

QUICK QUOTES

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

Lea Johanna Dastich (GER) 2017 World Junior Championships 8th

I am not satisfied with this performance, because I know I can do better than that. But it is my first Europeans and it is big learning experience. I am just happy to be able to skate here. I learned that if I do everything I do and also improve my overall skating I could be competitive for a better placement. (on next plans) I will continue to train and then I'll probably go to Junior Worlds. My goal there is to skate as well as I did last year (she finished 8th).

Nicole Schott (GER) 2018 National Champion

I am happy with my free, but it was harder than usual, because of the pressure that I put on myself. But I was able to deal with it. In practice everything was perfect, I did clean programs and then I had that complete failure in the short program. I had different goals coming here and after the short I knew I wouldn't be able to realize them. (on the most important lesson she takes from here) To fight to the very end and to never give up. I wanted to prove to myself that I am a good skater.

Mae Berenice Meite (FRA) 2018 National Champion

I am not completely satisfied as I still made quite a few errors and I am disappointed about that. But I fought until the end, there was an Olympic spot on the line after all. I tried not to think about it, I told myself go and do your job at Europeans and then we'll see what happens. (on the selection in France) They are looking at Europeans, that's a big part of the decision, but also at the first half of the season and at the end of last season. I did what I can do, now I have to wait for the announcement of the team.

Alexia Paganini (SUI) 2018 National Champion

It was an emotional roller-coaster. I'm just happy that I kept fighting through it. My goal was to get as many points as possible and I think I did that. Of course I hoped for a Top 10 finish but I just wanted to maximize my points. This was my first major international competition and I'm just happy I got the whole experience, skating in front of a big crowd and so next time I'll know what to expect.

Loena Hendrickx (BEL) 2018 National Champion

Of course I am more satisfied with my free skating. In short I made a big mistake on the flip (she singled), but today I am very happy. I really enjoyed performing in Moscow. Now we will spend two-three weeks at home training and in the beginning of February we will go to Korea. (on her Free Program) My choreographer is Adam Solya. He is also my brother's choreographer, that's why I decided to work with him too. I am happy with this program and I really like Tango.

Laurine Lecavelier (FRA) 2018 National silver medalist

It was OK. We changed the program last week so we did not have time to run it a lot. The circumstances were not the best. I was really prepared three weeks ago at Nationals, but I can't be on my top form all the time. I have no regrets. Skating last in the group has never been the best situation for me either. It is a challenge. (on why she changed her program) We changed it because nobody liked it! I really liked it, so it was difficult. In fact the whole season has been difficult. I have no idea about the Olympics. I skated very well at Skate Canada, which was good because the start of the season was not what I expected. But it has been difficult. I think the pressure has been too much. Now I know, I need to preserve myself from what other people say about me. Now (the decision about who will represent France at the Olympics) is not in my hands.