



# U.S. CHAMPIONSHIPS QUOTES

2020 Toyota U.S. Figure Skating Championships  
Greensboro, North Carolina | January 20-26, 2020



**Saturday, Jan. 25, 2020**

## Championship Free Dance

### **Madison Chock and Evan Bates (134.23, 221.86, gold)**

*On their performance tonight...*

Chock: "It was a good night. We are very happy to be back in Greensboro. It was really fun. We performed and that was our goal, to have a good performance and really enjoy ourselves. We are just so thrilled."

*On winning their second U.S. title in Greensboro...*

Chock: "So much has changed and so much in us as people has changed as well. It's a great feeling to feel that growth and come back to Greensboro with a completely different perspective."

### **Madison Hubbell and Zachary Donohue (130.88, 217.19, silver)**

*On their performance tonight...*

Hubbell: "It was a tough U.S. Championships for us. We really attacked the rhythm dance with several mistakes and today we practiced really well, we made changes and were looking forward to showing it off. It was a fluke thing that sometimes in a new arena with new surroundings, you get turned around so we started the spin and everything got flipped, so I'd say it was a testament to our training and connection as a team that we were able to keep going."

Hubbell: "What an interesting week. I think we're feeling a little bit disappointed. We felt like we made a lot of improvements in our skating quality, especially for the free dance, and we were really looking forward to giving our best performance."

### **Kaitlin Hawayek and Jean-Luc Baker (118.57, 201.16, bronze)**

*On their performance tonight...*

Baker: "Being back in Greensboro feels awesome. We really loved the crowd both performances. I think that we've trained for these performances as we did and we're quite proud of what we put out today. We know we have a lot of growing to do and we haven't had a chance to look at the sheets yet but we are quite proud of where we've come with this."

Hawayek: "I think we are really proud of the progress we are making as the season goes on. We're still incredibly hungry for the second half of the season. We're not one hundred percent satisfied with the complete beginning to end overall performance that we think we can do but we're also really working on developing the storyline and with that maybe we need to find more charisma and aspects and more precision and that will definitely come."

### **Christina Carreira and Anthony Ponomarenko (116.14, 194.16, pewter)**

*On their performance tonight...*

Ponomarenko: "We skated much better than we did last year. We're looking to improve and come back stronger next year."

*On their standing ovation...*

Carreira: "It's a form of approval. They appreciated our program, which means a lot to us."

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