



## QUICK QUOTES

Men, Short Program (warm up group 7)

### **Alexei Bychenko (ISR) 2016 European silver medalist**

Obviously, I planned to do a clean program, but I made a mistake, I fell on the quad toe, but everything else was good. I am very surprised about the scores the judges gave me, because the program was at a good level, in spite of the fall. I didn't get the levels on the spins and the quad was called underrotated. That is strange for me. Overall I am more or less satisfied with program. I am disappointed with the decision of the judges (technical panel).

### **Mikhail Kolyada (RUS) 2017 GP Final bronze medalist & 2018 National Champion**

I don't know what happened. I did not expect that, at least not on the toeloop. The Lutz was okay, I rotated and I didn't pop it. The toe was very, very bad (he doubled), the Axel and the spins and the footwork were fine. I felt good, the audience here is always very supportive. For the free I will prepare as usual and I will not make any changes. (on what his coach told him) She didn't say anything yet, but her look was severe.

### **Javier Fernandez (ESP) Five-time European Champion, 2015 & 2016 World Champion**

I felt this was a good run through and practice for the Olympics. My goal for Europeans is to win, because it is important for me, important to keep writing history not only in Europe, but for Spain especially. There is still the free skating to come. (on his plans for the Olympic Games) I will leave right after the exhibition and go back to Toronto to prepare for the Olympic Games. To be on the podium there would be nice, but there are so many strong skaters so that you can't be sure.

### **Dmitri Aliev (RUS) 2017 World Junior silver medalist**

In general I am satisfied with my performance, this is also my season best. Unfortunately, the planned quad Lutz didn't happen, it could bring me more points. Actually I was confident and was sure I will do it. Now we will have a one day break, so I will recover for the free skating. (On preparing for the performance) It was a little nervous, I ripped my laces while tying them. So it was tying-untying-tying together. Then I just put tape over them. Maybe that threw me a little off. (On the quad Lutz) Right now this is the most valuable element in figure skating and I want to prove to the world that the Russian guys can do it as well.

### **Alexander Samarin (RUS) 2016 World Junior bronze medalist**

No comment

### **Jorik Hendrickx (BEL) 2017 European Championships 4<sup>th</sup>**

I am disappointed, because I didn't do what I am capable of. But I am pleased with my score and with my placement. I have been skating clean in practice, but I am not a robot. My triple Axel has been good, but sometimes I have difficulties with it. Skating in the last group, I felt a bit more pressure. (On being injured) I in the summer I have torn three ligaments and I had to be more careful.