

QUICK QUOTES

Ice Dance, Rhythm Dance (warm up groups 1 & 2)

Chantelle Kerry/Andrew Dodds (AUS), 2019 National Champions

Dodds: (On their season's best score) We're happy. We know we had a few little errors, mistakes that we don't normally have in practice. We know now that's a pretty decent season's best score for us going into Worlds (with our goal) wanting to make it to the free dance. We missed some key points today and we know we can hit an even bigger score. (On his challenge of competing in two disciplines here) Mainly sleep patterns and running between rinks and just making sure my energy levels are 100% each time.

Kerry: (On the challenge of transitioning from singles to dance) We're improving and finding new areas to focus on for Worlds. The Tango Romantica has made us improve. We feel a lot more confident as dancers and as a couple and we've changed our focus to more the dance side - being partners, skating closer together - and it's really exciting.

Misato Komatsubara/Tim Koleto (JPN), 2019 National Champions

Koleto: We worked extremely hard the last three months on timing together as a couple and the choreographical elements. But unfortunately we had some mistakes that led to a lower score than what we were hoping. We are trying to take the things we have made much better since the last competition and continue improving. (on changes after Nationals) We made even more changes in the program since Nationals, we continue to improve the flow and difficulty of the transitions. We hope to be able to perform them well and continue to deposit into our good performances so we continue building a strong foundation for our future. (on the Free Dance on Sunday) Looking forward to Sunday's competition, we have a lot more to show and we hope we can show another great skate together and the improvements we have made.

Laurence Fournier Beaudry/Nikolaj Sorensen (CAN), 2019 National bronze medalists

Fournier Beaudry: We're very happy and excited about how we skated. It was so much emotion and it felt so good to step out there again after such a long time (on the international scene) and perform as we are able to do it. (on competing at Four Continents for the first time) Europeans is a bigger event as there are more couples but the organisation is just as big. Our goal for the free dance is to perform it as well as we can do it in practice, to put it out there and do our best

Sorensen (on their deduction) There was no mark on any of the elements so I'm guessing either choreographic or missing a beat, we'll check that out. (on competing at Four Continents for the first time vs Europeans) Everything is as amazing, we don't feel the difference on the ice, in front of the judges and the crowd (on the Free dance) We want to deliver a performance we can be proud of. We're very happy if we can go out from competition to competition and feel like we improved our performance.

Kaitlin Hawayek/Jean-Luc Baker (USA), 2018 Four Continents Champions

Hawayek: We feel really proud of that performance. Levels aside, we felt it was a huge step up from what we've done this season so far. We're super proud of the consistency that we're continuing to show and being able to put out stronger performances each time. Last week, we worked on little nuances, on the storytelling aspect (of the rhythm dance) and I think that it showed in both our components and GOEs (grades of execution) today.

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(On goal for their free dance) We want to continue to build on the story and the relationship between the two of us. It's quite personal to us, the story, and we hope it can be an inspiration to those who watch because there's no greater feeling than inspiring the people in the audience.

Baker: (On the short turnaround between Nationals and Four Continents) A lot of the time period last week was just recovering and making sure that we were ready for this week. We're feeling more fresh now. (On being the defending champions here) We were first alternates for the Olympic team but came and did our job and we won the title, which we were thrilled about. We're still here to defend it; we just have a lot of good competitors here with us. We're still not handing out anything.

Shiyue Wang/Xinyu Liu (CHN), 2019 National Champions

Liu: I made a mistake in the twizzle. We actually should have skated parallel, but I stepped into her route. I feel like we skated pretty relaxed at the beginning and adjusted quickly after the mistake, but that mistake was really a pity. (on the Free Dance) After coming back to Montreal, we trained hard on both of the programs. We're feeling good about the practice and the program details, and hoping to skate what we are capable of on Sunday.

Wang: We are satisfied with the overall performance today, the atmosphere and style of the program. There was a small mistake, but sometimes that's unavoidable. (On moving to Canada) We got used to it quite smoothly, since we used to train in the US. The only difference is that we had our coach with us before, and now we have to take care of ourselves. The training is going well too. (On the Free Dance) We want to skate as we do in the practice and pull out a satisfying performance.

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