



# U.S. CHAMPIONSHIPS QUOTES

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



**Sunday, Jan. 26, 2020**

## **Championship Men's Free Skate**

### **Nathan Chen (216.04, 330.17, gold)**

*On his performance today...*

"I'm thrilled that I was able to stay on my feet for all of the jumps. I was a little shaky here and there, but overall, I was able to get through the program. I was pretty worried about stamina coming in here, so I'm glad I was able to get through. The audience definitely helped me with that and I'm really happy to be where I am."

*On being compared to figure skating legends...*

"It's amazing to me. I never really went into U.S. Championships trying to match what they've done – they're legends; they're the greats; they are people that are untouchable. To be able to trail after them and sort of see the future, or in my case the past, just generally the figure skating future is inspirational and [to] have something to look forward to and reach for is really inspirational and I am really honored to be in this position."

### **Jason Brown (191.89, 292.88, silver)**

*On his performance today...*

"First off, Greensboro is just such a special place for me. Hands down I have the most incredible memories and this crowd is just so amazing. It fills me up with so much joy and I felt so relaxed and so confident out there. I really attribute that to the training that I've been putting in and all the setbacks that I've gone through with my coaches to just make me so much stronger. But to be able to come here, back to Greensboro five years later and be able to put out two standing ovation worthy programs, I'm so thrilled."

### **Tomoki Hiwatashi (183.87, 278.07, bronze)**

*On his performance today...*

"This year I think I practiced really hard. I really wanted to protect my placement (at U.S. Championships) or even get better at it this year than last year, so I really think I was working the hardest I can and the hardest in the rink. I'm really happy with what I did."

### **Vincent Zhou (180.41, 275.23, pewter)**

*On his performance today...*

"That was a huge personal victory for me. Obviously, it was about as good as I could have possibly done at this moment. I have more in my tank for the future, but for me just overcoming everything that I have been through in the second half of last year, it's a huge, huge personal victory. It's really special to be able to go out there and do that."

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