

Interview Profi Standard: William Pino/Alessandra Bucciarelli

At first look at the starting list it seemed to become an Italian championship. Then Jonathan Wilkins/Katusha Demidova (USA) registered. Did you get an extra kick by that?

We do not rely on other competitors but in ourselves. It is important for us to concentrate on each other, to empathise in ourselves.

How is the relationship within the Italian couples?

Very good, really. Of course we are competing on the floor but for the most part we know each other since we were kids. We are all about the same age and friendly.

The Italian competitors are loyal GOC starters. Do you think it is unfortunate that there are not more top couples from other nations?

This comp was on a really very high level, there have been six of the best twelve couples of Blackpool in this final. We think it is a shame that there were not more international top couples. We have been in Japan until yesterday and have just arrived at 9.00 a.m. this morning to take part in the GOC. If you really want something you can make it possible.

German Open in Mannheim – German Open in Stuttgart: Is there any difference for you?

We danced 15 times at the German Open in Mannheim and for the first time in Stuttgart now. We do not feel „at home“ yet like we did in Mannheim, everything is a bit different. However the enthusiastic audience has moved with to Stuttgart and given us a very good feeling.

You already won medals at European championships. When will the world championships follow?

We danced the world championship in Miami in 2003 and became third. We do not learn at medals or titles at first goal. It is more important for us to operate with full capacity and to improve steadily. The results and the response of the audience suit us.

Thank you very much!

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