

QUICK QUOTES

Men, Short Program (warm up group 6)

Deniss Vasiljevs (LAT) 2018 National Champion

I am very happy with my performance, but I was bit holding back, trying to execute all elements. I am very happy that finally I got a level four for everything. (on the Olympic season) For me, each competition is like the Olympic Games. I am looking forward to the Olympic Games and I really want to feel the Olympic spirit. This is my last event before leaving for Pyeongchang and an opportunity to check on all elements in order to do them clean.

Michal Brezina (CZE) 2013 European bronze medalist

I tried a triple Salchow (instead of a quad) because I didn't want to land on my head. I need to keep my head straight in competition and do my job. I felt a little nervous. I was feeling confident, but I was thinking too much. In the free skating, I'll go for two quads that is what I have been training. (on ups and downs this season) I don't think it affected me too much. I did a clean run through yesterday, but practice doesn't count. (On his sister competing at Europeans) I haven't seen her in a while, but I saw her yesterday here training and it is nice to support each other.

Chafik Besseghier (FRA) 2018 National Champion

I felt good in my short program, but I am lacking competition practice at major events. I am coming back to my old level, but I have missed one month because of my injury (illness). So am lacking physically and psychologically. I started well, but then I missed the easiest jump (he doubled the Lutz). My goal here is to make the top ten again that would be good.

Matteo Rizzo (ITA) 2018 National Champion

For me European Championships is a transition toward the second part of the season. The first part of it was very good, but the most important starts now. The European Championships for me is like a try-out, because it is the first important competition of the year. I am very happy with my short program and I hope I will do my best in the free (skating). On coming to Europeans as a national champion: It is a very good situation, because being a national champion is making history of your country. But mine focus will be the team event of the Olympic Games.

Moris Kvitelashvili (GEO) 2017 European Championships 6th

Not everything worked out. I was not too nervous, and I was going for everything. The jumps were good, but I made errors on the landings. (on coming back from mistakes) We learn that in practice. Mistakes happen in practice as well and you need to go on. (on skating in Moscow, his hometown) Skating at home is easier for me. The audience is very supportive and I feel comfortable.