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ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships 2020, Day Three

[Andrei Mozalev](#) (RUS) struck gold in the Men's event as the ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships continued on Friday in Tallinn, Estonia. Earlier, [Kamila Valieva](#) (RUS) skated into the lead in the Junior Ladies Short Program.

Kamila Valieva (RUS) leads after Junior Ladies Short Program in Tallinn

ISU Junior Grand Prix Final Champion [Kamila Valieva](#) of Russia claimed the lead in the Ladies Short Program as the ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships continued in Tallinn, Estonia, on Friday. Korea's [Haein Lee](#) came second followed by [Daria Usacheva](#) of Russia.

Valieva delivered an exquisite performance of her program "Girl on the Ball" inspired by Picasso's painting, hitting a triple loop, double Axel, triple Lutz-triple toe and beautiful spins and steps that all merited a level four. The 13-year-old posted a new personal best of 74.92 points.

"I skated quite well, except for the combination, there was a little mistake," Valieva said. "I was a bit nervous before the competition, but I tried not to be nervous once I took my starting position."

Skating to "Nocturne", Lee produced a triple Lutz-triple toe, triple loop, double Axel and collected a level four for her spins and footwork. The ISU Junior Grand Prix finalist set a personal best score with 70.08 points.

"I did not expect to be in the top three in the short program," she said. "It is important for me to get a high score for the senior level next season."

Usacheva's performance to "Please Don't Make Me Love You" by Linda Eder was highlighted by a double Axel, triple loop and level-four spins and steps. However, she underrotated the back end of her triple flip-triple toeloop combination. The 13-year-old from Moscow scored 68.45 points.

"Today's skating was bad," the ISU Junior Grand Prix Final bronze medalist said. "I made a mistake on my triple flip-triple toeloop combination and I am not satisfied."

ISU Junior Grand Prix Final silver medalist [Alysa Liu](#) (USA) remains within striking distance of the podium in fourth on 67.52 points. She hit a triple Axel in her combination, but underrotated the triple toe. [Maiia Khromykh](#) (RUS) is fifth with 66.78 and [Seoyeong Wi](#) (KOR) rounds off the top six with 65.45 points.

Andrei Mozalev (RUS) ends series of silvers with Junior World gold

Russia's [Andrei Mozalev](#) skated to a confident victory at the ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships in Tallin, Estonia, on Friday, ending a series of silver medals. [Yuma Kagiyama](#) of Japan had to settle for silver and Russian [Petr Gumennik](#) soared from ninth to earn bronze.

Mozalev and Kagiyama were debuting at the World Junior Championships while Gumennik competed the year before.

Skating to "Lost in Blue", "My Own Paradise" and "In This Shirt", Mozalev hit a quad toe-triple toe, a solo quad toe as well as two triple Axels and four more triple jumps. The Youth Olympic Games silver medalist collected a level four for his three spins and set a new personal best of 160.78 points in the Free Skating.

With a total score of 245.09 points, the ISU Grand Prix Final silver medalist overtook Short Program leader Kagiyama and won the title with almost 14 points to spare.

"I approached the event like I always do, like in training, and I was calm," Mozalev said. "The performance was not the best, there were mistakes on the triple Axel and the quads were not perfect.

"It has been a hard season, with many competitions. This season I was much better prepared than last season," he said before adding that he plans to move up to the senior level.

Kagiyama produced a quad toe-double toe combination, a triple Axel-half loop-triple Salchow as well as four more triples in his routine set to the "Tucker" soundtrack. However, the Youth Olympic Games Champion fell on his opening quad toe and singled an Axel. The Four Continents bronze medalist ranked fifth in the Free Skating with 145.93 points and slipped to second on 231.75 points.

"In the six minutes warm-up I felt like my body and my mind were not connected," Kagiyama said. "I was a bit nervous and that affected my performance and caused the mistakes.

"I was confident about my quad toe all season and when I missed the first one, I held back a little. But I was happy that I recomposed and landed the second quad toe and did the combination."

Performing to "The Phantom of the Opera", Gumennik reeled off a quad toe-double toe combination, a triple Axel as well as five more triple jumps and difficult spins and steps. He only underrotated the solo quad toe and a triple flip.

The skater from St. Petersburg was second in the Free Skating with 155.05 points, a personal best score, and pulled up to third at 231.12 points in total.

"I didn't think about the podium and I am glad to skate almost clean," the 2018 ISU Junior Grand Prix Final silver medalist said. "My training and my warm-up did not go so well, but in the performance I managed the jumps and I am pleased with how I fought through it."

2019 World Junior bronze medalist [Daniel Grassl](#) (ITA) was ranked third in the Free Skating and moved up from sixth to fourth on 229.38 points. [Maxim Naumov](#) (USA) pulled up from 10th to fifth place with at 225.10 points while ISU Junior Grand Prix Final Champion [Shun Sato](#) (JPN) slipped from fifth to sixth (221.62 points). [Andrew Torgashev](#) (USA) dropped from third to eighth after several errors (208.95 points).

The ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships continue Saturday with the Junior Free Dance and the Junior Ladies Free Skating.

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