

Press Conference

Junior Ice Dance, after Rhythm Dance

Elizaveta Shanaeva/Devid Naryzhnyy (RUS), 1st after the Rhythm Dance

Shanaeva: We are very pleased with our performance today and with the progress we've made since the previous competitions. We're trying to show the maximum as most likely there won't be any other competitions this season and we have to skate our very best. (on their choice of Rhythm Dance) In this season, our coaches suggested us to skate to Bonnie and Clyde, we really liked that music and we were very excited about it from the very beginning. In the first part, I am inviting him to dance and tell him the story how cool it would be to conquer this world and in the second part, he agrees with me and we conquer this world together.

Naryzhnyy: (on their Free Dance) Lisa (Shanaeva) suggested the music for the free dance, she has listened to it for a long time and picked it. The first part was chosen by our coaches and they put it all together. We skate about the separation of man and woman, different characters, in the end we part ways, it does not work out.

Maria Kazakova/Georgi Reviya (GEO), 2nd after the Rhythm Dance

Reviya: Today, we tried to turn in a good, a strong, clean, powerful performance. Not everything worked out, unfortunately we had a little issue with the lift. But that does not mean that we are giving up. We tried to skate with emotion and to squeeze out everything possible from each single step, and maybe as it seems to me today the emotions took the upper hand a bit and therefore something did not work out. But in the free dance, from the beginning to the end, we promise it is going to be very interesting to watch us. (on their choice of Rhythm Dance) The choice of music was very easy for us, they music was switched on for us and we liked that song. There are really nice lyrics and we thought that they really suit us well. Masha is the "baby" and I am the guy who wants her to like him and is jumping around her. The second part, "Dream a little Dream", it's our dream. We felt that this music will connect very well with us and that it how it worked out. (on their Free Dance) For the free dance again, it was the suggestion of our coaches and we agreed very quickly with it. We felt that we can project the power and the charisma of this music and we've worked on that the whole season. On Saturday, we'll give our maximum, to tell this story. In short, we are like two crazy people, trying to get out of a difficult situation in life, at first everyone for himself, not accepting each other. Then we understand that we cannot do that alone and so we unite and together, when the second part of the program starts, the choreo step, we start together to overcome the difficulties. We are like a flower in the desert that is not watered, making our own way. (on the small difference in points heading into the Free Dance) It doesn't matter which place we are in and how big the difference in points is. We're always trying to give our maximum and to show what we are capable of. It doesn't matter if you are in first or tenth place, if you are fighting for the top three or if you are in 15th place, you always need to skate your maximum, to give it your all.

Avonely Nguyen/Vadim Kolesnik (USA), 3rd after the Rhythm Dance

Nguyen: To be honest, we are a little bit disappointed, because we left a few points on the table. But we're working hard and we'll just focus on the free dance. (on their choice of Rhythm Dance) We wanted to put on a really entertaining show, because the theme is Broadway this year and we really enjoy performing this program this season. (on their Free Dance) We and our coaching team picked this classical piece by Rachmaninov together. Vadim is like the melody and I'm like the harmony. Together this is what makes it special, because no song is complete without one of those aspects. It's a really challenging piece to skate to, because the notes and nuances are very subtle. We have to match them perfectly with the movements and the story we want to tell, but we wanted to show a more sophisticated side of our skating this season.

Kolesnik: It is a new chapter on Saturday. Of course, we won't forget the Rhythm Dance, but we'll focus on our free dance and will be better than everybody thinks. (on their choice of Rhythm Dance) I don't know if anyone watched the new movie Aladdin. I personally love this movie. When I watched it, I knew that should be our program, but we already decided a long time ago, because when I heard it has to be entertaining, it has to be a musical, I knew it should be Aladdin from the beginning. When I was a kid, I was watching the



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cartoon and I just loved it. I just wanted to perform to it once in my life. (on their Free Dance) We were searching for a special music for this season, since it is a really important season for us. We wanted to do something amazing that everybody will remember. Classical music is just amazing, people from all over the world know what it is and it has history behind it. We felt like this is something that we need. (on the small difference in points heading into the Free Dance) It definitely motivates me, because it hurts to be in third place right now. But we'll do our best. We'll attack this free dance.

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