, as long as we stay healthy we should be fine.

Gamelin: We're going back for eight days (to America). (on coming to Four Continents in spite of the tight schedule) We felt it would be a good opportunity to get world (ranking) points and have one more major competition. Our last international competition was in October in Minsk, because we had two competitions in Korea as part of the Olympic qualifying procedure. The team event is a couple of days after the opening ceremony so we have a little time to practice before our short dance in the team event.

### **Lorraine McNamara/Quinn Carpenter (USA) 2016 World Junior Champions**

McNamara: (on the performance) It was just a lot of fun and we did what we set up to do. It was clean, strong, it was just a lot of fun. (On their goals going into the competition) To ensure the maturity, power on the ice and show that we can be compared to the top senior teams.

Carpenter: It's so great to be back in Taipei and skate as a senior. We went out there and did the best we could, and the scores are up to the judges. Of course we can always look back afterwards and find little things that we need to watch and work on moving forward. For tomorrow we want to show the contrast to the last short dance. It was so much fun. The music we picked (for the Free Dance) is a pretty drastic characteristic change. (on coming back to Taipei after competing at the World Junior Championships 2017) Everyone here (in Taipei) is so nice especially in the rink. (They are) always so helpful. That's really meaningful for us competitors.

### **Kana Muramoto/Chris Reed (JPN) 2018 National Champions**

Muramoto: We felt great, we got the levels we wanted. It was our first time getting a yes yes yes (keypoints) for the Rhumba, so that was a really big achievement for us. We had some places that we usually don't make a mistake, but everything felt great. So it was really a great performance. (on scoring a personal best) We're more confident that we can get an even higher score. So going in to the Olympics, this score is actually like a really big confidence boost.

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Reed: This is the competition we needed to build confidence for the Olympic Games, and to see the scores we got. Especially for the levels we worked so hard, we needed to continue working, and in the right way. It is satisfying to get the points, but we're always hungry for more.

**Shiyue Wang/Xinyu Liu (CHN) 2018 National Champions**

Wang: We have achieved what we want and performed what we trained before, so we just hope tomorrow we can have good scores.

Liu: Before going to the Olympics, we will keep improving and take care of all the details.

**Kaitlin Hawayek/Jean-Luc Baker (USA) 2014 World Junior Champions**

Hawayek: It was another solid performance. We felt like we came off our National Championships with good momentum and new confidence. Today we were just hoping to continue that momentum and hopefully tomorrow as well.

Baker: (on heading into the Free Dance) We really just like to put out the performance that we have all season, enjoy it, love it, and really to show the audience and the judges, and people around the world that we are ready to compete and that we are here to have fun.

**Rachel Parsons/Michael Parsons (USA) 2017 World Junior Champions**

Rachel Parsons: We take every competition as the first time and will not think about anything back in the season. This is not we want at the end of the season in the short dance but we will keep fighting tomorrow and show what we can do.

Michael Parsons: It's the best we skated other than few mistakes which added up to one big mistake (in the twizzles). But it still was a lot of fun to compete and we are happy about that. It's our first senior season and we want to be stronger here.