

Biryukova leads ladies competition after short program at the Finlandia Trophy

After ladies short program Russian Sofia Biryukova leads Finlandia Trophy figure skating competition. She scored 58,12 with successful program. Estonian Elena Glebova succeeded in her performance too and took the second position scoring 56,52. Finnish Alisa Mikonsaari took the third place with scores 44,38.

- I am quite satisfied with my performance, but for example my spins could have been better today. Tomorrow's free program I will just try to do my best and show what I can do, Biryukova commented.

Mikonsaari jumped triple toeloop – triple toeloop combination, triple lutz and double axel. Although the latter jump of the combination as well as the lutz was a little incomplete, Alisa was happy together with the audience at the arena.

- This is my best short program so far and I am very satisfied. During this season we have added more difficult elements to my program and worked hard to get certainty into my performance, Mikonsaari told.

Finnish ladies took the next positions too. Juulia Turkkila starts tomorrow's free program from fourth position with scores 43,08. Turkkila tried triple-triple combination, but fell her first jump, but she fixed the lack of combination later in her program.

- I fixed my combination mistake and I am happy for that. We have been practicing expressions a lot and today I focused to my overall performance, Turkkila told.

Fifth position is held by Minna Parviainen scoring 42,56 and sixth position by Beata Papp scoring 41,94.

Results can be found at <http://www.figureskatingresults.fi/results/1112/FT2011/index.htm>