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Men, after Short Program

Nathan Chen (USA), 1st after the Short Program

I'm very happy with the way these World Championships started, especially after having two such rough short programs at Olympics. It's been great to have the opportunity to try the short program again and I hope to redeem myself. Ultimately I'm proud of what I did here. (On going to the Olympic Games) My dream was to go to the Olympics and making the team was truly a dream come true, I had dreamed about it for a long time, it was why I started skating, and I was really excited to go. It was an amazing experience, the opening ceremony was incredible and standing on the team podium with my team mates was an amazing experience. Overall it was a rollercoaster but the experience was everything I imagined and more, and I am so happy to be part of that experience. (On what quads he plans for the Free Skating) I am just going into the free wanting to be as clean as possible. In terms of what I'm going to do, that is a conversation with my coach. Things can change, we still have a day in between, which gives me time to really think about it. In terms of placements, in the past I have thought so much about it and it has never really helped me so the smartest thing now is to focus on all the things I can control, go out and enjoy it and have the best skate possible. (On the media attention of the Olympic Games) It was a unique experience, I've never really had that before. That much media attention got a bit in my head during the Games but I was able to shut it out and regardless I enjoyed my experience and will be able to use all I learned from that in the rest of my career. (On his approach post-Olympics) I learned a lot from the Olympics and used that heading into short program in terms of what to think about. I didn't really alter (what I did) too much, just maybe a bit more focus on the short program as that's where I faltered during the Games. I think that really helped. (On the differences between the practice ice and the main rink) The ice surfaces are a little bit different, downstairs the ice is a little bit thin on the sides but they've been fixing it and it was much, much better today. The ice in the main rink felt better today than at the beginning of the week but that could be jetlag.

Mikhail Kolyada (RUS), 2nd after the Short Program

I did everything I planned to, we made the program a bit easier and I did it well, so I was pleased. Everything worked well. I was in a fighting mood, it all felt good, I did everything I know how to and I did it well. (On removing a quad Lutz from his Short Program) We made the program easier so I could skate it clean without mistakes. That's what we decided and that's what we did. (on coming off the Olympic Games) It (the Olympic Games) were a very good experience. No matter what worked out and what didn't, the emotions are only positive. It is such an important competition for each athlete, you can say, the dream of your life. After being there, I drew some conclusions and I continue to work. (On which quads he plans for the free program) I will do the same content (in the Free Skating) as I did at the Olympics. In order to get on to the podium, you should not think about the podium, as funny as it might sound. You just do your job.

Vincent Zhou (USA), 3rd after the Short Program

I came here to skate a clean program. I did just that, and being in the top three is the icing on the cake. (On going to the Olympics) This season the primary goal was to make the Olympic team and at Nationals I was kind of on the edge of my seat waiting to find out whether I made the team or not. When I finally made the team it was one of the best moments of my life. I skated well, the free skate was especially memorable, and I am always going to remember my first Olympics as an amazing experience like no other. (On what he plans to do in the Free Skate) It's very important not to focus on placement, just on how I skate myself because that's what I can control. In terms of quads I will keep it consistent with the Olympics. I've been training some good programs so I look forward to showing you that in the free. (On being the youngest man in the competition) Age doesn't really matter to me, I'm still going to skate two programs as well as I can regardless of how old I am. (On recovering from the Olympics) Post-Olympics was definitely a mental and physical rollercoaster but I handled it well and am glad I skated well here.

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