

## Olympic gold medalists lead Finlandia Trophy ice dance competition

The winners of Vancouver Olympics 2010 Canadian Tessa Virtue – Scott Moir are leading the Finlandia Trophy ice dance competition after short dance with scores 67,74. The couple dazzled with compelling rumba and samba rhythms. Taking into account the early season their performance was certain and smooth. Last season Tessa Virtue was troubled with leg problems which are not bygone, and the couple is enjoying practicing and competing.

– We are happy that we can skate and compete again. This is a good begin of the season. In this competition we wish to get feedback and review of our performance to improve, commented Scott Moir.

Next positions after the short dance are hold by the American couples. Last year's World Championships bronze medalist Maia Shibutani – Alex Shibutani took the second position with scores 58, 45. Third place was taken by Madison Chock – Evan Bates scoring 53,91. This is their first season together.

Finnish ice dance couple Olesia Karmi – Max Lindholm are placed 7th after short dance with scores 40,31 and Henna Lindholm – Ossi Kanervo 9th scoring 37,22. Both Finnish couples have improved their skating enormously in guidance of their new coach Maurizio Margaglio.

– We did have some small mistakes in our program, so we are not fully satisfied. As being home competition we did better than a few weeks ago in our opening competition in Germany. We got five points more from the judges now, Max Lindholm commented.

Free dance competition is held on Sunday October 9th, 2011 at 12am.