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Junior Men's Free Skate

Maxim Naumov (136.17 FS, 206.92 TS, gold medalist)

On his performance today...

"I'm super excited with how I performed today. It was not the best performance yesterday, so I knew I had to come with it today. I was hoping to step up my game and I was hoping to do that. It feels amazing. This is what I've been training for...every day nonstop just going after everything."

On his triple Axel...

"It's been on and off, and I knew I had to put it in today. When the time came, I got the job done."

Eric Sjoberg (139.41 FS, 202.38 TS, silver medalist)

On his performance today...

"This program is definitely at the maximum of what I've done so far and where I've been so far, but for the future there is so much more. If that had been a practice on a normal training day, I would have been okay with it, but towards the end it felt like the landings got a little shaky. So even though it was clean, it was not the maximum."

On his improvement from last year...

"I've been working very diligently on all of the exercises Rafael (Arutunian) has put me through and I feel like that has really improved my skating. [We do] skating skill exercises, jump exercises, everything that we can to make the programs better."

Liam Kapeikis (121.03 FS, 189.15 TS, bronze medalist)

On his performance today...

"This year I've been very consistent. In the last four competitions I haven't fallen, so I've been pretty consistent. I'm very happy about that. This competition just had a little hand down, so I wasn't happy about that, but other than that I'm pretty happy with this season. I'm on Team USA now and I've been skating consistently."

Lucas Altieri (122.39 FS, 187.94 TS, pewter medalist)

On his performance today...

"I was pretty happy, especially with the ending of my skate. My skate didn't quite start out how I would've hoped, but I was able to fight through that and get to the end and then get the score I was hoping for. What probably surprised me today is I didn't realize how much I've learned from my experiences. Today I really used a lot from my past experiences to help me move on after some mistakes in the beginning to finish a strong program."

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