

Press Conference

Junior Ice Dance, after Rhythm Dance

Marjorie Lajoie/Zachary Lagha (CAN), 1st after the Rhythm Dance

Lajoie: We feel pretty good and happy with how we skated. For sure it is a stressful competition and we need to deal with the stress and I think we did that well today.

Lagha: This is a very stressful competition, but we came ready and I think we are able to do everything what we usually do in practice. And as I always say, as long as our coaches are happy- I am happy.

(on what they worked on following the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final) At the Final we had a lot of trouble with our technical part so this is what we have worked on the most. We have worked on the qualities that will make us a good senior team because junior and senior is very different. Not everybody who is good in juniors is good in seniors. It will be an important step.

Elizaveta Khudaiberdieva/Nikita Nazarov (RUS), 2nd after the Rhythm Dance

Khudaiberdieva: (on their debut at Junior Worlds) Well first of all, we are just very happy to be here and now to have won the small silver medal is very honorable for us and we are very pleased with our performance today. It is a good way to end this season's Rhythm Dance. It was the best performance of our Rhythm Dance. We did our job, we improved our technical part and the most important for us, the spectators have enjoyed our performance. (on plans for the next season) Next season we will move up to the senior level, because we will not be age eligible for juniors. (on what they worked on following the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final) We've worked on the technique and not only on skating clean, but also to skate in a grown up way in the official practice and competition. It is very important to skate clean and with confidence. It was very prestigious for the Team Russia to have all three couples on the podium in the Grand Prix Final, so we as a team will try to repeat this here and wish good luck to everyone.

Nazarov: (on what they worked on following the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final) We have worked a lot on our technique, on the key points of the tango pattern dance and also on adding power and ice coverage.

Sofia Shevchenko/Igor Eremenko (RUS), 3rd after the Rhythm Dance

Shevchenko: We are very happy to be here, this is a big and important competition for all junior skaters around the world. It's important for us, too. Our Rhythm Dance was really emotional and I will miss this dance - Tango. I like it a lot. (on plans for the next season) We are also moving to seniors. For five great seasons we have competed at the junior level and this was a very important period in our career and I want to say good luck to everybody staying in juniors. (on the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final) I would like to add that every couple had really high level, there was really beautiful skating, we loved everybody.

Eremenko: It was our last Tango this season and we tried to do our best. We're happy to skate next to these guys in the junior season and we're proud for our coaches. (on what they worked on following the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final) We continued on working on the emotional part and as well as on our confidence and the technical part.

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