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2001 European Championships of Figure Skating, Bratislava, Slovakia **Day Two**

The 2001 ISU European Figure Skating Championships continued in Bratislava, Slovakia, with the Compulsory Dances and the Men's Short Program.

Ice Dance

Defending champions Marina Anissina & Gwendal Peizerat (FRA) and last year's silver medallists Barbara Fusar-Poli & Maurizio Margaglio (ITA) were tied in first place after the two Compulsory Dances. Anissina & Peizerat won the first dance, the Westminster Waltz. Their flowing performance was rewarded with marks that included a total of five 5.9s and four 5.8s, enough to win the dance - but by the narrowest of margins. Four of the seven Judges placed the defending champions ahead of the Italians.

The positions were reversed in the second dance, the Silver Samba - also by the narrowest possible verdict. This time four of the seven Judges opted for the Italians, awarding a total of three 5.9s and eight 5.8s to Fusar-Poli & Margaglio for their fast and flamboyant routine. Anissina & Peizerat had to settle for second, leaving the two couples tied going into Thursday's Original Dance.

Russia's Irina Lobacheva & Ilia Averbukh, the 1999 bronze medallists, placed third in both dances ahead of last year's bronze medallists, Margarita Drobiazko & Povilas Vanagas (LTU). Again, it was a close contest with the Judges divided and the Russians placing third on a majority verdict.

"We have very good memories of Bratislava," said Peizerat. "Marina and I did our very first competition together here in this rink, and we won! We'd like to win again. We did well, without any mistake."

"I think we did very good today," said Margaglio. "We know that we are really close to the French. Now it's the fight."

Men

The Men's competition continued with the Short Program. World champion and last year's silver medallist Alexei Yagudin (RUS), in joint first place after the Qualifying Round, was the second of the top group to skate. He planned to open his Chopin program with a quadruple toeloop/triple toeloop combination but fell badly on his attempt at the quad. He regrouped immediately, performing all the other required elements cleanly and with his customary flair and speed. The Judges awarded him marks ranging from 5.3 to 5.5 for required elements and one 5.9 and seven 5.8s for presentation but Yagudin knew those marks were beatable.

Teammate Alexander Abt, in joint second after the Qualifying Round, went next. Despite still suffering from a the serious sinus problem that had required hospital treatment after the Qualifying Round, Abt pulled out a triple axel/triple toeloop combination but just two-footed his attempt at a quad toeloop. His marks ranged from 5.2 to 5.5 for required elements and 5.5 to 5.8 for presentation. Defending champion Evgeni Plushenko (RUS) followed Abt onto the ice. He opened

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his Bolero program with a soaring clean quadruple toeloop/triple toeloop combination and thus became the first skater to land a quad/triple combination in the Short Program of an ISU Championships (note: the option to include a quadruple jump in the combination jump in the Short Program was introduced this season). Plushenko's near flawless performance, with its fast steps and spins, received a rapturous reception from the crowd and earned him a total of eight 5.9s for required elements, another seven 5.9s for presentation and first place from all nine Judges. Yagudin finished second by an 8 Judges to 1 majority verdict over Abt. Andrejs Vlasenko (GER) was fourth in a split decision over Stanick Jeannette (FRA).

The results of the Short Program put Plushenko in first place overall going into the Free Program with Yagudin second, Abt third and Jeannette fourth "It was a good performance but not my best," said Plushenko. "The triple lutz could have been better." "I'm disappointed with my skating," said Yagudin. "I don't know what happened. I just missed my first jump. It was really tough for me to concentrate after that because I was really shocked. Something was wrong with it, first the turn, and then everything went wrong after that." Abt was suffering badly from his sinus infection. "I still don't feel well," he said. "It was hard to skate. It still hurts."

The Championships continue Wednesday with the Ladies' Qualifying Round and the Pairs' Free Program.

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Results

Ice Dance

| FPl. | Name | Nat. | Points | C 1 | C 2 | O D | F D |
|------|---|------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 1 | Barbara FUSAR POLI / Maurizio MARGAGLIO | ITA | 0.6 | 2 | 1 | | |
| 1 | Marina ANISSINA / Gwendal PEIZERAT | FRA | 0.6 | 1 | 2 | | |
| 3 | Irina LOBACHEVA / Ilia AVERBUKH | RUS | 1.2 | 3 | 3 | | |
| 4 | Margarita DROBIAZKO / Povilas VANAGAS | LTU | 1.6 | 4 | 4 | | |
| 5 | Galit CHAIT / Sergei SAKHNOVSKI | ISR | 2.0 | 5 | 5 | | |
| 6 | Kati WINKLER / Rene LOHSE | GER | 2.4 | 6 | 6 | | |
| 7 | Albena DENKOVA / Maxim STAVIYSKI | BUL | 3.0 | 8 | 7 | | |
| 7 | Elena GRUSHINA / Ruslan GONCHAROV | UKR | 3.0 | 7 | 8 | | |
| 9 | Tatiana NAVKA / Roman KOSTOMAROV | RUS | 3.6 | 9 | 9 | | |
| 10 | Isabelle DELOBEL / Olivier SCHOENFELDER | FRA | 4.0 | 10 | 10 | | |
| 11 | Sylwia NOWAK / Sebastian KOLASINSKI | POL | 4.4 | 11 | 11 | | |
| 12 | Eliane HUGENTOBLER / Daniel HUGENTOBLER | SUI | 4.8 | 12 | 12 | | |
| 13 | Marika HUMPHREYS / Vitaly BARANOV | GBR | 5.2 | 13 | 13 | | |
| 14 | Alia OUABDELSSELAM / Benjamin DELMAS | FRA | 5.6 | 14 | 14 | | |
| 15 | Gloria AGOGLIATI / Luciano MILO | ITA | 6.0 | 15 | 15 | | |
| 16 | Zita GEBORA / Andras VISONTAI | HUN | 6.4 | 16 | 16 | | |
| 17 | Natalia GUDINA / Alexei BELETSKY | ISR | 7.0 | 18 | 17 | | |
| 17 | Kristin FREIZER / Igor LUKANIN | AZE | 7.0 | 17 | 18 | | |
| 19 | Katarina KOVALOVA / David SZURMAN | CZE | 7.8 | 20 | 19 | | |
| 20 | Stephanie RAUER / Thomas RAUER | GER | 8.2 | 19 | 22 | | |
| 21 | Alexandra KAUC / Filip BERNADOWSKI | POL | 8.4 | 22 | 20 | | |
| 21 | Valentina ANSELMINI / Fabrizio PEDRAZZINI | ITA | 8.4 | 21 | 21 | | |
| 23 | Zuzana DURKOVSKA / Marian MESAROS | SVK | 9.4 | 24 | 23 | | |
| 24 | Alla BEKNAZAROVA / Yuri KOCHERZHENKO | UKR | 9.6 | 23 | 25 | | |
| 25 | Anna MOSENKOVA / Sergei SYCHOV | EST | 10.2 | 27 | 24 | | |
| 25 | Tiffany HYDEN / Vazgen AZROJAN | ARM | 10.2 | 25 | 26 | | |
| 27 | Alissa de CARBONNEL / Alexander MALKOV | BLR | 10.6 | 26 | 27 | | |
| 28 | Kamilla SZOLNOKI / Dejan ILLES | CRO | 11.2 | 28 | 28 | | |
| 29 | Tatiana SINIAVER / Tornike TUKVADZE | GEO | 11.6 | 29 | 29 | | |
| 30 | Dominyka VALIUKEVICIUTE / Aurimas RADISAUSKAS | LTU | 12.2 | 31 | 30 | | |
| 30 | Ana GALITCH / Andrei CHICHKOV | BIH | 12.2 | 30 | 31 | | |

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Men

| FPL. | Name | Nat. | Points | QB | QA | SP | FS |
|------|-----------------------|------|--------|----|----|----|----|
| 1 | Evgeni PLUSHENKO | RUS | 1.0 | | 1 | 1 | |
| 2 | Alexei YAGUDIN | RUS | 1.6 | 1 | | 2 | |
| 3 | Alexander ABT | RUS | 2.6 | 2 | | 3 | |
| 4 | Stanick JEANNETTE | FRA | 4.2 | 3 | | 5 | |
| 5 | Andrejs VLASCENKO | GER | 4.8 | | 6 | 4 | |
| 6 | Sergei DAVYDOV | BLR | 5.2 | | 4 | 6 | |
| 7 | Stéphane LAMBIEL | SUI | 6.2 | | 5 | 7 | |
| 8 | Vakhtang MURVANIDZE | GEO | 8.0 | 8 | | 8 | |
| 9 | Frederic DAMBIER | FRA | 8.2 | 7 | | 9 | |
| 10 | Robert KAZIMIR | SVK | 8.6 | 5 | | 11 | |
| 11 | Markus LEMINEN | FIN | 8.8 | | 7 | 10 | |
| 12 | Ivan DINEV | BUL | 9.0 | | 3 | 13 | |
| 13 | Gheorghe CHIPER | ROM | 9.8 | | 2 | 15 | |
| 14 | Konstantin KOSTIN | LAT | 10.8 | | 9 | 12 | |
| 15 | Sergei RYLOV | AZE | 11.6 | | 8 | 14 | |
| 16 | Vitali DANILCHENKO | UKR | 11.8 | 4 | | 17 | |
| 17 | Silvio SMALUN | GER | 14.4 | | 12 | 16 | |
| 18 | Alexei KOZLOV | EST | 15.0 | 6 | | 21 | |
| 19 | Michael SHMERKIN | ISR | 16.0 | 10 | | 20 | |
| 20 | Konstantin TUPIKOV | UKR | 16.2 | 12 | | 19 | |
| 21 | Robert GRZEGORCZYK | POL | 16.4 | | 14 | 18 | |
| 22 | Dmitry DMITRENKO | UKR | 17.8 | | 10 | 23 | |
| 23 | Kristoffer BERNTSSON | SWE | 18.0 | 9 | | 24 | |
| 24 | Kevin van der PERREN | BEL | 19.2 | 15 | | 22 | |
| 25 | Zoltan TOTH | HUN | 19.4 | 11 | | 25 | |
| 26 | Angelo DOLFINI | ITA | 20.6 | | 11 | 27 | |
| 27 | Gregor URBAS | SLO | 20.8 | | 13 | 26 | |
| 28 | Alan STREET | GBR | 22.0 | 13 | | 28 | |
| 29 | Hristo TOURLAKOV | BUL | 23.4 | | 15 | 29 | |
| 30 | Daniel PEINADO | ESP | 23.6 | 14 | | 30 | |
| 31 | Clemens JONAS | AUT | | 16 | | | |
| 31 | Lukas RAKOWSKI | CZE | | | 16 | | |
| 33 | Aidas REKLYS | LTU | | 17 | | | |
| 33 | Panagiotis MARKOUIZOS | GRE | | | 17 | | |
| 35 | Milos MILANOVIC | YUG | | 18 | | | |