



# U.S. CHAMPIONSHIPS QUOTES

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**Saturday, Jan. 25, 2020**

## **Championship Pairs Free Skate**

### **Alexa Knierim and Chris Knierim (139.09, 216.15, gold)**

*On their performance tonight...*

Chris: "We had a great short, and [to] pull out the win [was] really special. We've had lots of ups and downs this year, so it's a blessing to be able to be on top of the podium."

Alexa: "We're just fighting for our dreams, like anybody else. Nobody sees what happens behind the scenes, that's why we react the way we do. And that's why all the kids out there react to a great performance the way they do, because we put so much into it that is unseen. You live for these moments, and I'm very excited to claim our title and three's the charm!"

### **Jessica Calalang and Brian Johnson (146.01, 213.57, silver)**

*On their performance tonight...*

Johnson: "The amount of audience support I felt at the very end of that program was overwhelming. It was the most amazing thing I've felt on the ice. I don't have words to describe it."

Calalang: "We were both very excited that we performed our program like that here at the U.S. Championships in our second season together. I don't think it's sunk in yet."

### **Tarah Kayne and Danny O'Shea (133.72, 204.07, bronze)**

*On their performance tonight...*

O'Shea: "We talked to each other before stepping onto the ice today and we said we're going to do our best with each element and work really hard on rate of recovery, which to us means after something doesn't go perfectly, how quickly can you put yourself back in the program, make everybody forget about the mistake that was made as best you can, and move forward with the program. I think that's something that we did pretty well in that performance."

### **Ashley Cain-Gribble and Timothy LeDuc (128.26, 197.12, pewter)**

*On their performance tonight...*

LeDuc: "We have a lot of good valuable lessons to take away from this competition. I feel like we both tried our absolute hardest. We felt a lot of pressure going into this competition, not just defending the title, but also for us as athletes."

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