

PRESS CONFERENCE

Pairs, after Short Program

Aljona Savchenko/Bruno Massot (GER), 1st after the Short Program

Massot: (on how they felt on the ice) Feeling on ice (was), pain in my legs. It was cool to skate our Olympic program one more time. We decided to do Worlds, because a lot of our families and friends couldn't come to Korea to watch. We don't have much pressure, we just had fun on the ice, which is the best way to perform. We got a new season's best, finally we got 80 points. (On having a revenge after Olympic Games where he doubled the Salchow in the Short program) I just promised myself that I would not do the same mistake again. The Salchow wasn't really good today, but had no choice, I had to do it. (On expectations for the last program of the season) What can we expect? Of course a good program. It won't be easy because we are all tired at the end of the season, especially after the Olympics. We'll try to skate as well as in Olympics. Even if there will be some mistakes, we'll be happy.

Evgenia Tarasova/Vladimir Morozov (RUS), 2nd after the Short Program

Tarasova: (on recovering from their disappointment at the Olympic Games) After these emotions I had after the free skate at the Olympics, I think something has changed inside myself. Don't want to repeat these mistakes I made and I think I know how to prepare myself tomorrow.

Morozov: It was good, a normal short program. I think everyone is tired both physically and mentally. Our goal for these Worlds was just to try to skate for the audience. (On expectations for the last free skate) Tomorrow will be tomorrow. We will see, maybe there will be some action. It's possible to skate well. We will just do our program.

Vanessa James/Morgan Cipres (FRA), 3rd after the Short Program

James: (On expectations for the last free skate) I think everyone said the same thing. Everyone is going to fight tomorrow, we're going to give it the best. We hopefully will skate clean programs. Morgan was a little injured over the last one and a half weeks, so I was skating by myself. We'll just be determined from beginning to end and I hope the others do the same. (On thinking about others not coming to Worlds and chances to get onto the podium) Basically anyone can be on the podium at this competition like at any other competition. The Olympics were amazing, freaking amazing and I expect the same here. The people who are here are just as good.

Cipres: It was a little hard to restart the preparation for Worlds after the Olympics. But we knew it would be like this at the beginning of the season. We just did our best today, we fought, of course we did mistakes but we got our best score. (On his recent injury) Right after Olympics, we knew we had to prepare for Worlds really fast and stay in shape. We started practicing again two days after we finished the competition at the Olympic Games, still in Pyeongchang. I twisted my neck in a lift and couldn't turn my head from left to right. When we came back to Florida and started practicing, this thing happened again and I couldn't skate for a week and a half. But I had a really good doctor who came to the rink and helped me to be ready for this competition.

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