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## **2001 World Junior Figure Skating Championships** **Day Five**

The 2001 ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships continued in Sofia, Bulgaria with the Ladies' Short Program and the Free Dance.

### **Ladies**

The Short Program counts 30 percent of the total score. For the junior single skaters this season, a double or triple flip preceded by connecting steps and/or other free skating movements is the required solo jump.

The two winners of the Qualifying Rounds A and B, Kristina Oblasova (RUS) and Ann Patrice McDonough (USA) came in first and second respectively in the Short Program. As Katharina Häcker of Germany was fourth in the Short she now sits in third overall.

Häcker, in joint third place after the qualifying, skated first in the last group. Her triple Lutz (in combination with double toeloop) was shaky, but the triple flip and the double Axel were fine. "It went well as I had wished", Häcker said. "It's quite a surprise for me to be in third right now. I wanted to show what I can do, but I didn't expect to be so high in the standings." Oblasova was next to take to the ice. The Muscovite opened her program to accordion music called "Domino" with a solid double Axel and a triple Lutz-double toeloop combination but she had to do a three-turn out of the Lutz. She went on to complete a high triple flip and strong spins. The Judges awarded her marks ranging from 5.1 to 5.4 for required elements and marks from 5.4 to 5.6 for presentation. "I could have done a much better combination", the 16-year-old commented. "The Judges decided that my Short Program was the best today, so I'm happy about this. I came here very well prepared, and I worked hard. I came here to win, so it's not a surprise to me that I'm in the top three at the moment at my first Junior Worlds."

McDonough stepped out on her triple Lutz in her combination, and she lacked speed, but she showed an excellent layback spin. The 15-year-old received marks up to 5.2 for required elements and up to 5.7 for presentation. The Korean-born American got one first and one third place ordinal, while the remainder were all second places. "I didn't skate quite my best today as I had hoped", McDonough said. "Hopefully I'll skate better tomorrow."

Tamara Dorofejev (HUN), who stood in joint fifth place after the qualifying, finished third in the Short Program and moved up to fourth overall. The Hungarian Champion hit a flawless triple Lutz-double toeloop combination, but she faltered on the triple flip. Dorofejev recovered to show a good double Axel and high quality spins. Russia's Svetlana Chernysheva, in joint second with Susanna Pökyiö (FIN), after the qualifying fell on her triple Lutz and flip and faded to eleventh overall. The Finnish skater missed the triple Lutz and dropped to sixth.

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## Ice Dance

The Ice Dance competition concluded with the Free Dance. Natalia Romaniuta/Daniil Barantsev of Russia defended their title and took the gold while last year's bronze medallists Tanith Belbin/Benjamin Agosto (USA) claimed the silver. The bronze went to Elena Khaliavina/Maxim Shabalin, also from Russia.

Of the leading couples, Khaliavina/Shabalin were first to skate and they produced a lyrical performance set to "Anywhere, Anytime" by Sarah Brightman. The team from Samara skated with much flow and showed innovative lifts and moves. Their marks went up to 5.5 for technical merit and up to 5.6 for presentation.

Romaniuta/Barantsev skated next to last, right before their main competitors. The Russians displayed deep edges and a lot of impressive footwork at high speed in their upbeat program set to the soundtrack of "Black Cat, White Cat". Their unison and their command of the ice set them apart from their competitors. The Judges awarded the Russians marks ranging from 5.5 to 5.7 for technical merit and 5.6 to 5.8 for presentation.

Then Belbin/Agosto took to the ice and put in a fluid performance to "Alexandros" by Staminis Spanudikis that contained original dance spins and elements. The US silver medallists received marks as high as 5.7 for technique and 5.8 for artistic impression. Thus, Romaniuta/Barantsev scored eight first place ordinals from the nine Judges.

"I think we skated strongly throughout the whole competition", Barantsev said. "We are very glad to have won the second gold medal at Junior Worlds in a row. It was harder to defend the title than to win it for the first time. We were more nervous, because after you won once, you don't want to loose." It's the first time since 1986 that an ice dance team defended their title.

"This was the best that we've ever done that Free Dance", Belbin told the press. "We felt, since we had made those two little mistakes in the Compulsory and the OD, we had something to prove. So, we weren't worried about the placement at all, we just wanted to go out there and show that we were strong skaters." Agosto added: "I was a little nervous at the beginning, but once the crowd started clapping for us I got into it and felt great."

Khaliavina/Shabalin won their first medal at Junior Worlds after finishing tenth last year. "We really improved and got on a higher level", Khaliavina said. The Ukrainians Alla Becnazarova/Juri Kocherzhenko moved up one spot to finish fourth while Germany's Miriam Steinel/Vladimir Tvetkov dropped to fifth.

The Junior World Championships continue on Saturday with the Ladies' Free Program.

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### Results

#### Ladies

FPL.	Name	Nat.	Points	QB	QA	SP	FS
1	Kristina OBLASOVA	RUS	1.0		1	1	
2	Ann Patrice MCDONOUGH	USA	1.6	1		2	
3	Katharina HÄCKER	GER	3.6		3	4	
4	Tamara DOROFJEV	HUN	3.8		5	3	
5	Yukari NAKANO	JPN	5.0	5		5	
6	Susanna PÖYKIÖ	FIN	5.6		2	8	
7	Akiko SUZUKI	JPN	5.8	4		7	
8	Joannie ROCHETTE	CAN	6.4	7		6	
9	Dan FANG	CHN	7.0		4	9	
10	Sara WHEAT	USA	7.2	3		10	
11	Svetlana CHERNYSHOVA	RUS	8.0	2		12	
12	Stephanie ZHANG	AUS	10.8		6	14	
13	Carolina KOSTNER	ITA	11.4		9	13	
14	Christiane BERGER	GER	12.2	14		11	
15	Svetlana PILIPENKO	UKR	13.4	8		17	
16	Martine ZUIDERWIJK	NED	14.0		11	16	
17	Lucie KRAUSOVA	CZE	14.8		7	20	
18	Roxana LUCA	ROM	15.0		15	15	
19	Taru KARVOSENOJA	FIN	15.0	9		19	
20	Chu-Hong LEE	KOR	15.0	6		21	
21	Lucia STAROVICOVA	SVK	15.6	12		18	
22	Kimena BROG-MEIER	SUI	16.4		8	22	
23	Viktoria PAVUK	HUN	17.8	10		23	
24	Hristina VASSILEVA	BUL	19.8		12	25	
25	Anja BRATEC	SLO	20.0		14	24	
26	Gintare VOSTRECOVAITE	LTU	21.4		13	27	
27	Sara FALOTICO	BEL	21.6	15		26	
28	Quinn WILMANS	RSA	21.8	11		29	
29	Viviane KAESER	SUI	22.0	13		28	
R	Ye Bin MOK	USA			10		
31	Anna JURKIEWICZ	POL		16			
31	Rebecca GARCIA	ESP			16		
33	Jennifer HOLMES	GBR		17			
33	Diana CHEN	TPE			17		
35	Johanna GÖTESSON	SWE		18			

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35	Kristina MICHAILOVA	BLR		18		
37	Helena GARCIA	MEX		19		
37	Kaori POON	HKG		19		
39	Ines PAVLEKOVIC	CRO		20		
39	Giovanna ALMEIDA LETO	POR		20		
41	Kathrin FREUDELSPERGER	AUT		21		
41	Papatya DOKMECI	TUR		21		
43	Ksenia JASTSENJSKI	YUG		22		

## Ice Dance

FPI.	Name	Nat.	Points	C1	C2	OD	FD
1	Natalia ROMANIUTA / Daniil BARANTSEV	RUS	2.0	1	1	1	1
2	Tanith BELBIN / Benjamin AGOSTO	USA	4.0	2	2	2	2
3	Elena KHALIAVINA / Maxim SHABALIN	RUS	6.0	3	3	3	3
4	Alla BEKNAZAROVA / Yuri KOCHERZHENKO	UKR	8.6	4	4	5	4
5	Miriam STEINEL / Vladimir TSVETKOV	GER	9.4	5	5	4	5
6	Elena ROMANOVSKAYA / Alexander GRACHEV	RUS	12.0	6	6	6	6
7	Viktoria POLZYKINA / Alexander SHAKALOV	UKR	14.8	8	7	8	7
8	Natalie PECHALAT / Fabien BOURZAT	FRA	15.2	7	8	7	8
9	Nora HOFFMANN / Attila ELEK	HUN	19.0	10	10	10	9
10	Lucie KADLCAKOVA / Hynek BILEK	CZE	20.0	9	9	9	11
11	Sheri MOIR / Danny MOIR	CAN	21.4	12	12	11	10
12	Agata ROSLONSKA / Michal TOMASZEWSKI	POL	23.6	11	11	12	12
13	Myriam TRIVIDIC / Yann ABBACK	FRA	27.0	13	13	13	14
14	Lydia MANON / Michel KLUS	USA	27.4	15	15	14	13
15	Kendra GOODWIN / Chris OBZANSKY	USA	29.6	14	14	15	15
16	Tara DOHERTY / Tyler MYLES	CAN	32.6	16	16	17	16
17	Fang YANG / Chongbo GAO	CHN	34.4	17	17	16	18
18	Ilaria WEBSTER / Diego RINALDI	ITA	35.4	19	19	18	17
19	Phillipa TOWLER-GREEN / Robert BURGERMAN	GBR	38.2	18	18	20	19
20	Jessica HUOT / Juha VALKAMA	FIN	39.4	20	20	19	20
21	Lidia LEWANDOSKI / Andrea VATURI	ITA	42.0	21	21	21	21
22	Barbara HERZOG / David VINCOUR	AUT	44.0	22	22	22	22
23	Marina TIMOFEYEVA / Evgeni STRIGANOV	EST	46.0	23	23	23	23
24	Daniela KELLER / Fabian KELLER	SUI	48.0	24	24	24	24
25	Tatiana SINIAVER / Tornike TUKVADZE	GEO		26	26	25	
26	Kamilla SZOLNOKI / Dejan ILLES	CRO		25	25	26	
27	Anna CAPPELLINI / Luca LOMBARDI	ITA		27	27	27	
28	Julia KLOCHKO / Ramil SARKULOV	UZB		28	28	28	
29	Ana GALITCH / Andrei CHICHKOV	BIH		29	29	29	