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Junior Pairs Free Skate

Kate Finster and Balazs Nagy (105.48 FS, 169.37 TS, gold medalists)

On their performance today...

Nagy: "I definitely felt a little bit more pressure going into the free skate than the short because I think we came into the short without any expectations. After what we did on the short, I definitely felt like we had to skate at least up to that level or improve on it. While the program wasn't perfect, we performed it a lot more than we had all season and we had more of a connection."

Finster: "I feel like having that confidence going into this competition really helped me through the short and through the long (programs), especially after getting silver at Poland, and just feeling better when we skate together."

Anastasiia Smirnova and Danil Siiyantisa (108.48 FS, 163.04 TS, silver medalists)

On their training leading up to U.S. Championships...

Siiyantisa: "We were trying to mentally prepare for it. We did all of the elements like we were in the competition and our run throughs were like a competition. So that was the main part for us. Our mindset was to practice the way we want to compete."

Winter Deardorff and Mikhail Johnson (92.87 FS, 149.47 TS, bronze medalists)

On being at U.S. Championships...

Deardorff: "Even though I competed the last two years, there were still a lot of firsts because we're a mirror team. It was first time doing the death spiral his way. It was the first time doing spins (his) way. That was a big thing for this week as well."

Johnson: "There were a lot of brand-new things for me as well. It was my first U.S. Championships competition. We were in the big arena. All those things add up. I was still excited, nervous of course, but there were a lot of things I had to learn her direction. She had to learn my direction and that was a journey for us."

Cate Fleming and Jedidiah Isbell (83.02 FS, 131.58 TS, pewter medalists)

On their performance today...

Isbell: "We wanted to be on the podium and we reached that. I think we are both really happy about this month. There was a lot going on this month and we are glad it went as well as it did."

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