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Obituary

Ekaterina Alexandrovskaya (AUS)

It is with profound regret and sorrow that the ISU learned of the death of Pair Skater Ms. Ekaterina Alexandrovskaya who passed away on July 17th, 2020 at the age of 20.

Australia's Ekaterina Alexandrovskaya, was a talented Pair Skater who, together with her partner Harley Windsor, wrote Figure Skating history for her adopted country.

Born in Moscow (RUS) on January 1, 2000, Ms. Alexandrovskaya started skating as a child and trained in the famous CSKA club in her hometown. Little Katia, as she was affectionally called by family and friends, also tried Rhythmic Gymnastics but eventually focused on Singles Figure Skating. She then discovered her passion for Pair Skating when she was 11 years old.

Ms. Alexandrovskaya went to Nina Mozer's skating school that produced many champions such as Olympic gold medalists Tatiana Volosozhar/Maxim Trankov and started her career under coach Andrei Hekalo, who would work with her throughout most of her Pair Skating career.

In 2012, she moved to Ukraine to team up with a partner there, but it did not work out and she returned to Moscow after half a year. Back in Mozer's school, she got a new partner, but the results did not satisfy Ms. Alexandrovskaya.

In December 2015, Harley Windsor came to Moscow to try out. Australia seemed like the end of the world to her, but she was ready to go there to pursue her dream. Once she got there, she soon liked the country. Alexandrovskaya/Windsor worked with Russian-born coaches Galina and Andrei Pachin in Australia. However, the practice conditions are much better in Russia, and so the team trained a lot in Moscow in Mozer's school.

The duo progressed very fast. In fall 2016, less than a year after taking their first steps together on the ice, Alexandrovskaya/Windsor won the first ISU Junior Grand Prix title for Australia in any discipline in Tallinn (EST). More firsts were to follow: They qualified for the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final 2016/17 and then claimed the ISU World Junior title in 2017 in Taipei City (TPE), the first ISU Championships title for Australia. There was more to come: In December 2017, Alexandrovskaya/Windsor took gold at the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final and went on to compete at the 2018 Olympic Winter Games.

Unfortunately, injury problems affected the pair and they were unable to compete at the ISU World Figure Skating and ISU Four Continents Figure Skating Championships in 2019. They came back in fall 2019 but in January 2020, they announced the end of their skating career due to health concerns.

The ISU pays tribute to Ms. Ekaterina Alexandrovskaya (AUS) and will remember her with affection.