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ISU Junior Grand Prix Final 2019/20 Day Two

Kazakova/Reviya (GEO) capture Junior Rhythm Dance

<u>Maria Kazakova/Georgy Reviya</u> of Georgia captured the Rhythm Dance, edging the hot favorites <u>Avonley Nguyen/Vadym Kolesnik</u> (USA) by just 0.04 points. Russia's <u>Elizaveta Shanaeva/Devid Naryzhnyy follow in third place</u>.

Dancing to Quickstep and Foxtrot set to "Beautiful the Carole King" and "Dream a Little Dream of Me", Kazakova/Reviya produced level-four twizzles and a level-four stationary lift. The Tea Time Foxtrot pattern and the midline step sequence were rated a level three. The JGP Zagreb Champions achieved a new personal best score with 68.76 points. "It wasn't easy today, we are very happy with our marks but not so happy with the skate. We had a few small issues with the twizzles which didn't go quite as we needed them to, and on a few transitions we lost speed, but we got back into the program quite quickly," Reviya observed.

Nguyen/Kolesnik put out an upbeat dance to "Aladdin", completing fast twizzles and steps and a rotational lift. The JGP Lake Placid Champions collected a level four for the twizzles and the lift while the midline step sequence and the first Tea Time Foxtrot sequence garnered a level two. The JGP Gdansk Champions earned 68.72 points. "We just want to do as well as we can and keep improving our programs. We hope the judges like what they see and we hope the people who see us feel something from our skating," Ngyuen noted. "We prefer the new Aladdin to the old one because it has energy. We draw on the vibrancy and energy of the Broadway show in our program," she added.

Shanaeva/Naryzhnyy's dance to "Bonnie and Clyde" included two level four and three level two elements. The JGP Cheliabinsk Champions scored 66.21 points. "We are quite happy with our skate, it was nice today, the skating was easy, the mood was just right. We were not really nervous but so very excited. There was quite a gap between the competitions but we never stopped feeling inside the competition," Shanaeva commented.

<u>Elizaveta Khudaiberdieva/Andrey Filatov</u> (RUS) are a little over one point behind in fourth place (65.07 points). <u>Loicia Demougeout/Theo Le Mercier</u> (FRA) are currently ranked fifth on 62.84 points and <u>Diana Davis/Gleb Smolkin</u> (RUS) came sixth (59.89 points).

Valieva (RUS) comes from behind to grab Junior Ladies gold in Torino

Russia's <u>Kamila Valieva</u> came from behind to snatch the Junior Ladies gold as the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final continued Friday in Torino (ITA). <u>Alysa Liu</u> (USA) settled for the silver medal and the bronze went to <u>Daria Usachva</u> of Russia.

Valieva delivered an excellent performance to "Exogenesis Symphony Part 3 Redemption" by Muse, reeling off seven clean triples including a triple Lutz-triple toeloop combination and a triple flip-Euler-triple Salchow. The JGP Cheliabinsk Champion collected a level four for her spins and footwork and scored 138.45 points. She totaled 207.47 points to rise from fourth to first place.

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"It is a little unexpected. I just went out to skate clean and show what I can do. I was in fourth after the short program, but the points gap (to the podium places) was not big, so I thought I have a chance if I skate clean," the 13-year-old said. "I'm happy with the skate and with the jumps I did. It was a simple version today but it was clean so that's the main thing. I wanted to do a quad toeloop at the Final so I am disappointed about that. I want to get my quad toeloop back and then I will see. I would like to learn a triple Axel too."

Liu landed four clean triple jumps in her ambitious routine to "Illumination" by Jennifer Thomas and went for two quad Lutzes and two triple Axels. However, the JGP Lake Placid Champion missed the first triple Axel while the second Axel and the two Lutzes were underrotated. Liu earned 133.46 points and slipped to second place with a total of 204.65 points. "I'm happy I came here and it's a relief it's over but I'm disappointed. My goal is always to skate a clean program but I didn't do it. It went OK but it could have been better in a lot of things. So now I'm going to train a lot and improve the imperfections," the American skater commented.

Usacheva's performance to "Je suis malade" included a triple Lutz-double toe, triple loop and five more triples, but two of them were not clean. The 13-year-old nevertheless managed a personal best with 130.22 points and dropped one spot to third at 200.37 points overall. "I'm happy to be on the podium but not so pleased that I didn't get all my elements clean and perfect. There were mistakes and issues and that's not what I wanted today," the Muscovite noted.

Kseniia Sinitsyna (RUS) slipped from third to fourth on 195.57 points. <u>Haein Lee</u> (KOR) finished fifth (194.38 points) followed by Viktoria Vasilieva (RUS) in sixth place (184.37 points).

Schedule of the event

Saturday, December 7 Men's Free Skating, Junior Pairs & Men's Free Skating, Junior Free

Dance, Free Dance & Ladies Free Skating

Sunday, December 8 Exhibition Gala

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Chelyabinsk, Russia - September 12 to 14

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About ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating

The <u>ISU Junior Grand Prix Figure Skating Series</u> started in 1997. It includes seven events and the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final. The Series features some of the up and coming Skaters of the world and provides young skaters aged 13 to 19 (21 for the male Ice Dance and Pair Skating partners) with the opportunity to compete at a high international level. A points system based on the ranking has been established to determine the qualifiers for the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final. Points are obtained according to the results in each of the seven events and only the top six Skaters / Couples in each discipline can qualify for the Final. The ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating is financed by the <u>ISU Development Program</u>.

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