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## **2001 World Figure Skating Championships, Vancouver Canada** **Day Two**

The 2001 World Figure Skating Championships continued in Vancouver, Canada Tuesday with the Compulsory Dance Qualifying and the Men's Short Program.

### **Ice Dance**

There were more than 31 entries (35 couples in total) in the Ice Dance event, here in Vancouver, and Qualifying Groups were skated for the first time at an ISU Championships. As for Ladies and Men's Qualifying Groups, the couples were divided into two Qualifying Groups A and B for the Compulsory Dances. Each Group skated both Compulsory Dances (the Tango Romantica and the Rhumba) counting for 20% of the overall mark. Couples placed 1-15, including those tied, in each qualifying Compulsory Dance group (A and B) have qualified for the Original Dance.

European champions Barbara Fusar-Poli & Maurizio Margaglio (ITA) won both of their Compulsory Dances in Group B, while defending world champions Marina Anissina & Gwendal Peizerat (FRA) took the lead in Group B. The Italians and the French are now tied for first place.

"We had the Canadians, the Russians, the Germans - all very strong couples. We are very glad to lead this group at the moment", said Margaglio after the second Compulsory Dance. "We skated well and did our best". "We did not train both of these dances much because we had others in our Grand Prix events", explained Fusar Poli.

Anissina said: "We are pleased with both dances, we skated well. We feel good out there on the ice." She also commented on the new qualifying system: "It's very good. We finish quickly, we don't have to wait so long between the two dances. It's probably also better for the Judges."

World bronze medallists Margarita Drobiazko/ Povilas Vanagas (LTU) are in third, after their two Compulsory Dances while the Four Continents Champions Shae-Lynn Bourne/ Victor Kraatz (CAN) are tied for fourth place with European bronze medallists, Irina Lobacheva/Ilia Averbukh (RUS).

In Group B, the Canadians were second in the Rhumba by four to three Judges while Lobacheva/Averbukh were placed ahead of Bourne/Kraatz in the Tango Romantica by a majority of six to one Judges. That left them tied in second place in that Group.

The Lithuanians, on the other hand, earned second place ordinals from the majority of the Judges in both dances, placing a clear second in Group A and so hold third place overall.

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“Both dances were good. We had to skate well in the Tango Romantica, because it was our coach (Elena Tchaikovskaya) who created it!” said Drobiazko. “The qualifying system is actually not bad for us. It was easier to place higher in this Group than in the other. So far the competition feels great”, commented Vanagas.

On the qualifying round, Lobacheva said: “It takes away from the competition. The real competition between all couples will only begin in the Original Dance”.

“ We felt good. We skated both dances like in practice or even better,” Bourne told the press. “It (the qualifying system) was actually in some ways better”, she added because we don’t have to sit here all day for the second dance... it’s better for all the skaters, they are more fresh. It’s fun that they are trying new things”.

## Men

The Men's competition continued with the Short Program. It was an exciting competition, that took surprising turns.

Defending world champion Alexei Yagudin (RUS), came into the Short Program in fifth place after a disappointing performance in yesterday’s Qualifying Round due to a foot injury. The 21-year-old skated in the second to last group and knew that he had no room for mistakes. Yagudin came back with a performance of extraordinary determination, opening his Chopin program with a clean quadruple toeloop/triple toeloop combination and a triple Axel and completed the remaining required elements. Giving it his all despite the injury, the Russian skated his program with energy and passion, and the audience responded with a standing ovation. The Judges awarded Yagudin a total of eight 5.8s for technical merit and marks ranging from 5.8 - 5.9 for presentation. Yagudin took the lead and had to wait and see what his competitors would do in the final group.

Coming off the ice, Yagudin said: “I used one word to describe yesterday’s skate and that was ‘wow!’ because it was the worst skate in my life. Today, I can use the same word ‘Wow’ because it was so much better. It was difficult to get ready because there was so much pressure. My thanks to the doctor who treated me yesterday because the injection (pain killer) made my foot feel so much better.”

European champion Evgeni Plushenko (RUS), in joint first place after the Qualifying Round, was first to skate in the top group. In his dazzling Bolero program, he nailed an effortless quadruple toeloop/triple toeloop combination, followed by a strong triple Axel, his trade mark Biellmann combination spin, a triple Lutz and dynamic footwork. The Judges awarded Plushenko marks ranging from 5.7 to 5.9 for technical merit and 5.8 to 5.9 for presentation. “I skated well tonight, it was a hundred percent, and this is great for the World Championships...I’m more confident now, because I worked harder with my coach (Alexei Mishin) and my choreographer David Avdish. I believe in my strength now.”, Plushenko explained.

Todd Eldredge (USA), who was in joint third place after the Qualifying, skated next to last knowing what his predecessors had done. The American decided to play safe and went for a triple flip/ triple

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toeloop combination instead of risking a quadruple jump. His program, set to Xotica by René Dupéré, also featured a high triple Axel, a solid triple Lutz out of steps and outstanding spins. For his performance, Eldredge was awarded marks ranging from 5.6 to 5.9, both for required elements and presentation. "I know my program was technically easier, so I was expecting slightly lower marks. I was happy with how I skated." When asked why he did not do the quadruple toeloop, Eldredge explained that "it was strategic. I heard how some of the other guys with the quad did. A good clean program was what I needed".

So Plushenko won the Short Program with Yagudin second and Eldredge third. In the overall standings, Plushenko is in first place followed by Eldredge with Yagudin moving up to third. Canada's former world champion Elvis Stojko had a bad night, falling twice and finishing eleventh in the short to fade to tenth place overall. Timothy Goebel (USA) lies in fourth, with Yufei Li (CHN) and Alexander Abt (RUS) in fifth and sixth respectively.

A total of seven clean quadruple jumps were landed in the Short Program. These were by: Anthony Liu (AUS) quadruple toeloop/double toeloop, Chengjiang Li (CHN) quadruple toeloop, Yunfei Li (CHN) quadruple toeloop/triple toeloop, Min Yhang (CHN) quadruple toeloop/triple toeloop, Alexei Yagudin (RUS) quadruple toeloop/triple toeloop, Evgeni Plushenko (RUS) quadruple toeloop/triple toeloop, Timothy Goebel (USA) quadruple salchow/triple toeloop.

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

## Results

### Ice Dance

| FPL. | Name  | Nat. | Points | 1B | 2B | 1A | 2A | OD | FD |
|------|---|------|--------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| 1    | <a href="#">Marina ANISSINA / Gwendal PEIZERAT</a>      | FRA  | 0.4    |    |    | 1  | 1  |    |    |
| 1    | <a href="#">Barbara FUSAR POLI / Maurizio MARGAGLIO</a> | ITA  | 0.4    | 1  | 1  |    |    |    |    |
| 3    | <a href="#">Margarita DROBIAZKO / Povilas VANAGAS</a>   | LTU  | 0.8    |    |    | 2  | 2  |    |    |
| 4    | <a href="#">Shae-Lynn BOURNE / Victor KRAATZ</a>        | CAN  | 1.0    | 2  | 3  |    |    |    |    |
| 4    | <a href="#">Irina LOBACHEVA / Ilia AVERBUKH</a>         | RUS  | 1.0    | 3  | 2  |    |    |    |    |
| 6    | <a href="#">Galit CHAIT / Sergei SAKHNOVSKI</a>         | ISR  | 1.2    |    |    | 3  | 3  |    |    |
| 7    | <a href="#">Elena GRUSHINA / Ruslan GONCHAROV</a>       | UKR  | 1.6    |    |    | 4  | 4  |    |    |
| 7    | <a href="#">Kati WINKLER / Rene LOHSE</a>               | GER  | 1.6    | 4  | 4  |    |    |    |    |
| 9    | <a href="#">Albena DENKOVA / Maxim STAVIYSKI</a>        | BUL  | 2.0    |    |    | 5  | 5  |    |    |
| 9    | <a href="#">Naomi LANG / Peter TCHERNYSHEV</a>          | USA  | 2.0    | 5  | 5  |    |    |    |    |
| 11   | <a href="#">Marie-France DUBREUIL / Patrice LAUZON</a>  | CAN  | 2.4    | 6  | 6  |    |    |    |    |
| 12   | <a href="#">Tatiana NAVKA / Roman KOSTOMAROV</a>        | RUS  | 2.6    |    |    | 7  | 6  |    |    |
| 12   | <a href="#">Sylvia NOWAK / Sebastian KOLASINSKI</a>     | POL  | 2.6    |    |    | 6  | 7  |    |    |
| 14   | <a href="#">Eliane HUGENTOBLER / Daniel HUGENTOBLER</a> | SUI  | 2.8    | 7  | 7  |    |    |    |    |
| 15   | <a href="#">Isabelle DELOBEL / Olivier SCHOENFELDER</a> | FRA  | 3.2    |    |    | 8  | 8  |    |    |
| 16   | <a href="#">Tanith BELBIN / Benjamin AGOSTO</a>         | USA  | 3.4    | 8  | 9  |    |    |    |    |

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| 16 | <a href="#">Magali SAURI / Michail STIFUNIN</a>        | FRA | 3.4 | 9  | 8  |    |    |  |  |
| 18 | <a href="#">Marika HUMPHREYS / Vitali BARANOV</a>      | GBR | 3.6 |    |    | 9  | 9  |  |  |
| 19 | <a href="#">Kristin FRASER / Igor LUKANIN</a>          | AZE | 4.0 | 10 | 10 |    |    |  |  |
| 20 | <a href="#">Gloria AGOGLIATI / Luciano MILO</a>        | ITA | 4.2 |    |    | 10 | 11 |  |  |
| 20 | <a href="#">Agata BLAZOWSKA / Marcin KOZUBEK</a>       | POL | 4.2 |    |    | 11 | 10 |  |  |
| 22 | <a href="#">Katarina KOVALOVA / David SZURMAN</a>      | CZE | 4.6 | 12 | 11 |    |    |  |  |
| 23 | <a href="#">Natalia GUDINA / Alexei BELETSKI</a>       | ISR | 4.8 | 11 | 13 |    |    |  |  |
| 23 | <a href="#">Nakako TSUZUKI / Rinat FARKHOUTDINOV</a>   | JPN | 4.8 |    |    | 12 | 12 |  |  |
| 25 | <a href="#">Zita GEBORA / Andras VISONTAI</a>          | HUN | 5.2 |    |    | 13 | 13 |  |  |
| 26 | <a href="#">Valentina ANSEMI / Fabrizio PEDRAZZINI</a> | ITA | 5.6 | 14 | 14 |    |    |  |  |
| 26 | <a href="#">Stephanie RAUER / Thomas RAUER</a>         | GER | 5.6 | 16 | 12 |    |    |  |  |
| 26 | <a href="#">Weina ZHANG / Xianming CAO</a>             | CHN | 5.6 | 13 | 15 |    |    |  |  |
| 29 | <a href="#">Anna MOSENKOVA / Sergei SYCHOV</a>         | EST | 5.8 |    |    | 14 | 15 |  |  |
| 29 | <a href="#">Alissa de CARBONNEL / Alexander MALKOV</a> | BLR | 5.8 |    |    | 15 | 14 |  |  |
| 31 | <a href="#">Tae-Hwa YANG / Chuen-Gun LEE</a>           | KOR | 6.2 | 15 | 16 |    |    |  |  |
| 32 | <a href="#">Portia DUVAL-RIGBY / Francis RIGBY</a>     | AUS | 6.6 |    |    | 17 | 16 |  |  |
| 32 | <a href="#">Kamilla SZOLNOKI / Dejan ILLES</a>         | CRO | 6.6 |    |    | 16 | 17 |  |  |
| 34 | <a href="#">Zuzana DURKOVSKA / Marian MESAROS</a>      | SVK | 6.8 | 17 | 17 |    |    |  |  |
| 35 | <a href="#">Ana GALITCH / Andrei SHISHKOV</a>          | BIH | 7.2 | 18 | 18 |    |    |  |  |

## Men

| FPI. | Name                               | Nat. | Points | QB | QA | SP | FS |
|------|------------------------------------|------|--------|----|----|----|----|
| 1    | <a href="#">Evgeni PLUSHENKO</a>   | RUS  | 1.0    |    | 1  | 1  |    |
| 2    | <a href="#">Todd ELDREDGE</a>      | USA  | 2.6    |    | 2  | 3  |    |
| 3    | <a href="#">Alexei YAGUDIN</a>     | RUS  | 3.2    |    | 5  | 2  |    |
| 4    | <a href="#">Timothy GOEBEL</a>     | USA  | 3.6    |    | 3  | 4  |    |
| 5    | <a href="#">Yunfei LI</a>          | CHN  | 5.4    |    | 6  | 5  |    |
| 6    | <a href="#">Alexander ABT</a>      | RUS  | 5.8    |    | 4  | 7  |    |
| 7    | <a href="#">Takeshi HONDA</a>      | JPN  | 6.4    | 1  |    | 10 |    |
| 8    | <a href="#">Stanick JEANNETTE</a>  | FRA  | 6.6    | 3  |    | 9  |    |
| 9    | <a href="#">Elvis STOJKO</a>       | CAN  | 7.4    | 2  |    | 11 |    |
| 10   | <a href="#">Chengjiang LI</a>      | CHN  | 7.6    | 10 |    | 6  |    |
| 11   | <a href="#">Anthony LIU</a>        | AUS  | 8.0    | 8  |    | 8  |    |
| 12   | <a href="#">Ivan DINEV</a>         | BUL  | 10.0   |    | 7  | 12 |    |
| 13   | <a href="#">Patrick MEIER</a>      | SUI  | 11.0   |    | 8  | 13 |    |
| 14   | <a href="#">Emanuel SANDHU</a>     | CAN  | 11.2   | 4  |    | 16 |    |
| 15   | <a href="#">Sergei RYLOV</a>       | AZE  | 11.8   | 7  |    | 15 |    |
| 16   | <a href="#">Stefan LINDEMANN</a>   | GER  | 12.0   | 9  |    | 14 |    |
| 17   | <a href="#">Min ZHANG</a>          | CHN  | 12.6   | 6  |    | 17 |    |
| 18   | <a href="#">Vitali DANILCHENKO</a> | UKR  | 15.6   |    | 9  | 20 |    |

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| 19 | <a href="#">Vincent RESTENCOURT</a>   | FRA | 16.0 |    | 13 | 18 |  |
| 20 | <a href="#">Roman SKORNIAKOV</a>      | UZB | 16.2 | 12 |    | 19 |  |
| 21 | <a href="#">Yamato TAMURA</a>         | JPN | 16.4 | 5  |    | 24 |  |
| 22 | <a href="#">Dmitri DMITRENKO</a>      | UKR | 16.6 |    | 10 | 21 |  |
| 23 | <a href="#">Gheorghe CHIPER</a>       | ROM | 17.6 |    | 11 | 22 |  |
| 24 | <a href="#">Markus LEMINEN</a>        | FIN | 19.4 | 14 |    | 23 |  |
| 25 | <a href="#">Vakhtang MURVANIDZE</a>   | GEO |      | 11 |    | 26 |  |
| 26 | <a href="#">Neil WILSON</a>           | GBR |      |    | 14 | 25 |  |
| 27 | <a href="#">Angelo DOLFINI</a>        | ITA |      |    | 12 | 28 |  |
| 28 | <a href="#">Robert KAZIMIR</a>        | SVK |      | 15 |    | 27 |  |
| 29 | <a href="#">Sergei DAVYDOV</a>        | BLR |      | 13 |    | 29 |  |
| 30 | <a href="#">Gregor URBAS</a>          | SLO |      |    | 15 | 30 |  |
| 31 | <a href="#">Kristoffer BERNTSSON</a>  | SWE |      | 16 |    |    |  |
| 31 | <a href="#">Alexei KOZLOV</a>         | EST |      |    | 16 |    |  |
| 33 | <a href="#">Michael SHMERKIN</a>      | ISR |      | 17 |    |    |  |
| 33 | <a href="#">Kevin van der PERREN</a>  | BEL |      |    | 17 |    |  |
| 35 | <a href="#">Zoltan TOTH</a>           | HUN |      | 18 |    |    |  |
| 35 | <a href="#">Konstantin KOSTIN</a>     | LAT |      |    | 18 |    |  |
| 37 | <a href="#">Gareth ECHARDT</a>        | RSA |      | 19 |    |    |  |
| 37 | <a href="#">Juri LITVINOV</a>         | KAZ |      |    | 19 |    |  |
| 39 | <a href="#">Mauricio MEDELLIN</a>     | MEX |      | 20 |    |    |  |
| 39 | <a href="#">Yon GARCIA</a>            | ESP |      |    | 20 |    |  |
| 41 | <a href="#">Milos MILANOVIC</a>       | YUG |      | 21 |    |    |  |
| 41 | <a href="#">Ricky COCKERILL</a>       | NZL |      |    | 21 |    |  |
| 43 | <a href="#">Panagiotis MARKOUIZOS</a> | ISU |      |    | 22 |    |  |
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