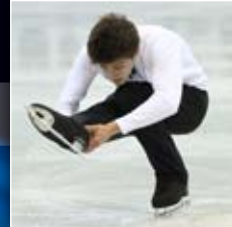


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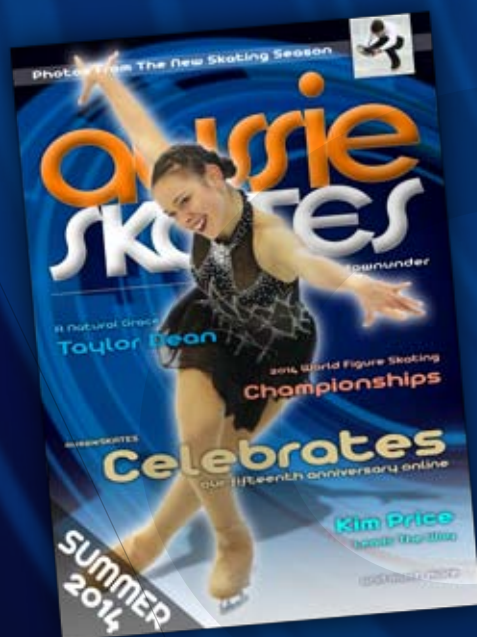
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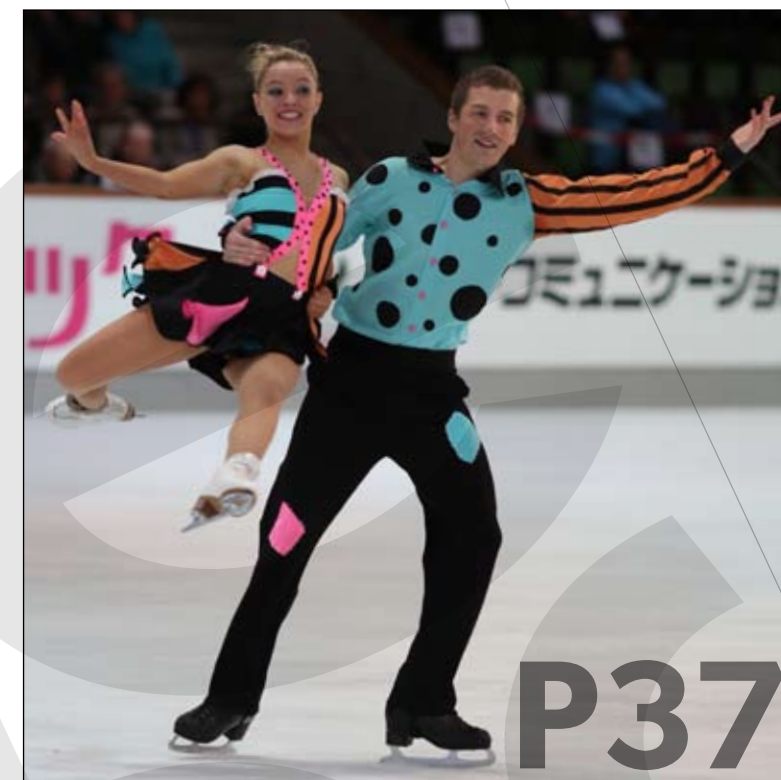
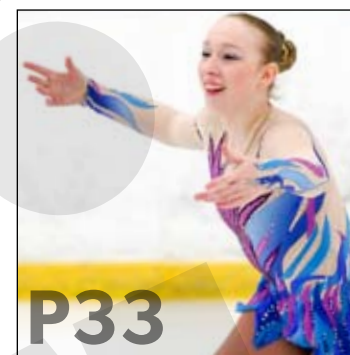
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On the cover:

Kailani Craine from New South Wales won the junior ladies' division at the 2014 Lombardia Trophy, a prestigious international competition held in Italy. She is also the 2014/15 Australian Senior Ladies' National Champion.



Fifteen years ago the sports photographer and journalist, Susan D. Russell, launched a web site dedicated to Australian figure skaters competing on the international and championship circuits.

By 2005, Russell found that with her growing commitment to International Figure Skating magazine, she asked me to take the reigns and continue supporting and promoting these hard working local athletes.

It has been thrilling to watch so many talented individuals, pairs and dance teams climb the national ladder and earn their way onto Junior International, Junior Grand Prix, Challenger Series, Senior Grand Prix, Four Continents Championships, Junior World Championships, World Championships and Olympic Winter Games Teams.

With countless fond memories to celebrate since **aussieSKATES** began in 1999, we thought it seemed fitting to create a twenty-two page photo album retrospective.

Since the recent 2014/15 Australian National Championships were held in Brisbane, we were pleased to profile two skaters also from Queensland, Kim Price and Taylor Dean. Dean was a four time national silver medalist, and Price represented Australia at the 1987 World Junior Championships in Canada.

Last March, **aussieSKATES** attended the World Championships in Saitama, Japan. We look back at the global competition that closed out the 2014 Olympic Season.

Special thanks must be given to Russell, Jay Adeff and Robin Ritoss for their spectacular sports photography. Their time, energy and selfless support means a great deal to us, fans of Australian skating situated both locally, and around the world.

Finally, **aussieSKATES** would like to thank you, our readers, for all of your ongoing feedback, support and encouragement.

**Nick Pilgrim**  
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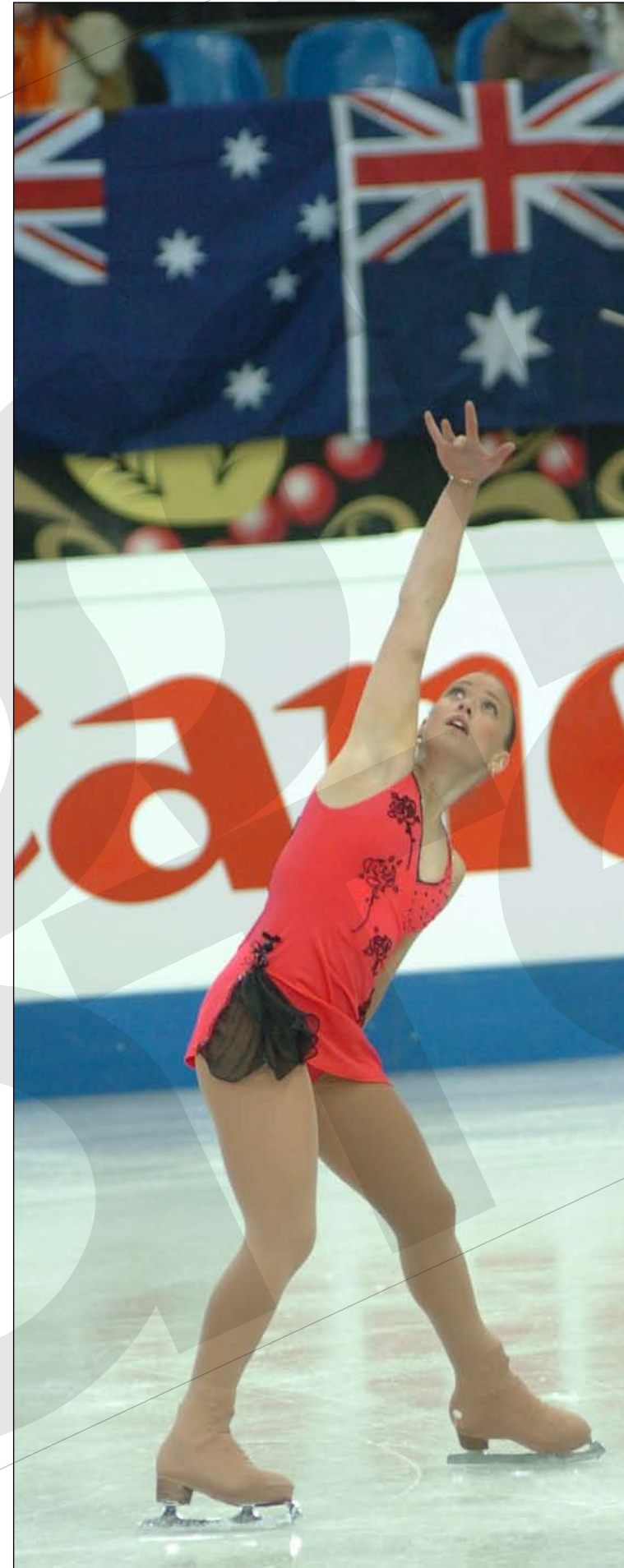
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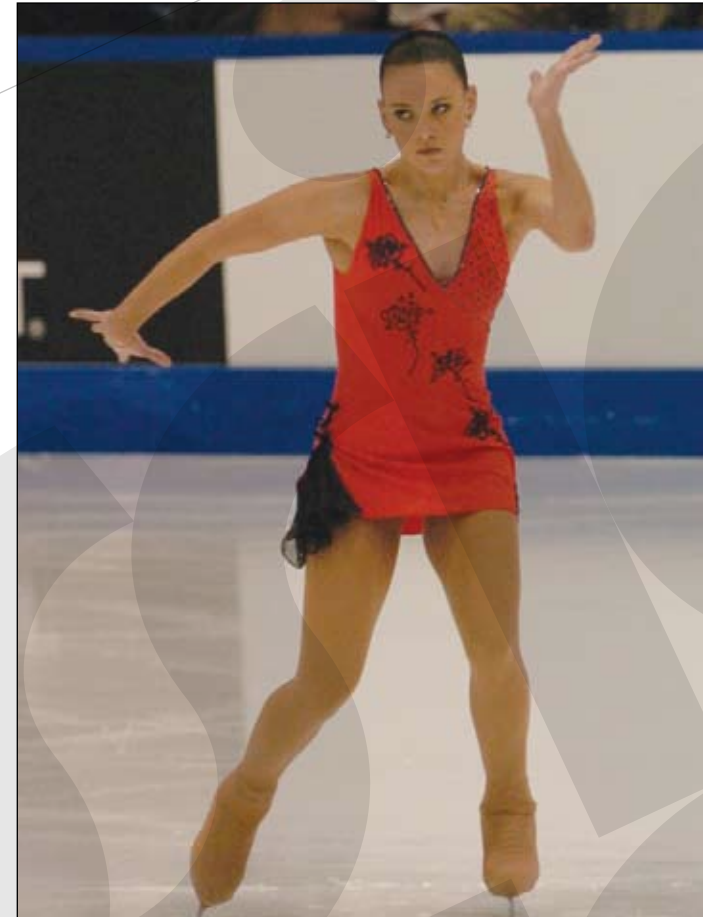
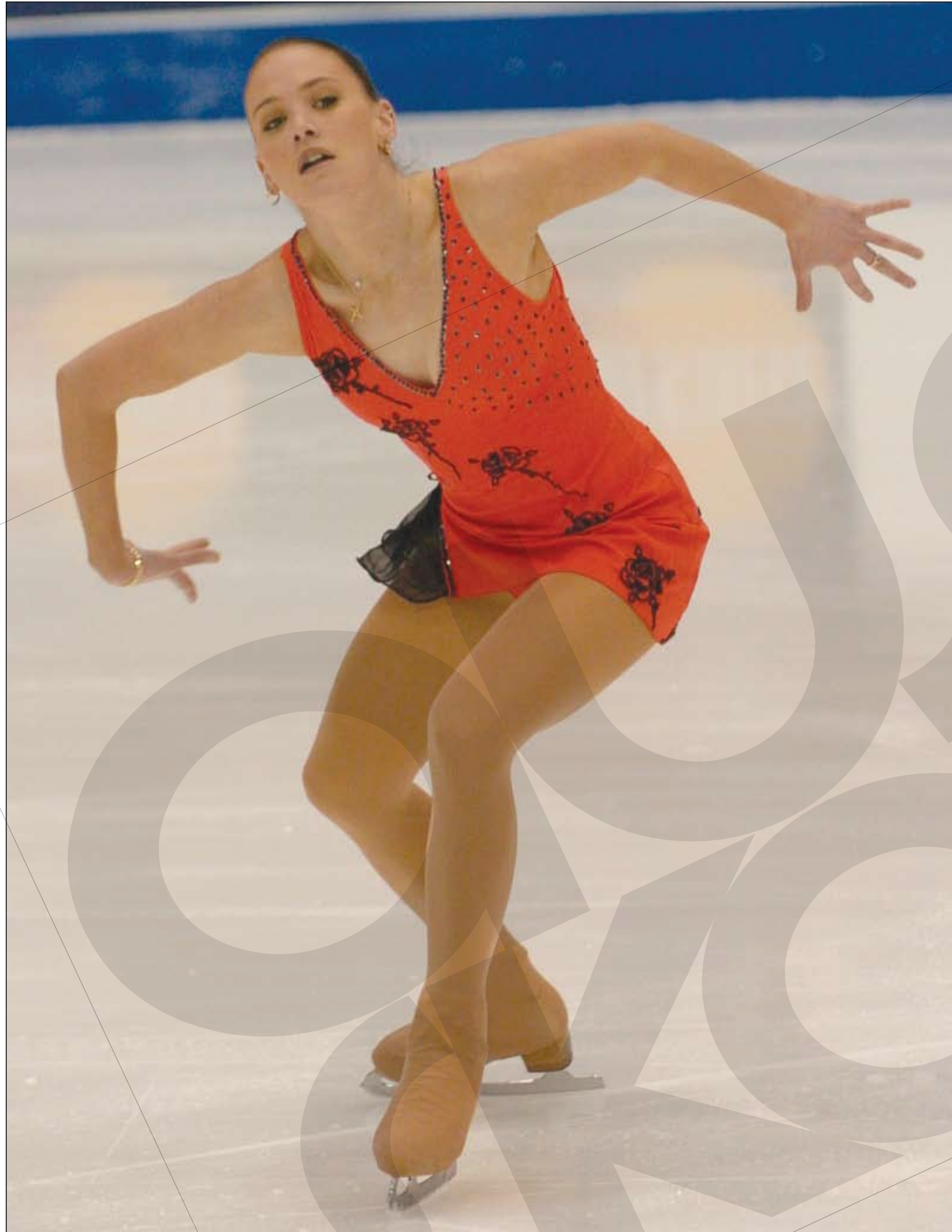
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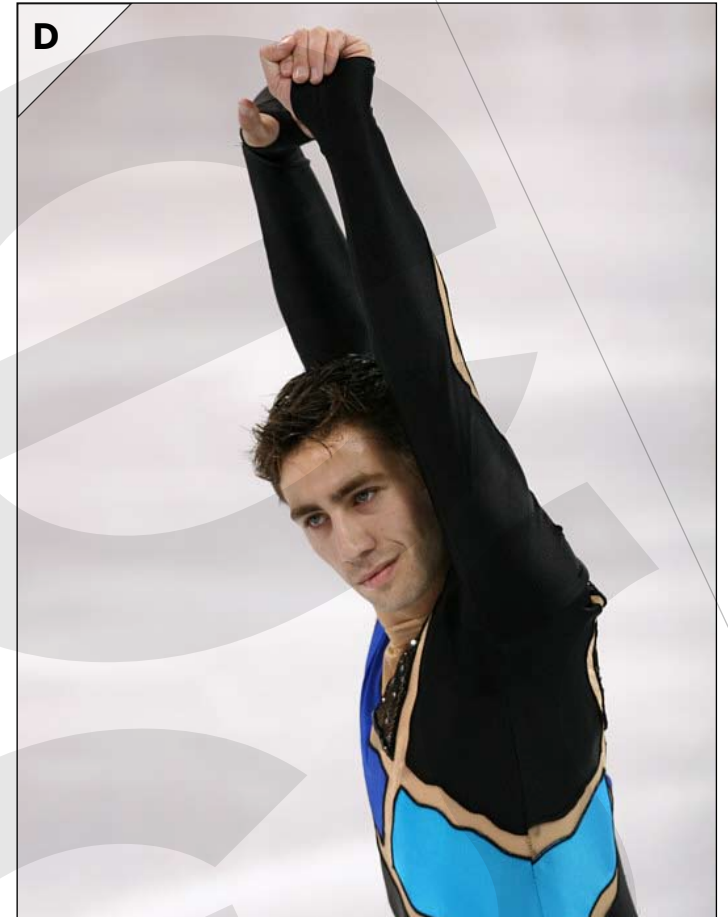
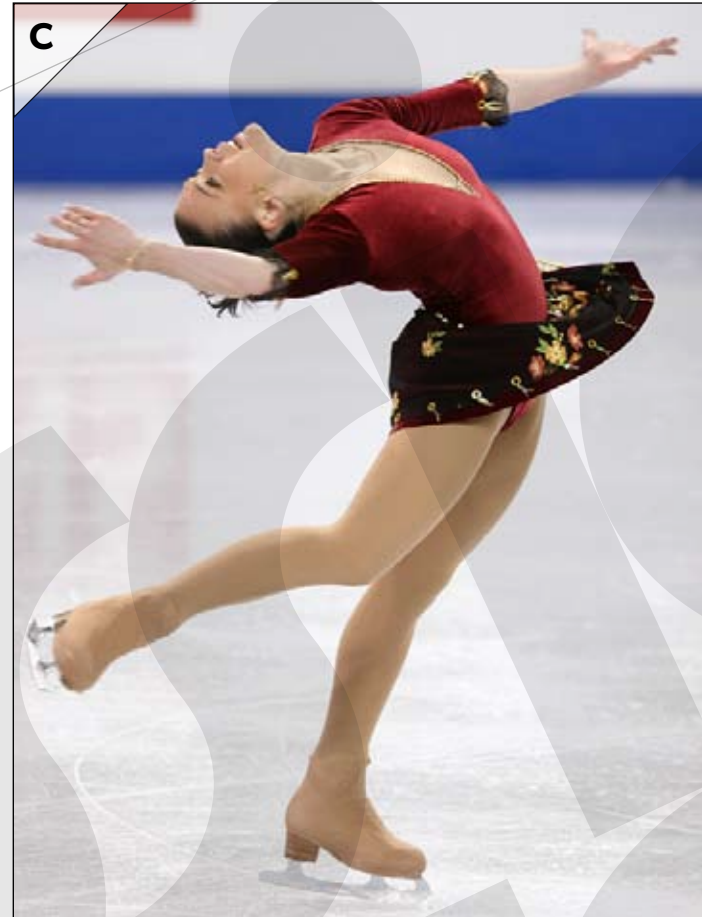
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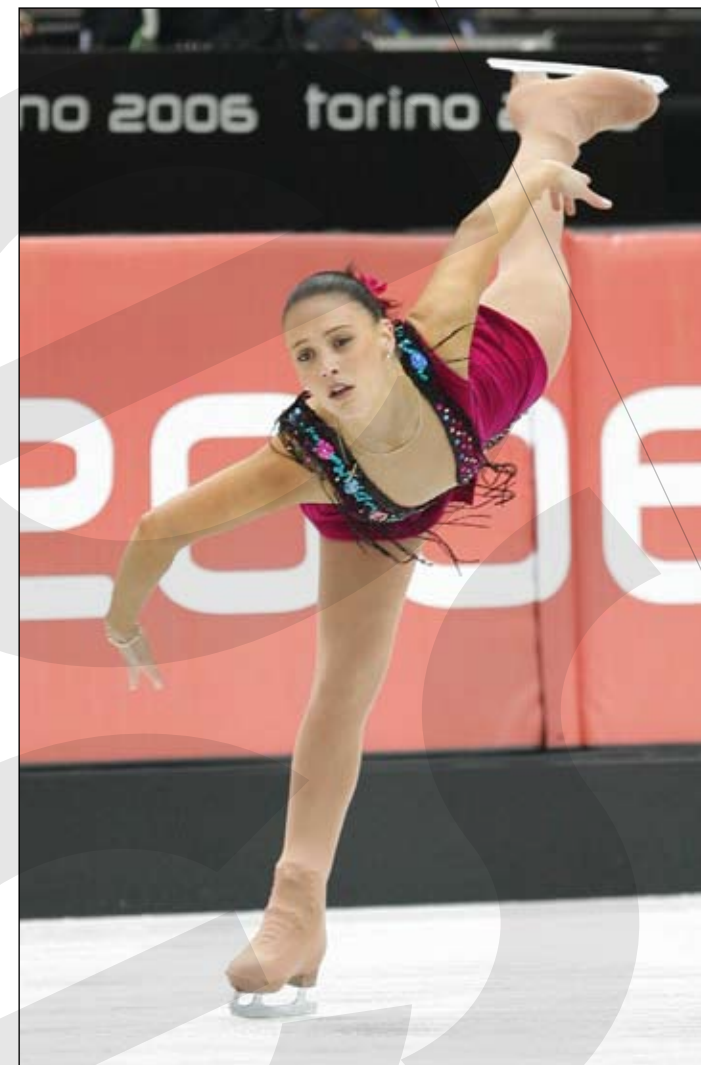
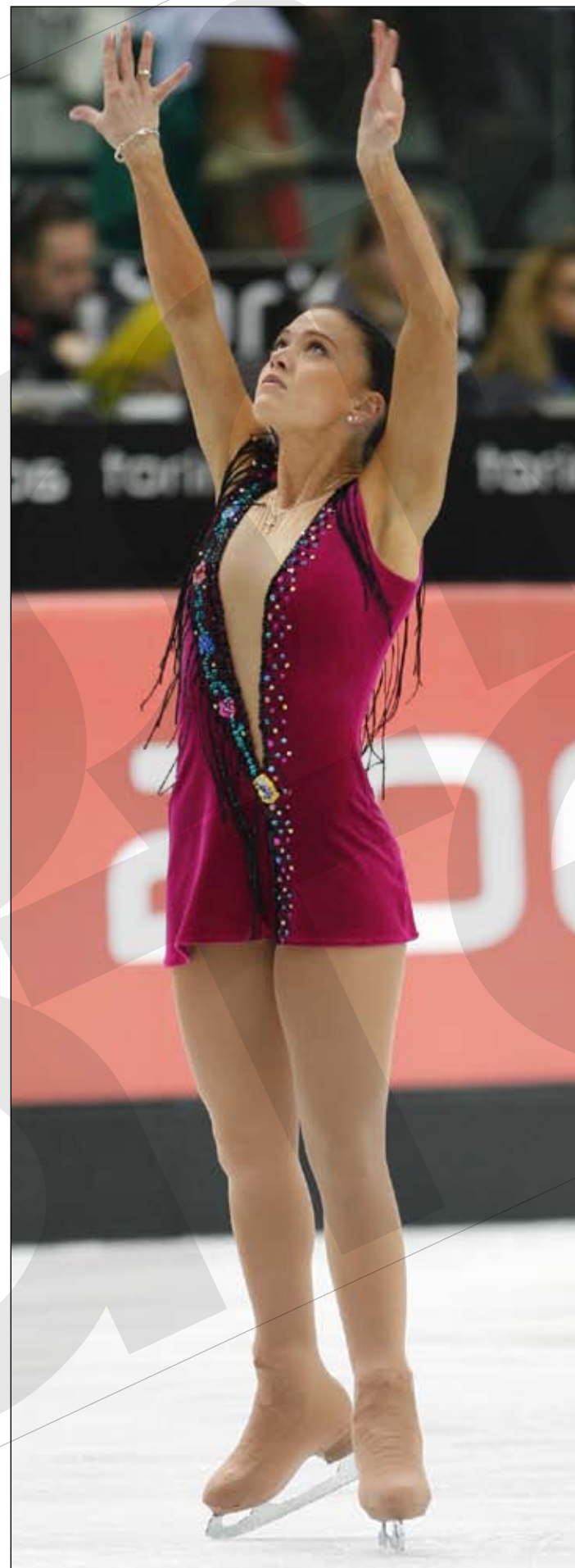
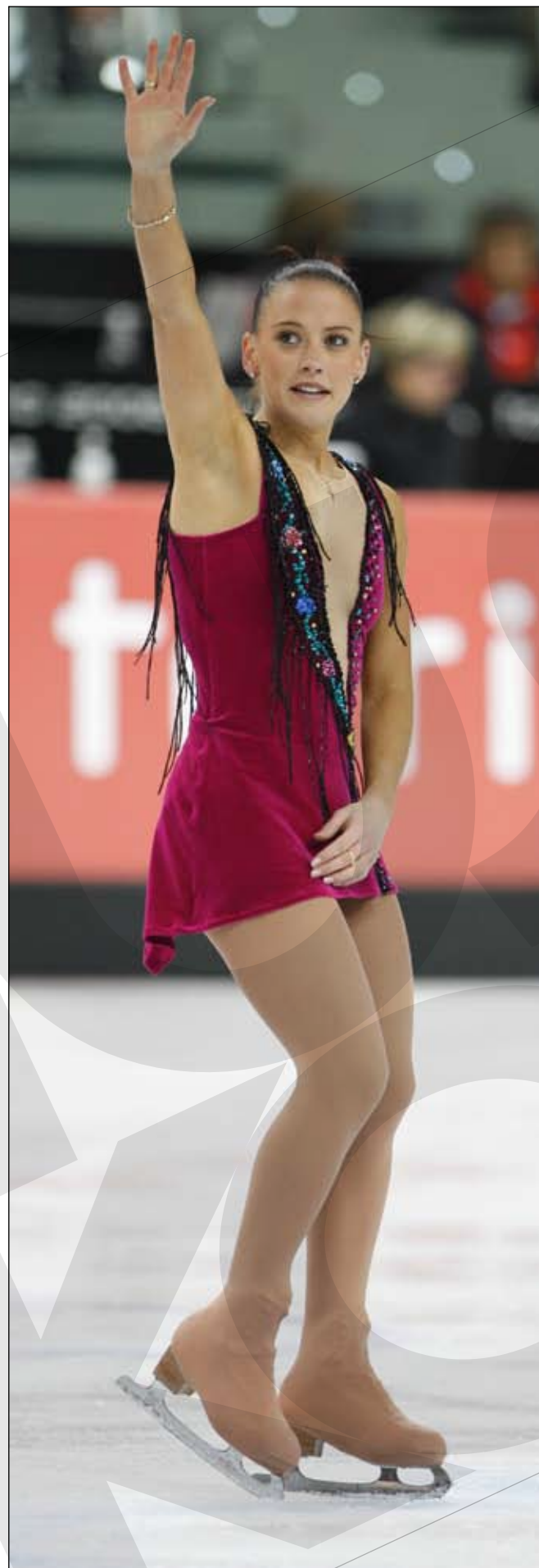
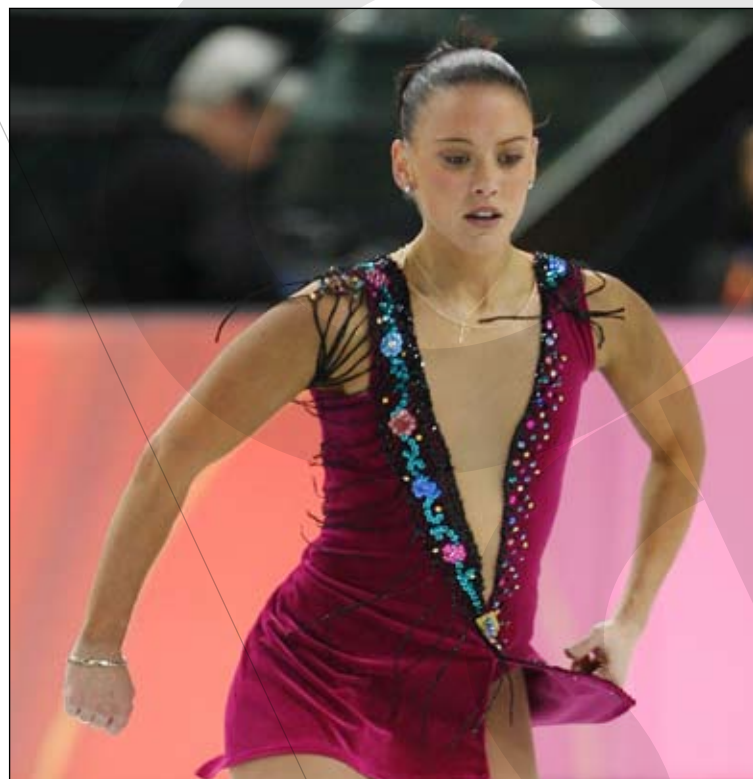
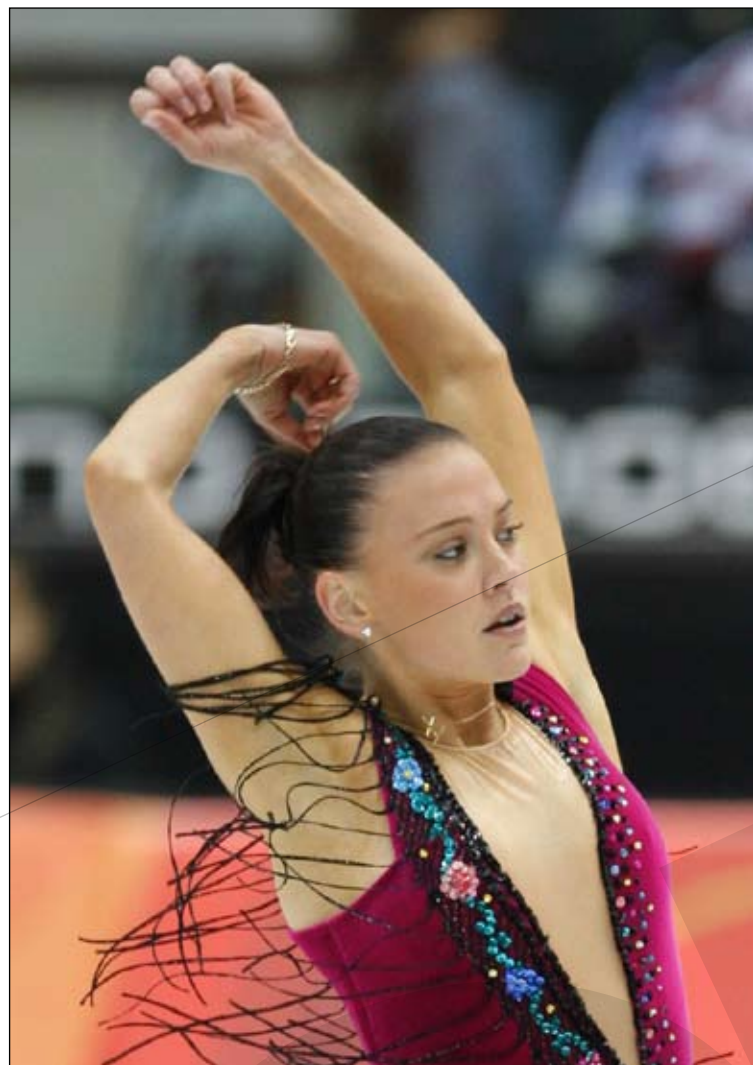
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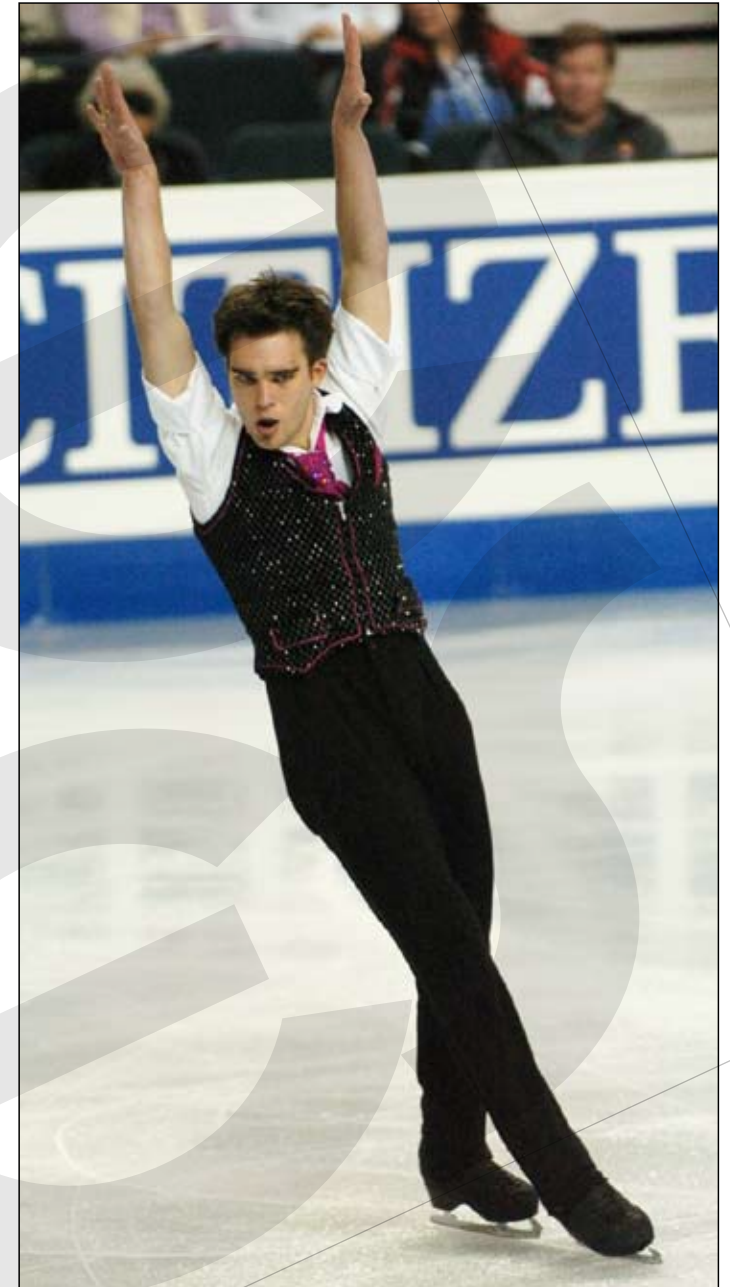
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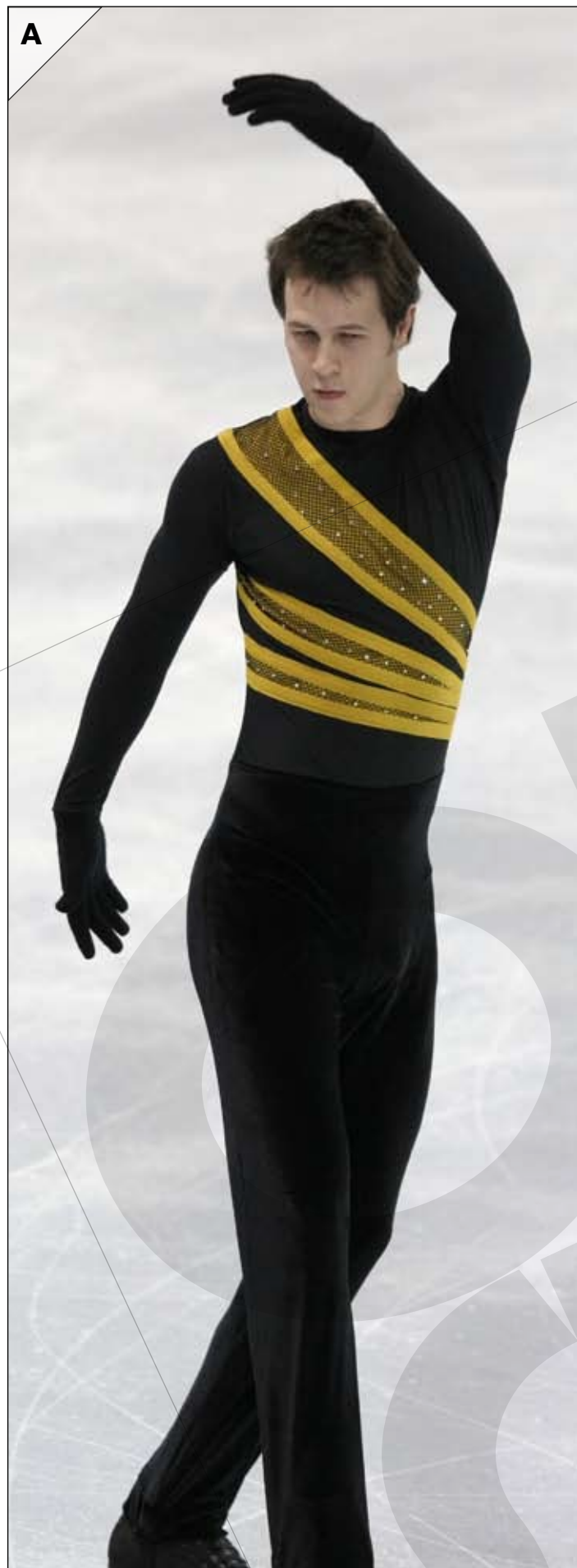
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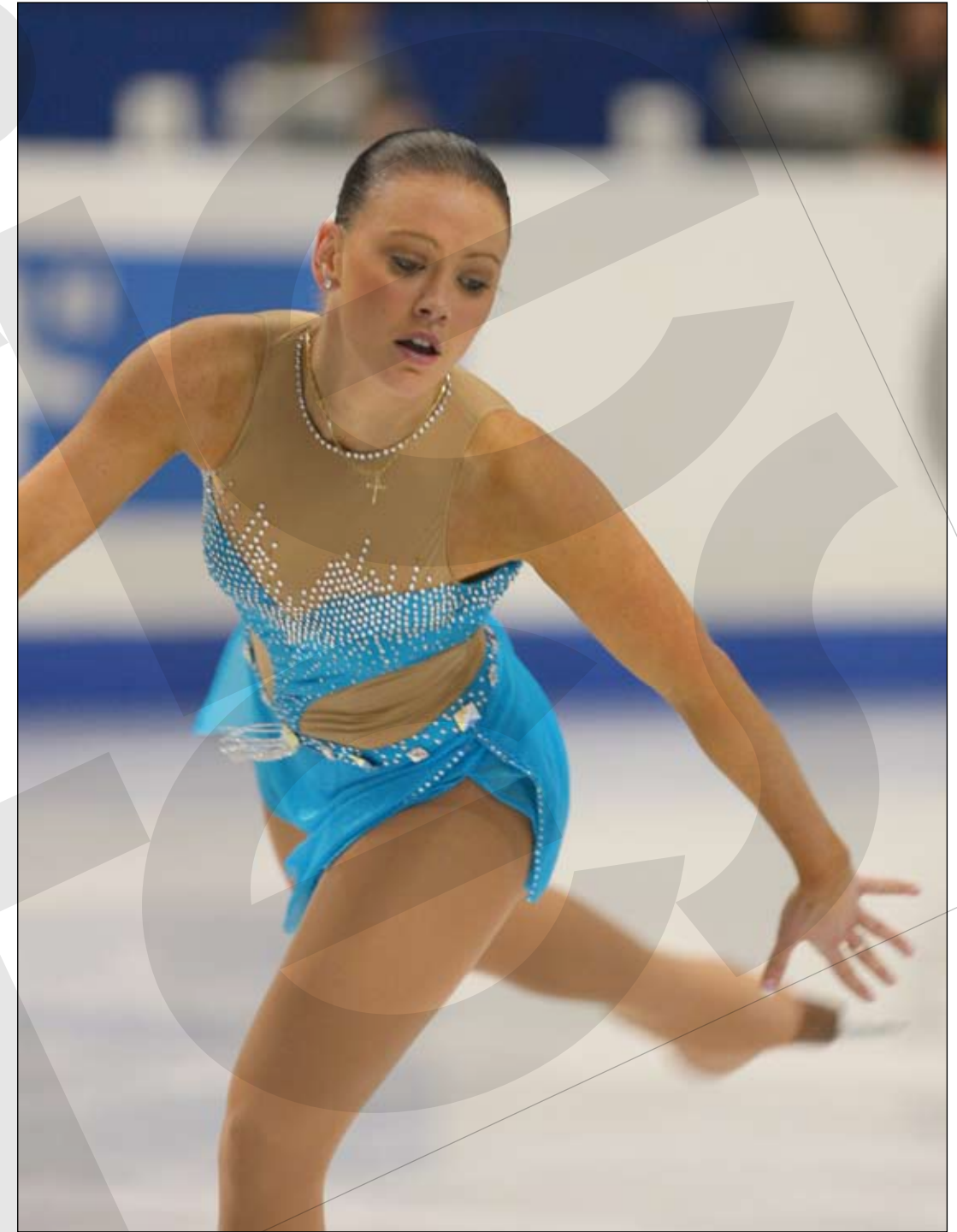
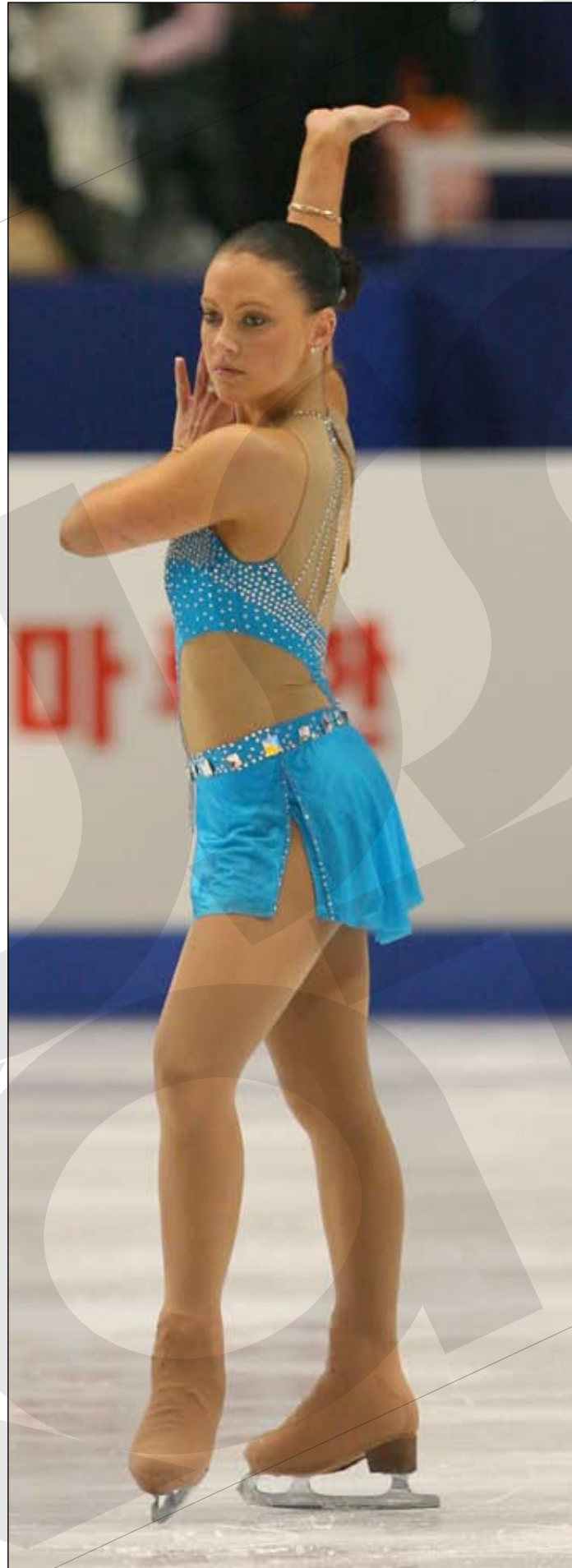
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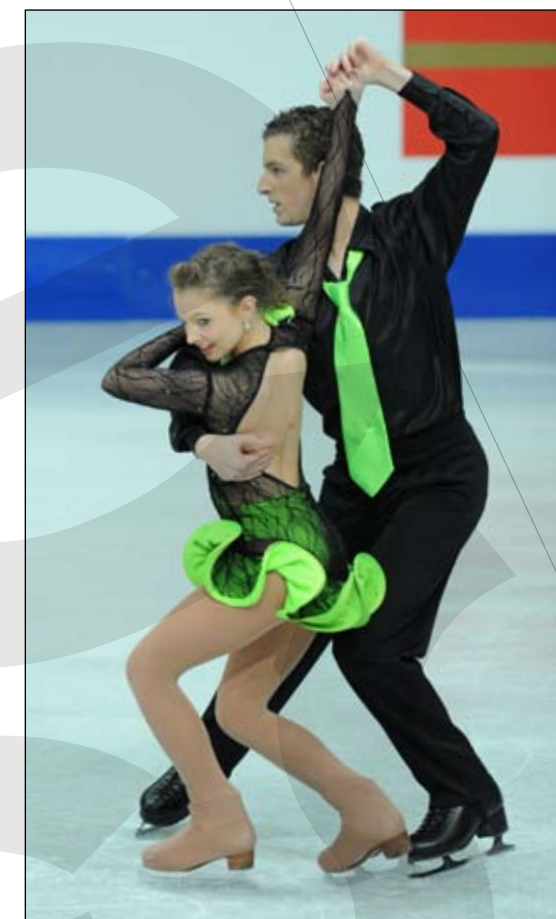
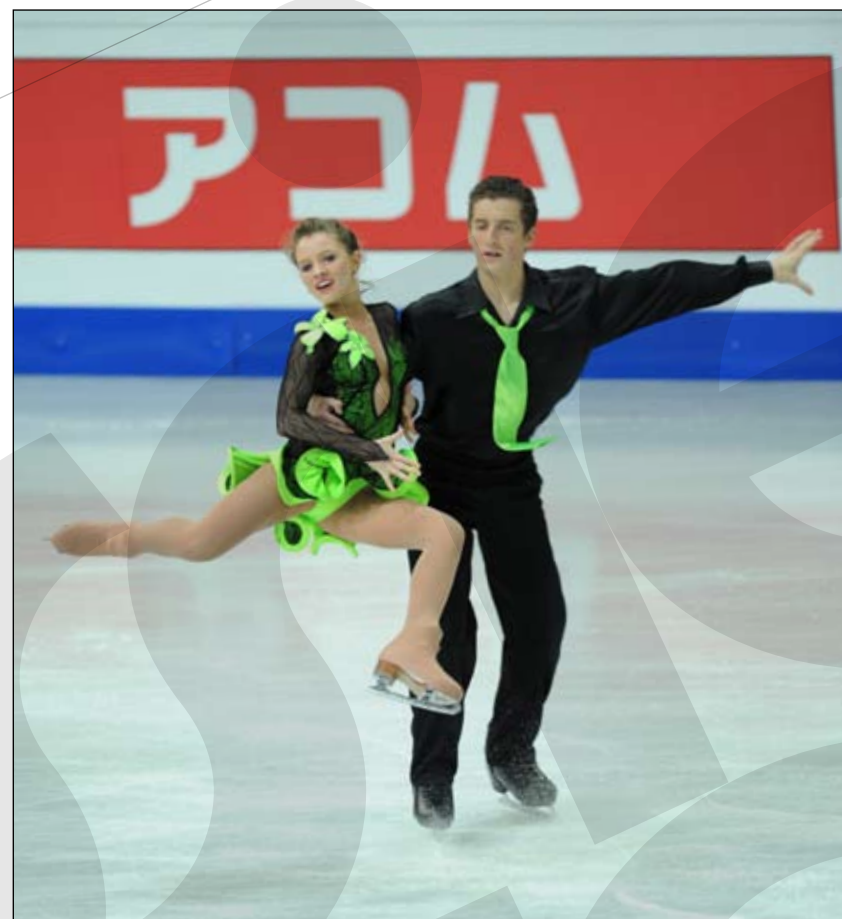
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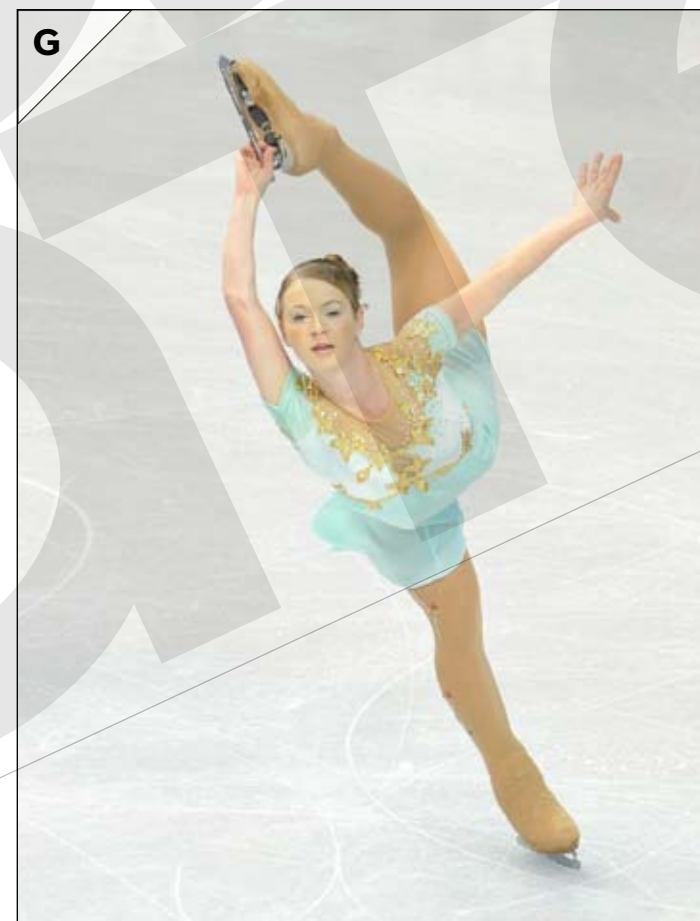
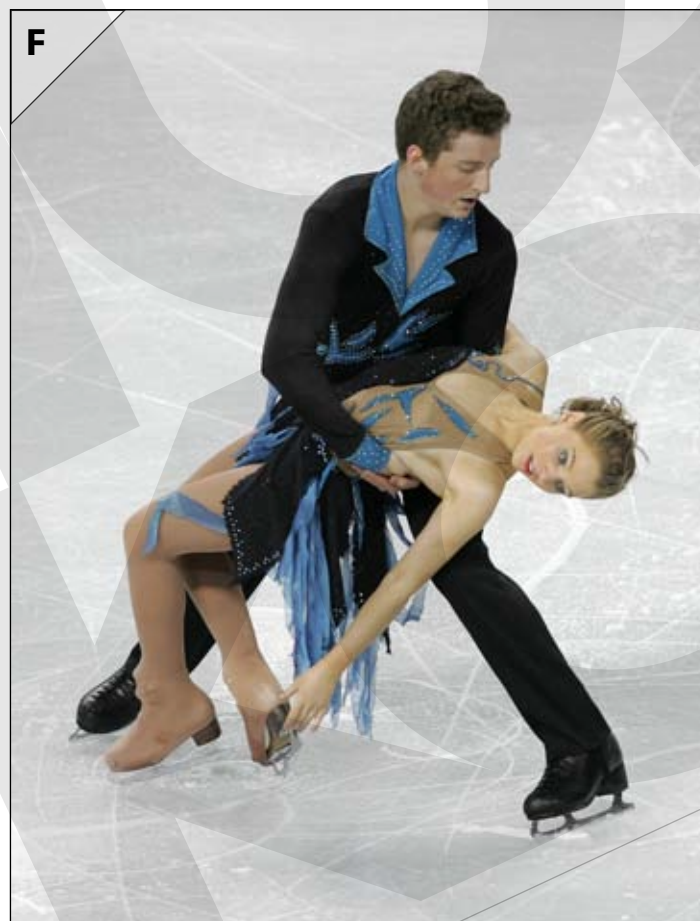
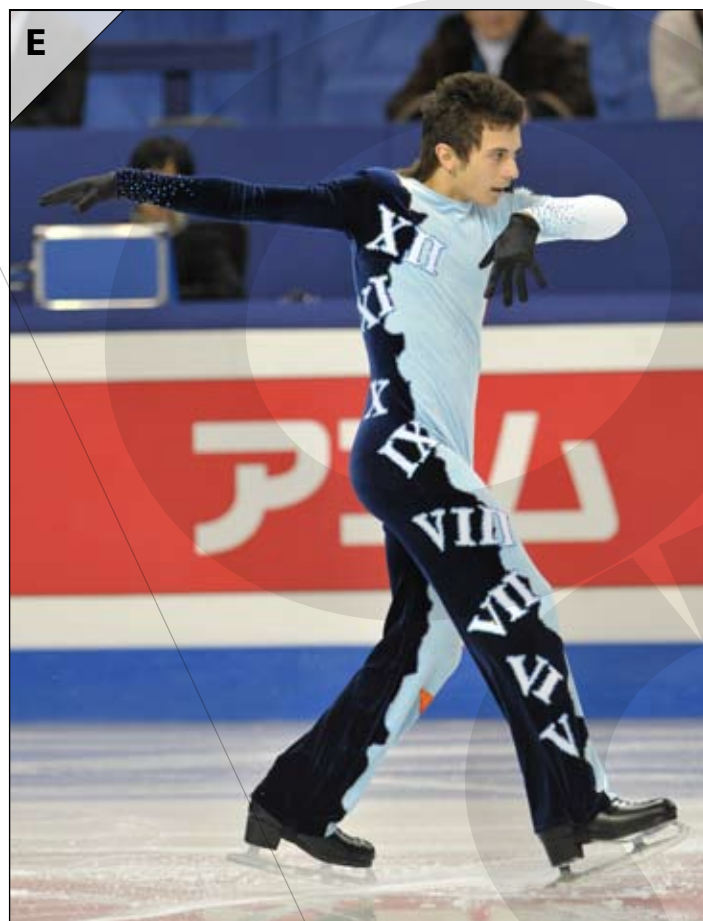
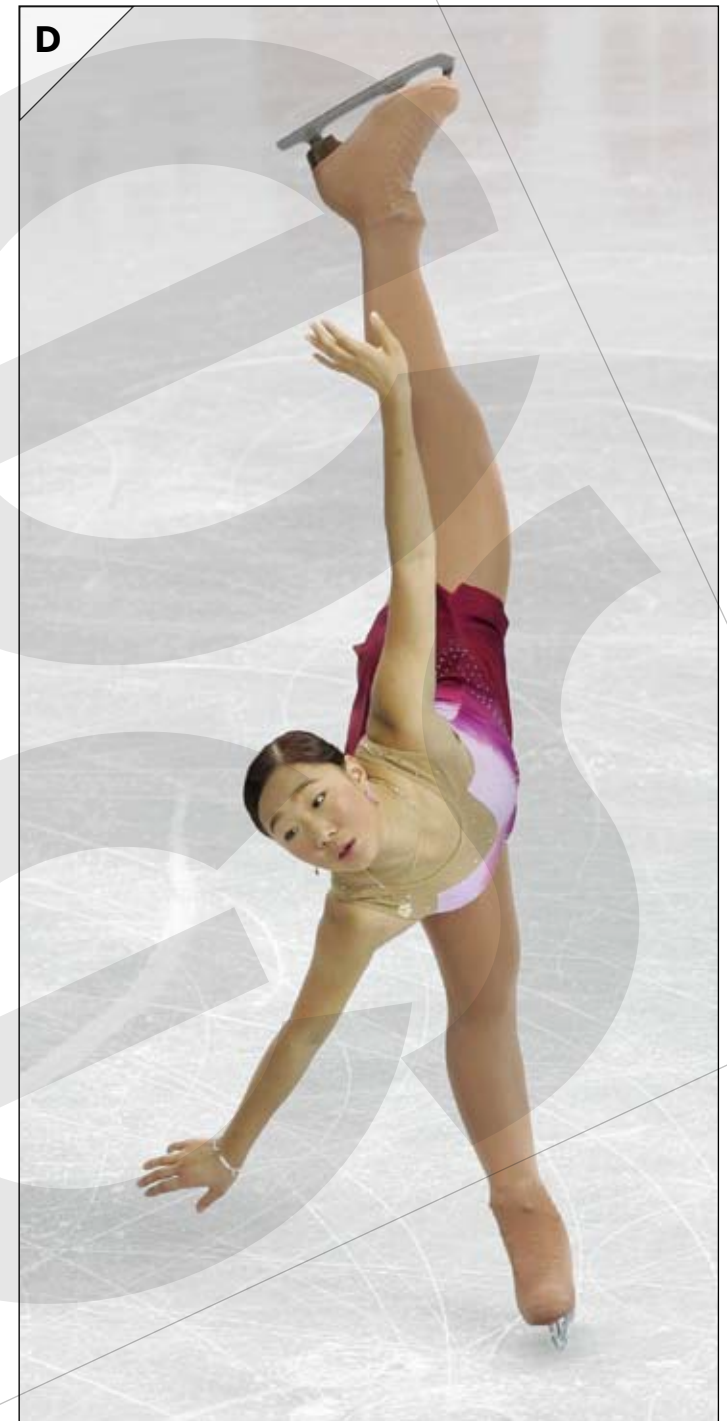
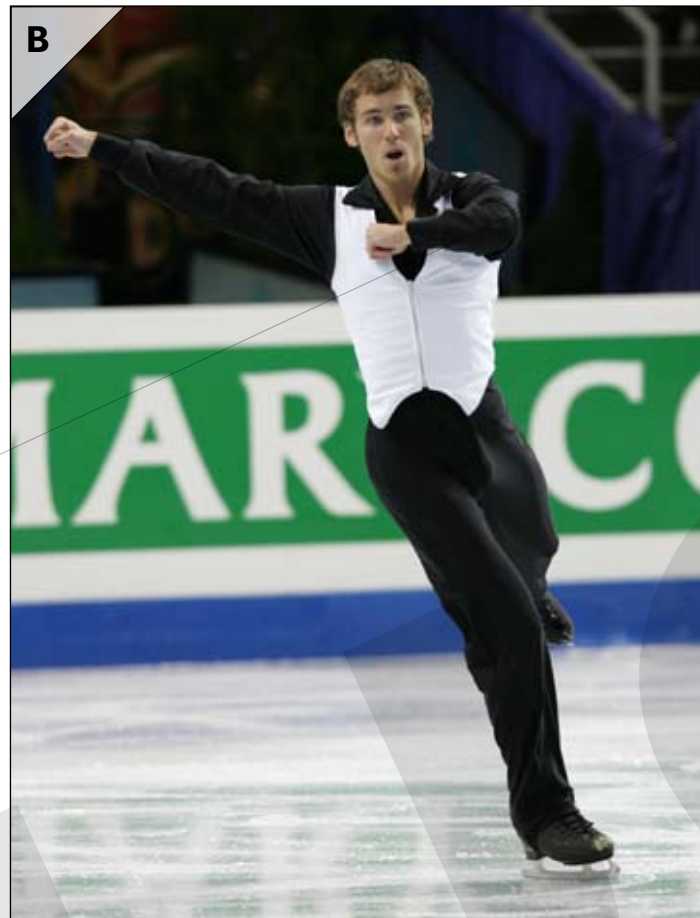




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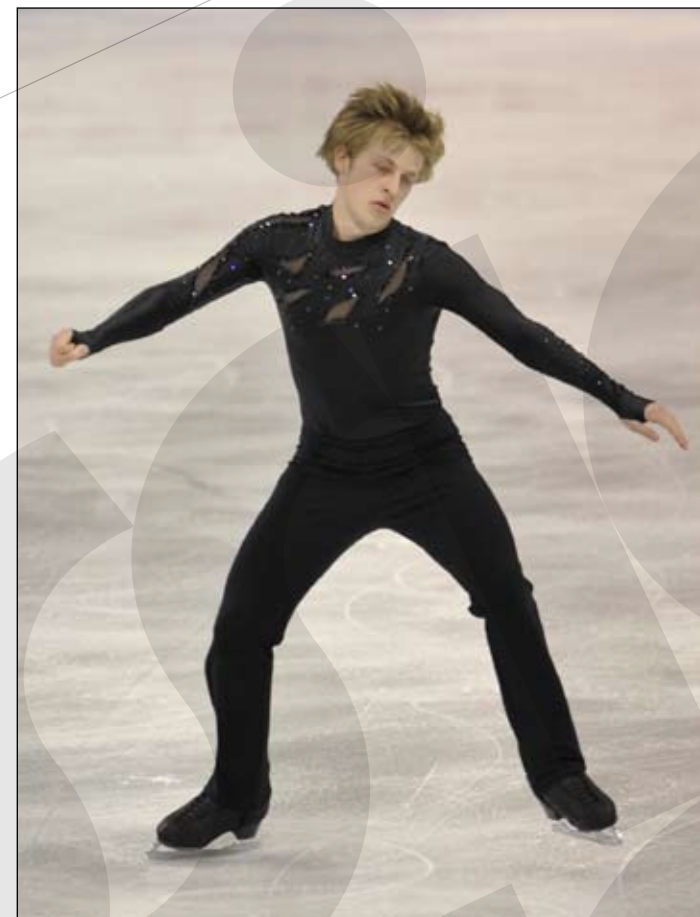
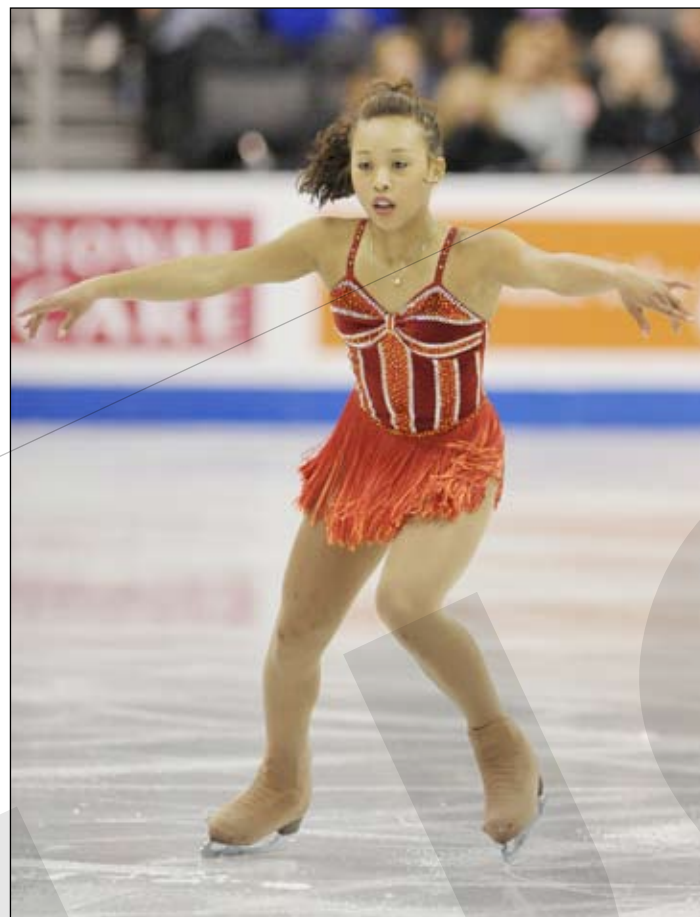


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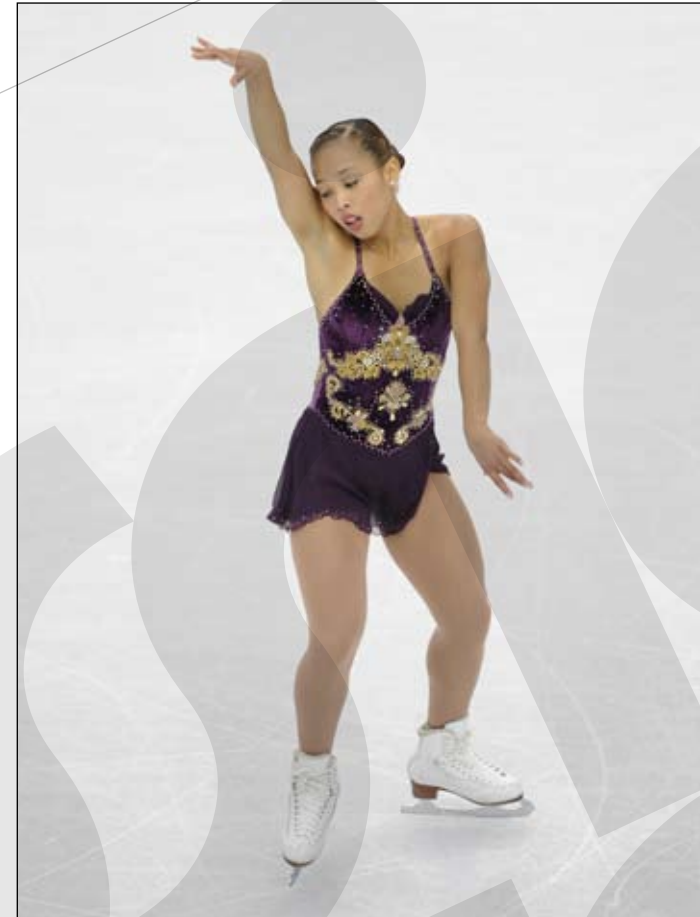
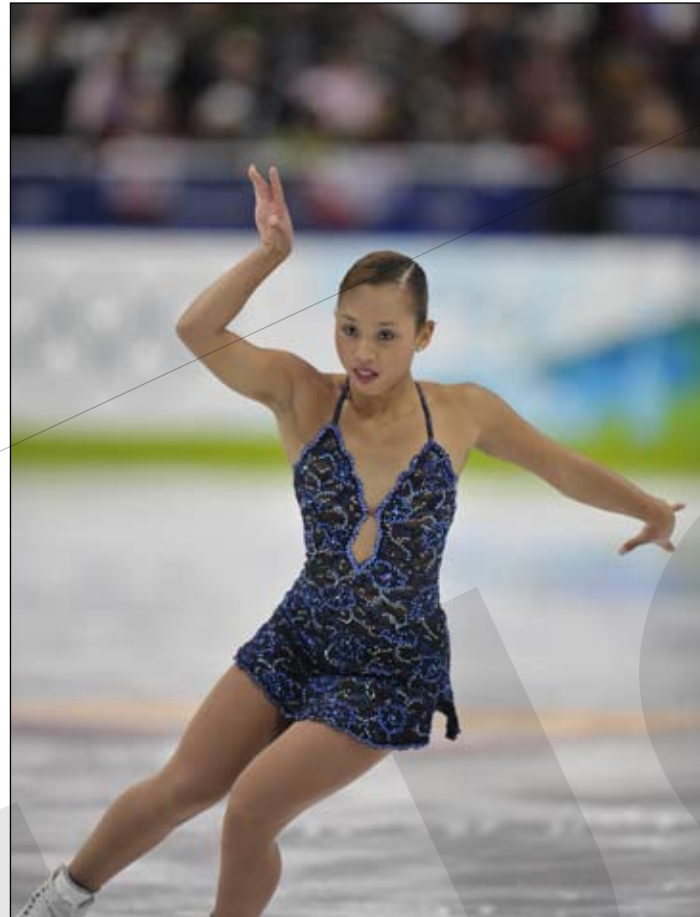
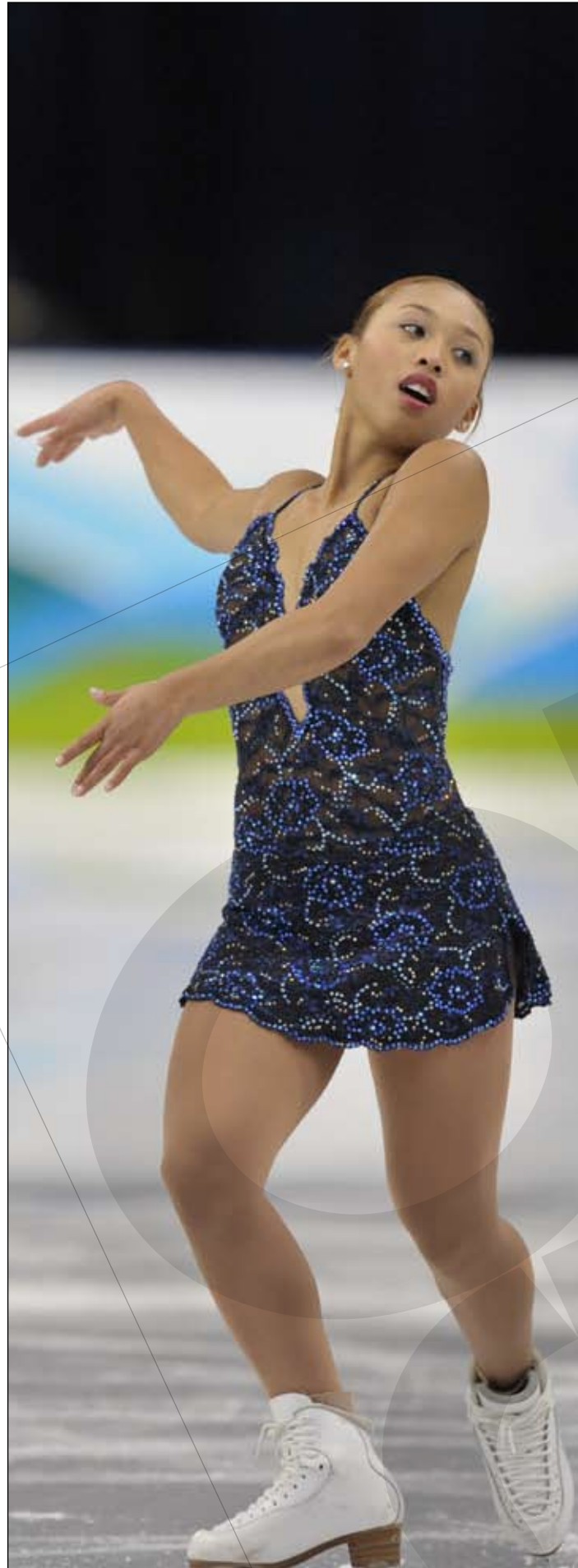




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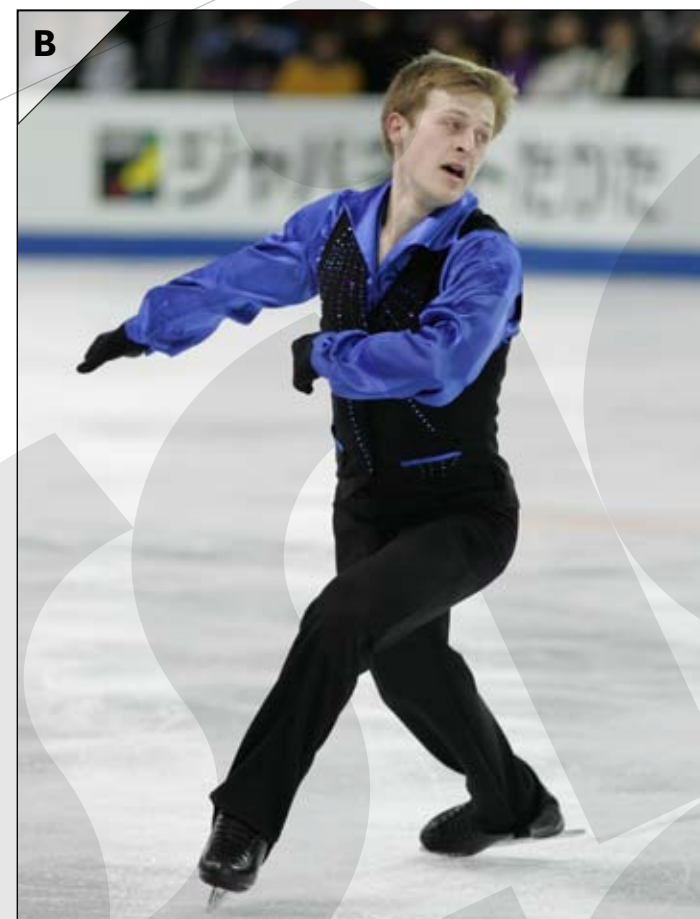
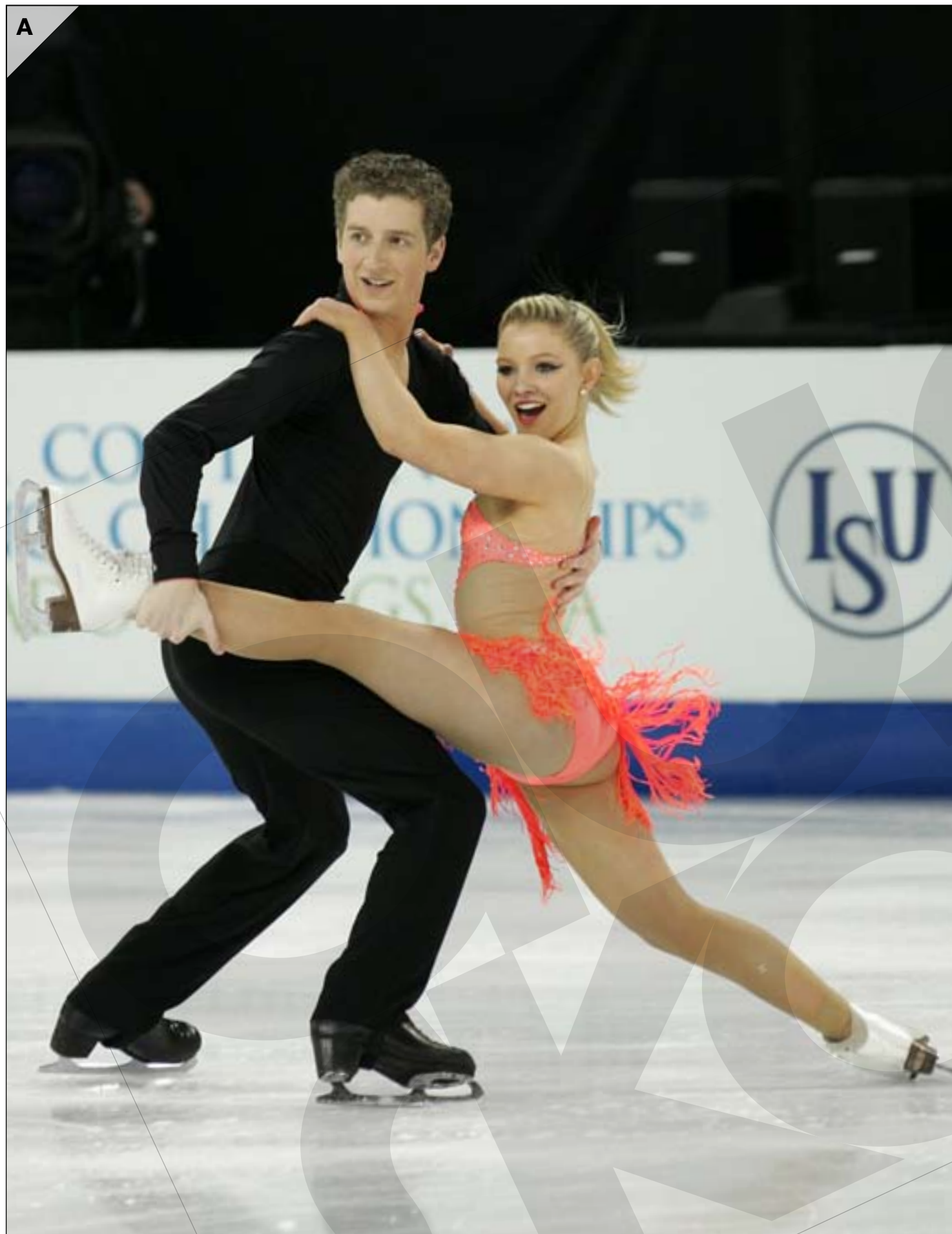






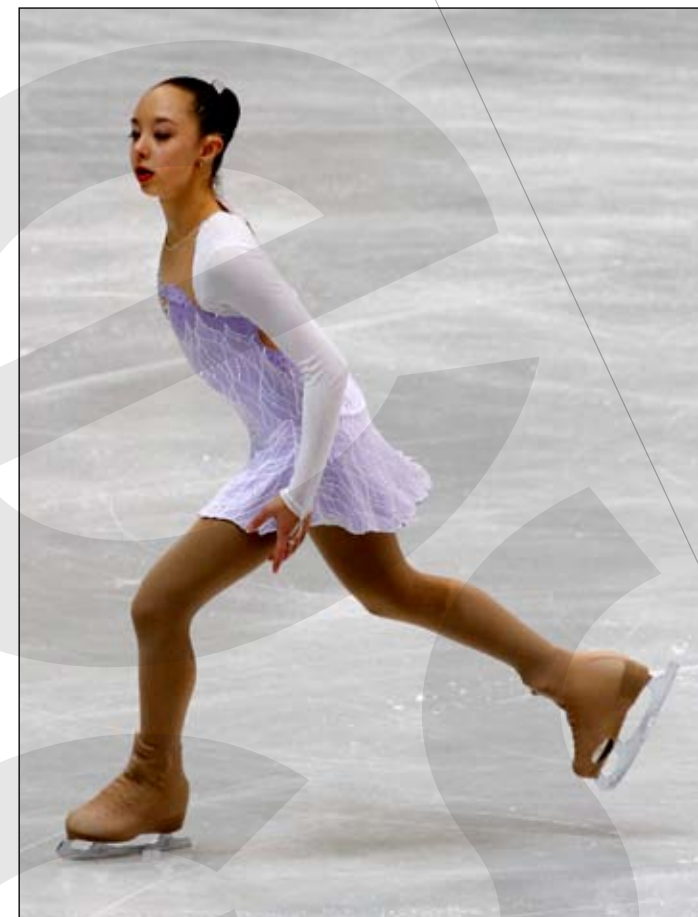
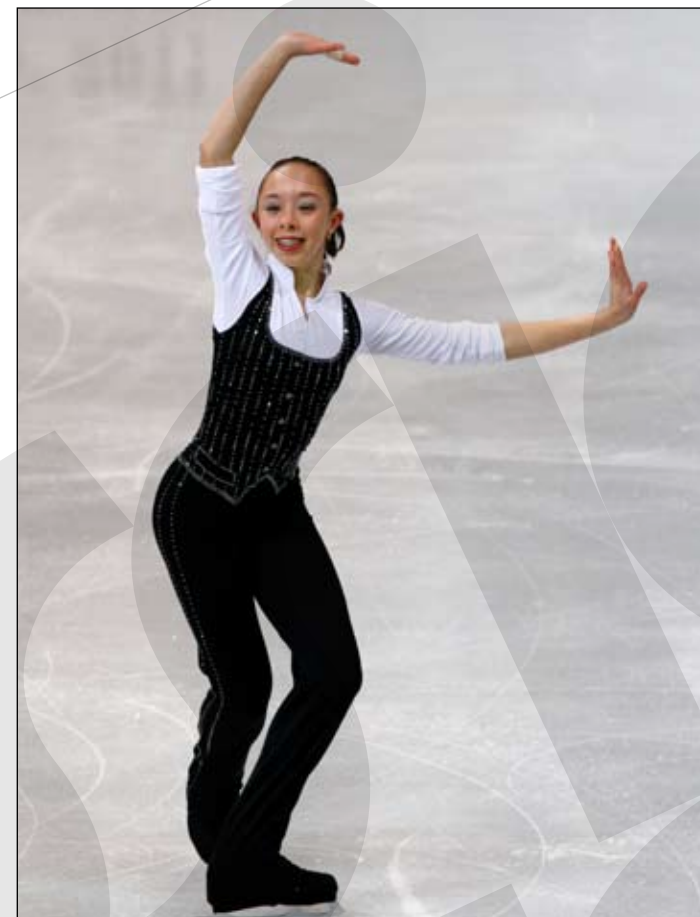
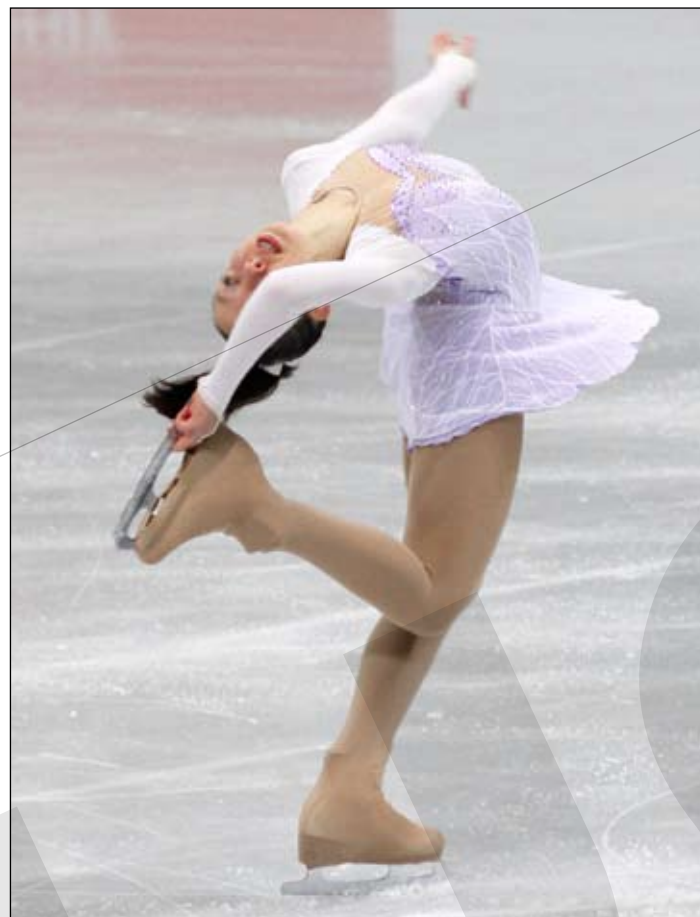
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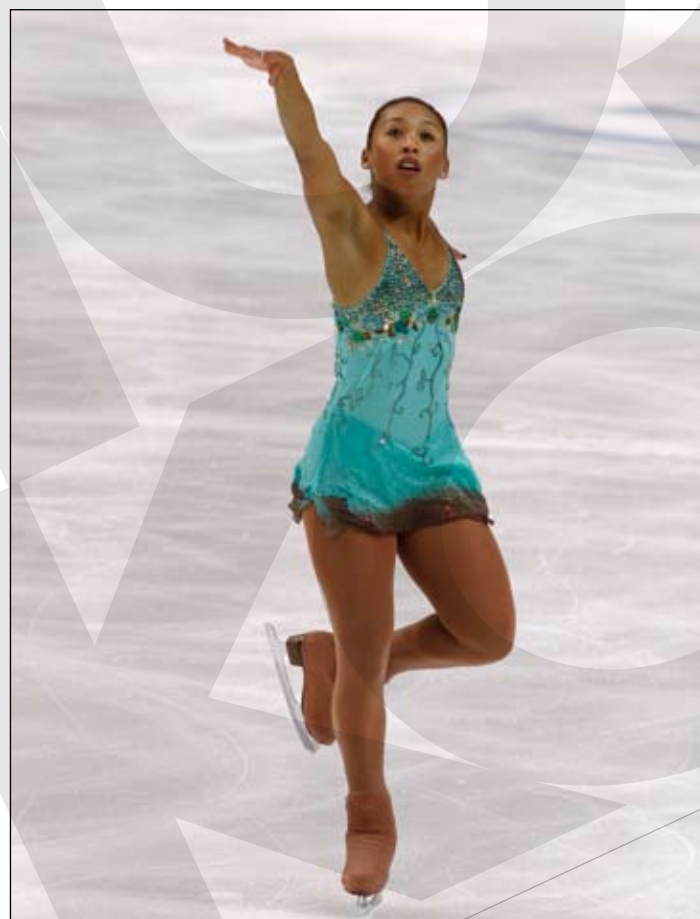
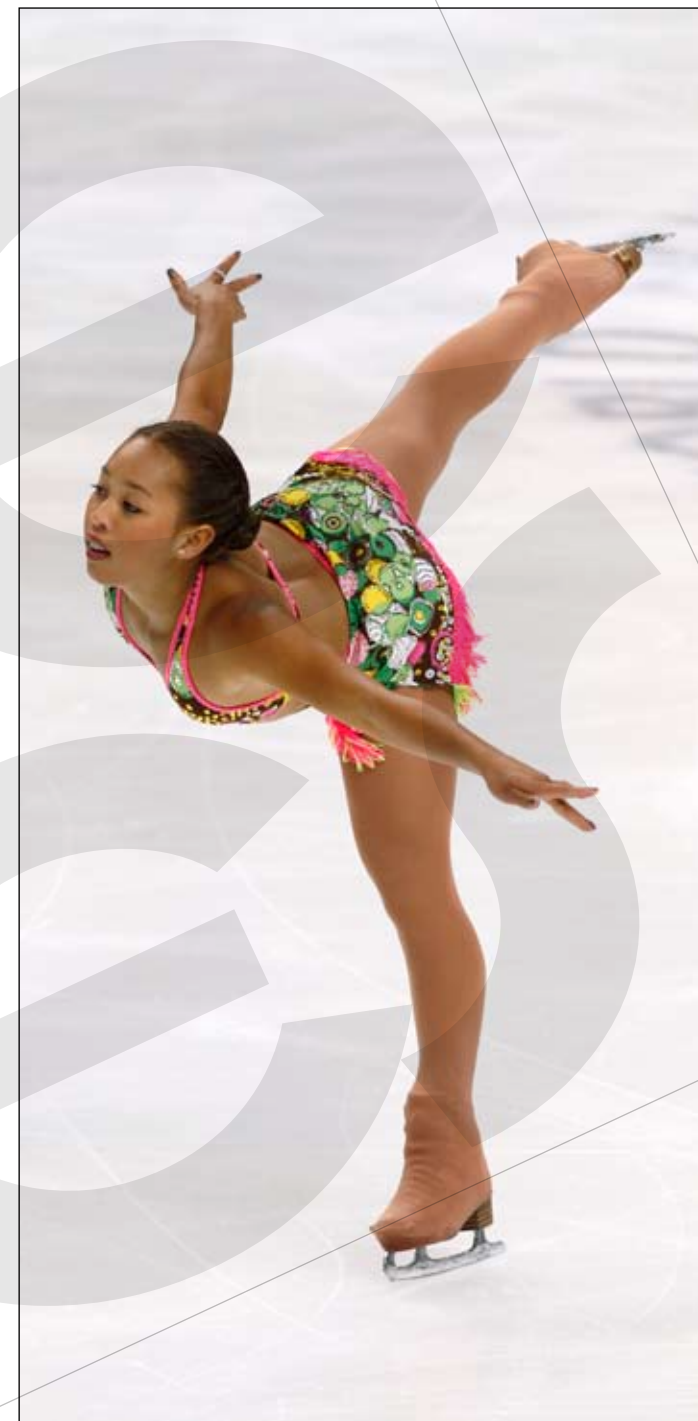
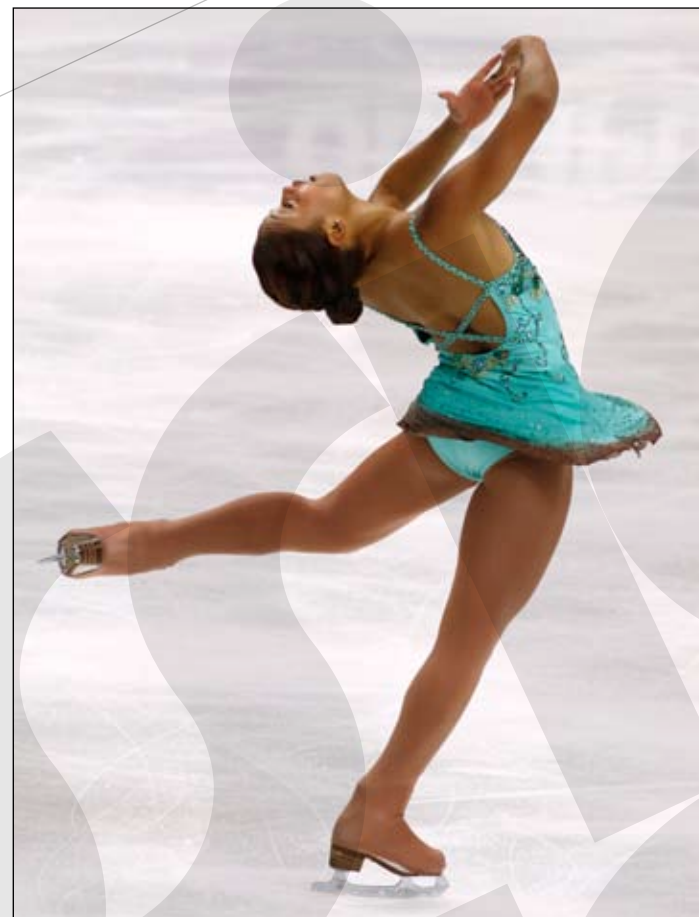
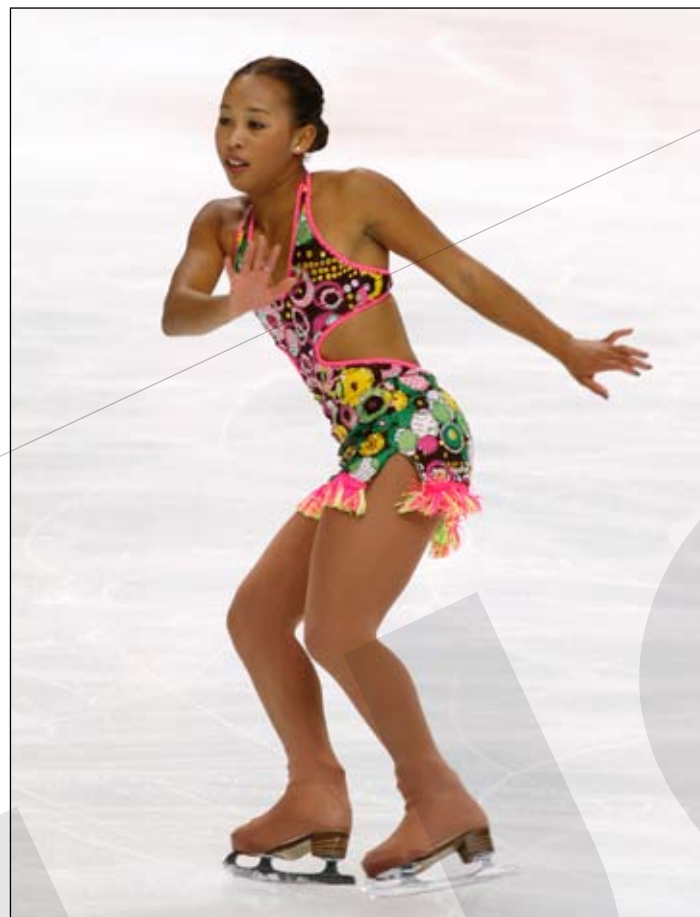
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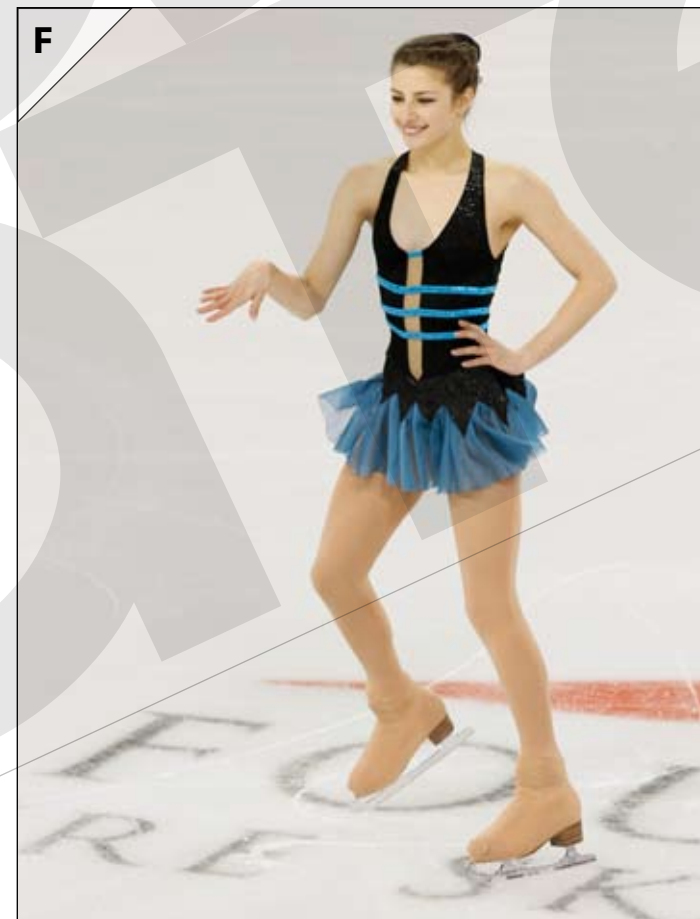
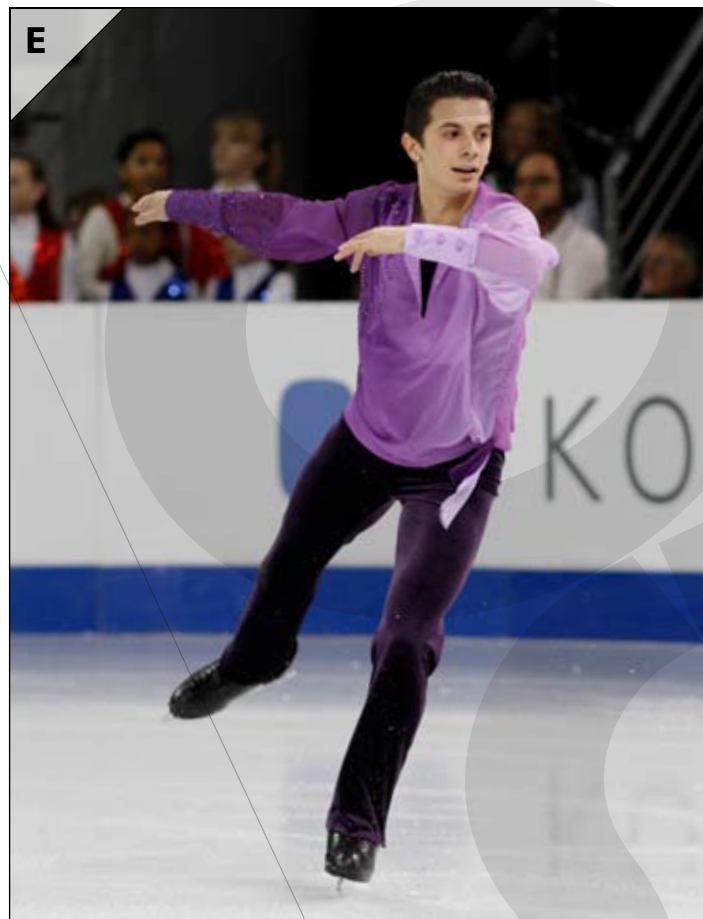
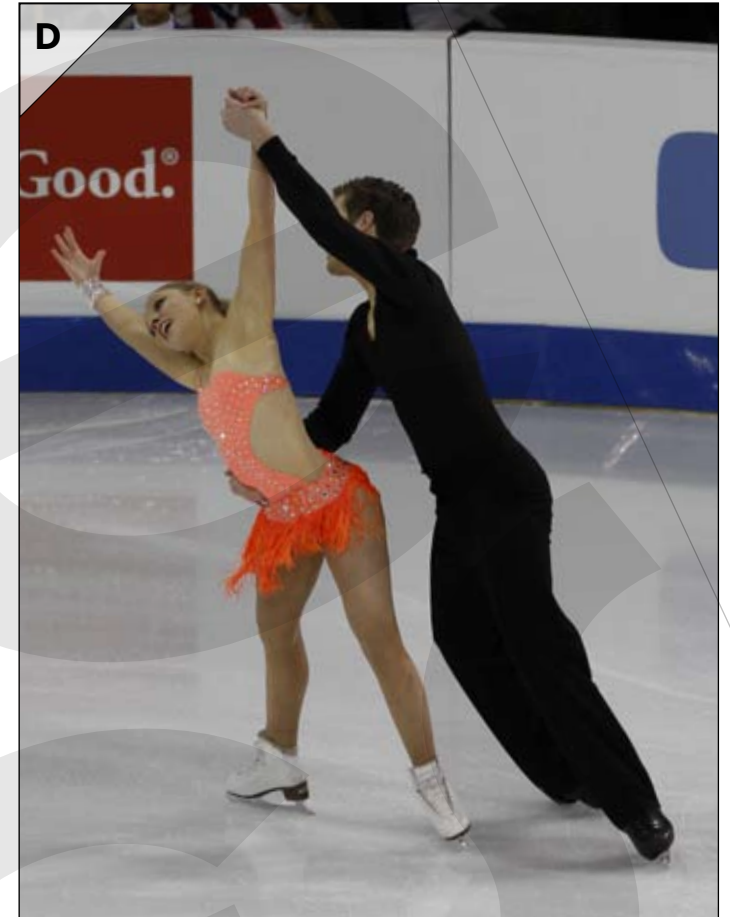
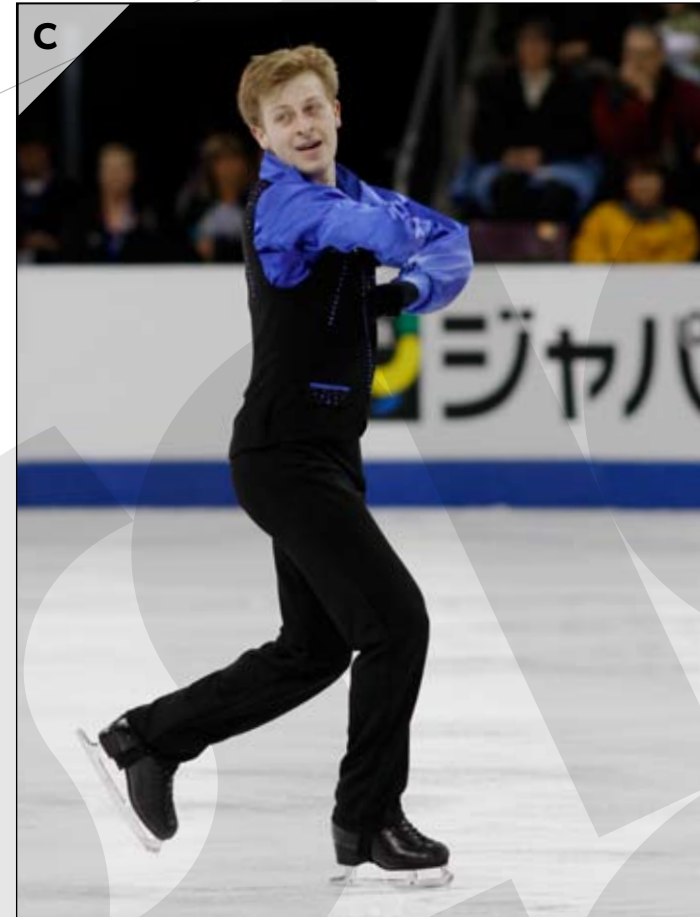
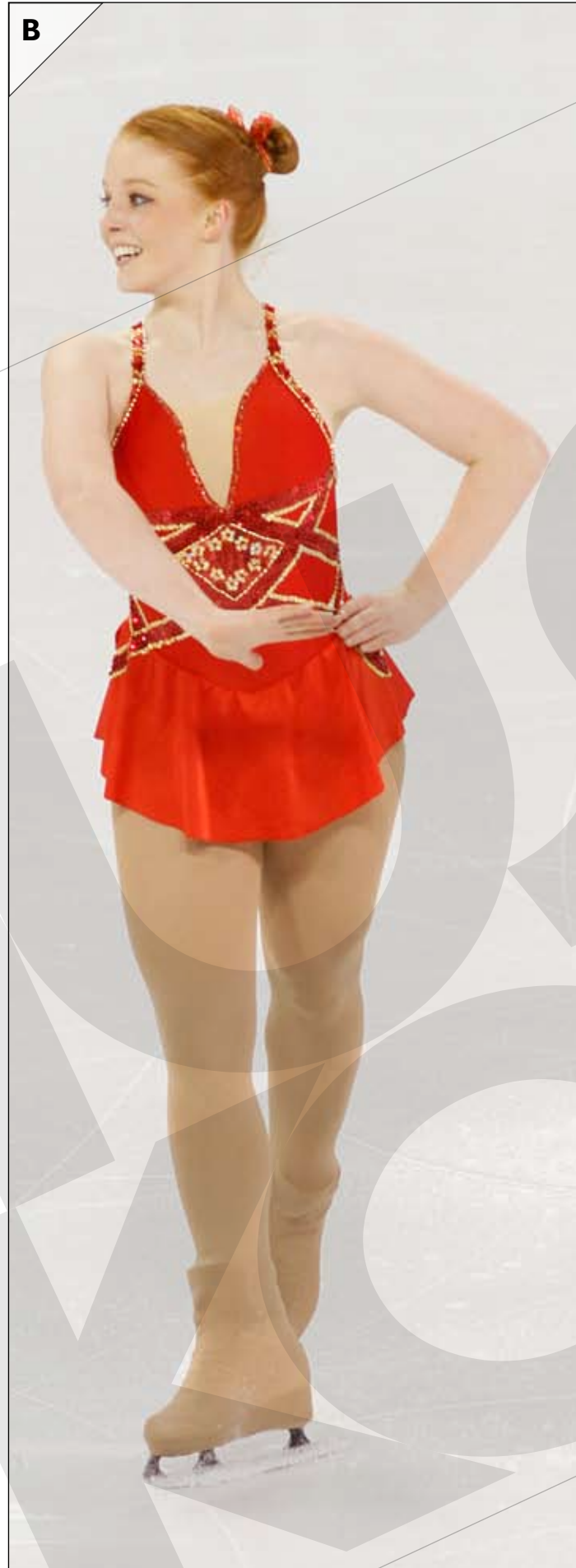
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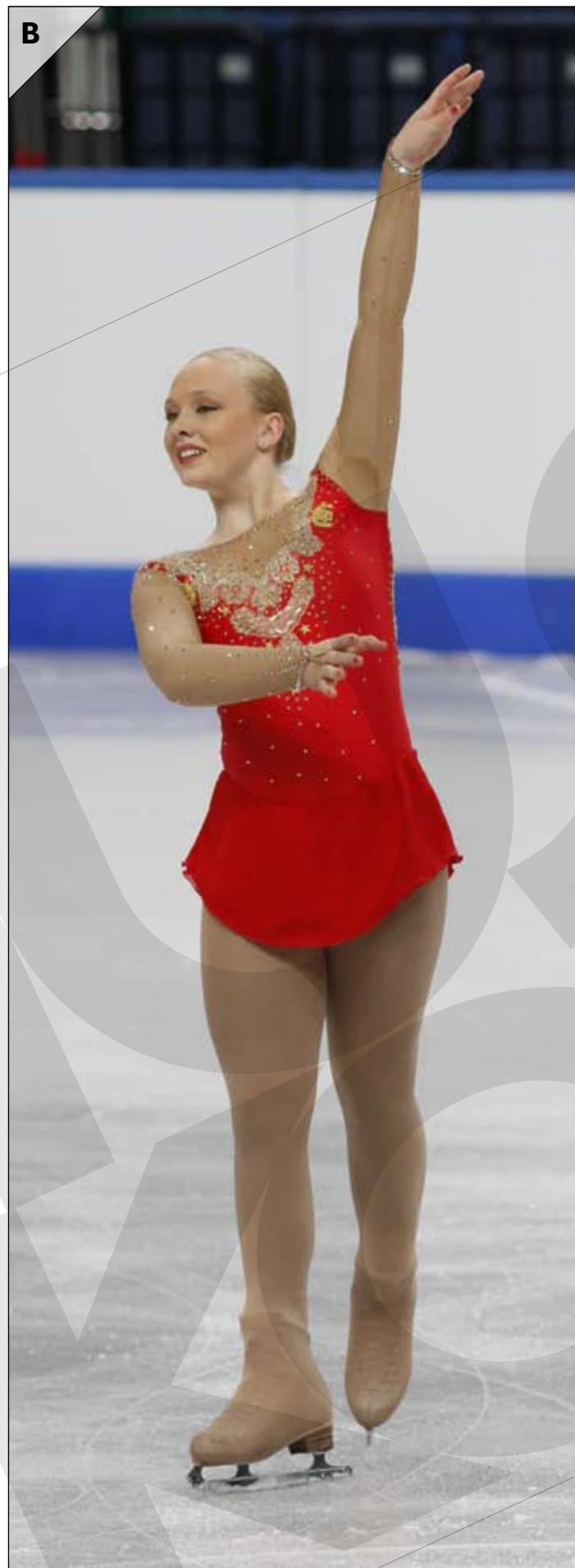
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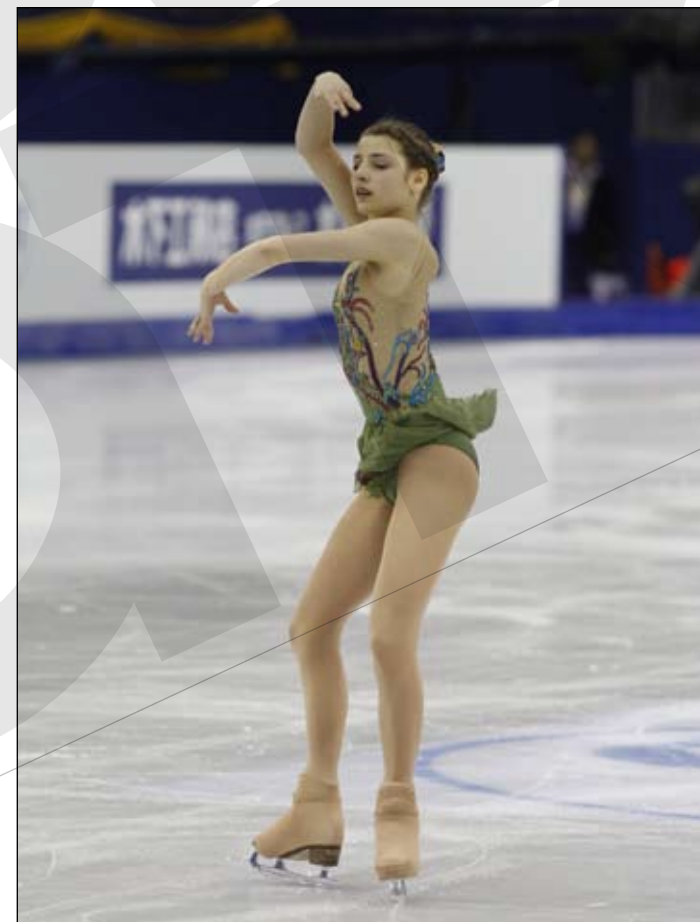
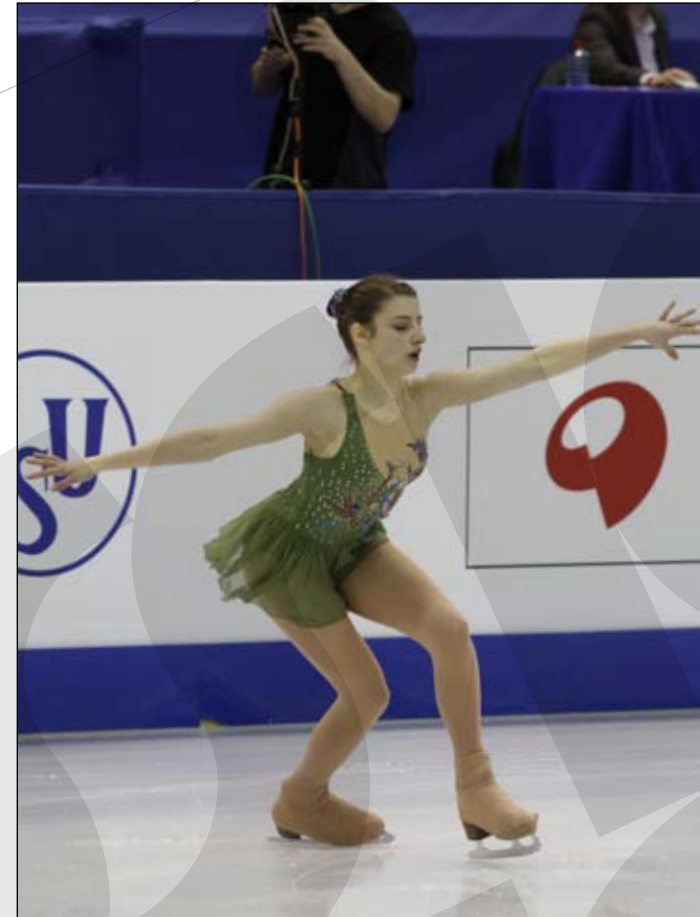
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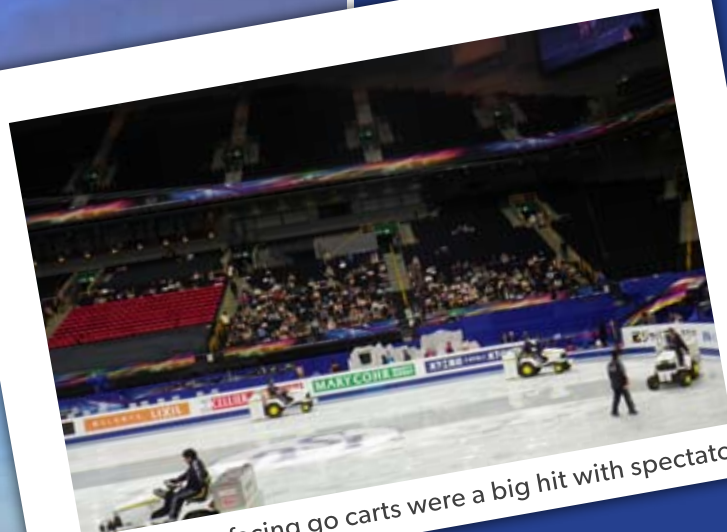




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looking back at the 2014 world figure skating championships from saitama



The ice - resurfacing go carts were a big hit with spectators

Japan has staged the World Figure Skating Championships five times, in 1977, 1985, 1994, 2002, and 2007.

Tokyo was scheduled to host in 2011, but due to the devastating Sendai tsunami mere days beforehand, the event was shifted to Moscow, Russia.

This year's competition in Saitama was particularly fascinating, in that several key players from the recent Olympic Winter Games in Sochi, Russia, didn't attend.

The situation opened the door for other skaters and teams to move up, as well as some new faces to make their debuts on the senior world scene.

In the absence of Patrick Chan (CAN) and Denis Ten (KAZ), the men's podium was wide open. Yuzuru Hanyu, the recent Olympic champion from Japan, took his first world title. However, it wasn't an easy victory. Making a costly error in the short program, he was also challenged by both a teammate, Tatsuki Machida, and Spain's Javier Fernandez, (his training partner in Toronto, Canada).

Russia's new rising men's star, Maxim Kovtun, skated well and finished one place shy of the podium in fourth.

Jeremy Abbott from the United States, redeeming himself after a disastrous Olympic Games bid, skated a career best free program. He ended the event in fifth position.

The pairs' championship was a close battle between Aliona Savchenko & Robin Szolkowy of Germany, Russia's Ksenia Stolbova & Fedor Klimov, and Meagan Duhamel & Eric Radford of Canada. All three teams were neck and neck after the short program, with less than three points separating them. In what was to be their last competition together, Savchenko & Szolkowy won their fifth & final world title with a superb free skating performance. With Korea's Yuna Kim now retired and Russia's Adelina Sotnikova skipping the event, Italy's Carolina Kostner seemed set to reclaim the World title she won in 2012.



Getting the flower girls' photo after the closing gala.



Though Kostner skated a personal best short program, she popped several jumps in the free skate, barely earning a bronze medal. Silver went to Russia's teenage phenom, Julia Lipnitskaia.

Thanks to the brilliant Mao Asada, Japan earned its second individual title in Saitama. Asada smashed the short program world record held by Korea's Kim, landing one of her trademark triple axel jumps in the process.

The twenty - three year old also skated an excellent free program, taking a third World crown. Australia's Brooklee Han skated a personal best short program, and combined with her free skate result, ended the event in 19th.

The biggest cliffhanger result belonged to dance, with .06 points separating first, second and third. Italy's Anna Cappellini & Luca Lanotte won their first world medal and the title (but finished only fourth in the free dance). Silver went to the Canadian team of Kaitlyn Weaver & Andrew Poje, and bronze went to Nathalie Péchalat & Fabian Bourzat of France. The pre - event favourites, Elena Ilinykh & Nikita Katsalapov of Russia, made a costly error in the short dance and ended fourth. Australia's Danielle O'Brien and Gregory Merriman skated well in the short dance, finishing the championship in 24th place.

## 2014 World Championship Men's Results

Rank	Name	Nation	Total points	Short Program	Free Skate
1	Yuzuru Hanyu	Japan	282.59	3 91.24	1 191.35
2	Tatsuki Machida	Japan	282.26	1 98.21	2 184.05
3	Javier Fernández	Spain	275.93	2 96.42	3 179.51
4	Maxim Kovtun	Russia	247.37	7 84.66	5 162.71
5	Jeremy Abbott	United States	246.35	8 79.67	4 166.68
6	Takahiko Kozuka	Japan	238.02	6 85.54	6 152.48
7	Yan HanYan Han	China	231.91	5 86.70	11 145.21
8	Max Aaron	United States	225.66	9 78.32	8 147.34
9	Chafik Besseghier	France	224.19	10 76.80	7 147.39
10	Tomáš Verner	Czech Republic	223.14	4 89.08	15 134.06
11	Kevin Reynolds	Canada	215.51	15 68.52	10 146.99
12	Nam Nguyen	Canada	214.06	16 66.75	9 147.31
13	Ivan Righini	Italy	213.09	14 69.43	12 143.66
14	Peter Liebers	Germany	211.92	11 74.02	14 137.90
15	Alexei Bychenko	Israel	211.24	12 69.73	13 141.51
16	Kim Jin-seo	South Korea	202.80	13 69.56	16 133.24
17	Jorik Hendrickx	Belgium	196.78	17 65.56	18 131.22
18	Elladj Baldé	Canada	195.39	22 62.84	17 132.55
19	Christopher Caluza	Philippines	193.23	18 64.69	19 128.54
20	Abzal Rakimgaliev	Kazakhstan	183.55	24 61.77	20 121.78
21	Zoltán Kelemen	Romania	176.81	20 63.23	21 113.58
22	Maciej Cieplucha	Poland	175.97	21 63.07	22 112.90
23	Stéphane Walker	Switzerland	163.91	19 64.40	23 99.51
24	Michal Březina	Czech Republic	62.25	23 62.25	WD
Did not advance to free skating					
25	Yakov Godorozha	Ukraine		25 61.53	
26	Viktor Romanenkov	Estonia		26 61.14	
27	Misha Ge	Uzbekistan		27 60.34	
28	Ronald Lam	Hong Kong		28 60.07	
29	Kim Lucine	Monaco		29 58.19	
30	Viktor Pfeifer	Austria		30 57.17	
31	Justus Strid	Denmark		31 55.62	
32	Alexander Majorov	Sweden		32 55.61	

## 2014 World Championship Ladies' Results

Rank	Name	Nation	Total points	Short Program	Free Skate
1	Mao Asada	Japan	216.69	1 78.66	1 138.03
2	Yulia Lipnitskaya	Russia	207.50	3 74.54	2 132.96
3	Carolina Kostner	Italy	203.83	2 77.24	6 126.59
4	Anna Pogorilaya	Russia	197.50	6 66.26	3 131.24
5	Gracie Gold	United States	194.58	5 70.31	7 124.27
6	Akiko Suzuki	Japan	193.72	4 71.02	8 122.70
7	Ashley Wagner	United States	193.16	7 63.64	4 129.52
8	Polina Edmunds	United States	187.50	12 60.59	5 126.91
9	Park So-youn	South Korea	176.61	13 57.22	9 119.39
10	Kanako Murakami	Japan	172.44	10 60.86	10 111.58
11	Kaetlyn Osmond	Canada	170.64	8 62.92	13 107.72
12	Nathalie Weinzierl	Germany	167.72	11 60.82	15 106.90
13	Gabrielle Daleman	Canada	164.78	14 55.72	11 109.06
14	Joshi Helgesson	Sweden	162.91	15 54.96	12 107.95
15	Maé-Bérénice Méité	France	158.72	9 61.62	16 97.10
16	Valentina Marchei	Italy	157.64	22 50.27	14 107.37
17	Li Zijun	China	150.34	16 54.37	17 95.97
18	Eliška Březinová	Czech Republic	145.15	24 49.34	18 95.81
19	Brooklee Han	Australia	144.28	18 53.20	19 91.08
20	Anna Ovcharova	Switzerland	143.22	17 54.19	20 89.03
21	Natalia Popova	Ukraine	135.05	21 50.32	21 84.73
22	Anne Line Gjersem	Norway	130.03	23 49.48	22 80.55
23	Kim Hae-jin	South Korea	129.82	19 51.83	23 77.99
24	Jenna McCorkell	United Kingdom	50.56	20 50.56	WD
Did not advance to free skating					
25	Nicole Rajičová	Slovakia		25 49.24	
26	Jelena Glebova	Estonia		26 48.09	
27	Inga Janulevičiūtė	Lithuania		27 47.20	
28	Kaat Van Daele	Belgium		28 46.05	
29	Juulia Turkkila	Finland		29 45.57	
30	Anita Madsen	Denmark		30 44.15	
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33	Netta Schreiber	Israel		33 43.39	

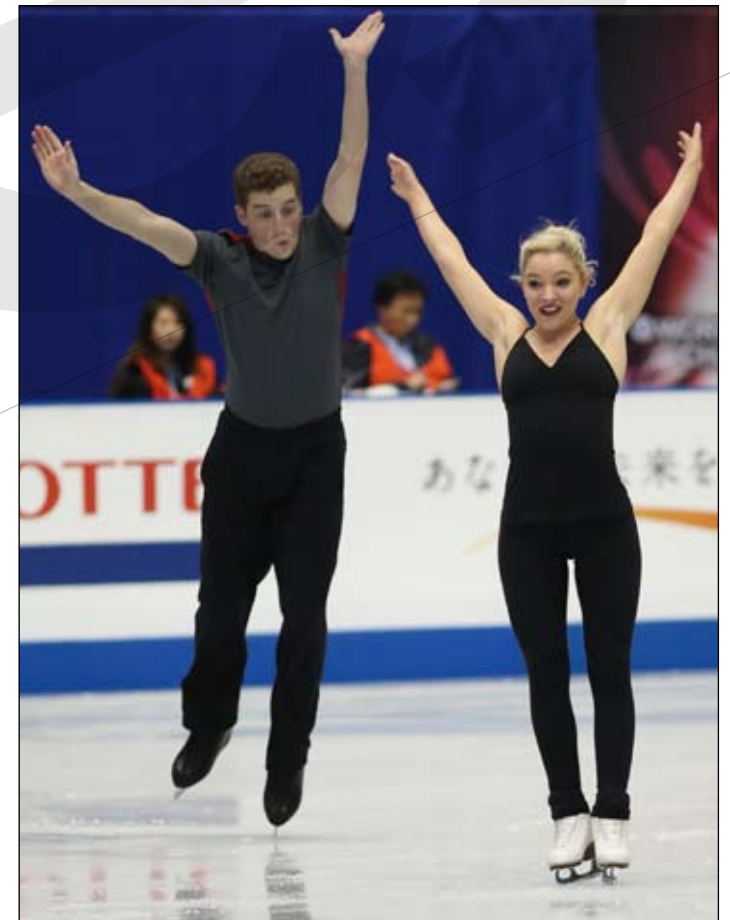
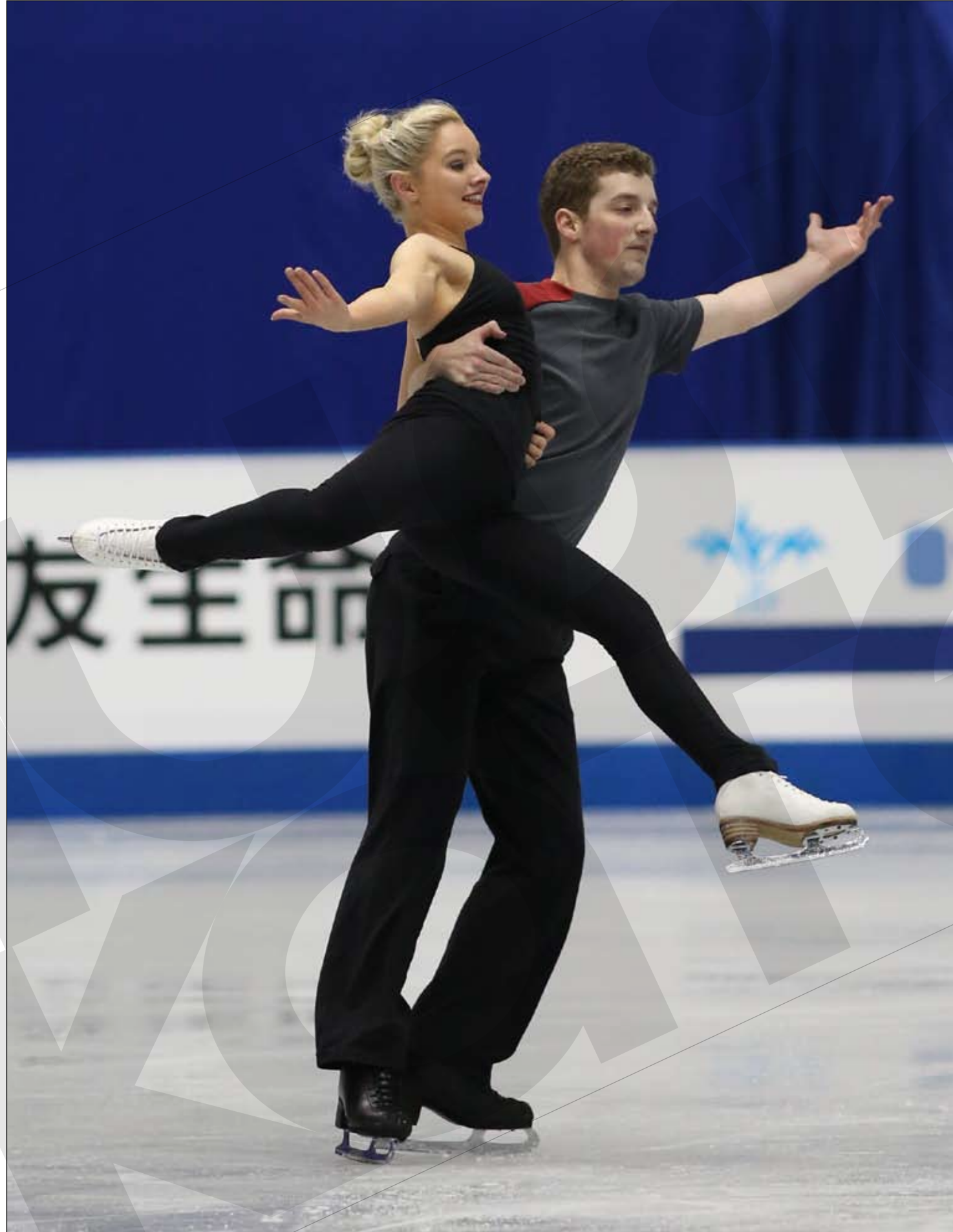
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Rank	Name	Nation	Total points	Short Program	Free Skate
1	Aliona Savchenko / Robin Szolkowy	Germany	224.88	1 79.02	1 145.86
2	Ksenia Stolbova / Fedor Klimov	Russia	215.92	3 76.15	2 139.77
3	Meagan Duhamel / Eric Radford	Canada	210.84	2 77.01	4 133.83
4	Kirsten Moore-Towers / Dylan Moscovitch	Canada	205.52	6 69.31	3 136.21
5	Peng Cheng / Zhang Hao	China	194.83	5 71.68	5 123.15
6	Sui Wenjing / Han Cong	China	192.10	4 72.24	9 119.86
7	Vera Bazarova / Yuri Larionov	Russia	189.44	7 67.41	6 122.03
8	Julia Antipova / Nodari Maisuradze	Russia	186.22	8 66.78	10 119.44
9	Stefania Bertoni / Ondřej Hotárek	Italy	184.28	10 62.73	7 121.55
10	Vanessa James / Morgan Ciprès	France	183.90	9 64.01	8 119.89
11	Marissa Castelli / Simon Shnapir	United States	170.90	11 60.60	11 110.30
12	Paige Lawrence / Rudi Swiegers	Canada	168.88	12 59.84	12 109.04
13	Maylin Wende / Daniel Wende	Germany	159.42	13 58.19	13 101.23
14	Felicia Zhang / Nathan Bartholomay	United States	151.78	14 57.59	14 94.19
15	Daria Popova / Bruno Massot	France	142.00	15 52.50	15 89.50
16	Nicole Della Monica / Matteo Guarise	Italy	139.30	16 51.38	16 87.92
Did not advance to free skating					
17	Narumi Takahashi / Ryuichi Kihara	Japan		17 49.54	
18	Amani Fancy / Christopher Boyadji	United Kingdom		18 46.96	
19	Natalja Zabijako / Alexandr Zaboev	Estonia		19 46.11	
20	Maria Paliakova / Nikita Bochkov	Belarus		20 45.29	
21	Julia Lavrentieva / Yuri Rudyk	Ukraine		21 44.20	
22	Miriam Ziegler / Severin Kiefer	Austria		22 44.06	
23	Elizaveta Makarova / Leri Kenchadze	Bulgaria		23 42.86	

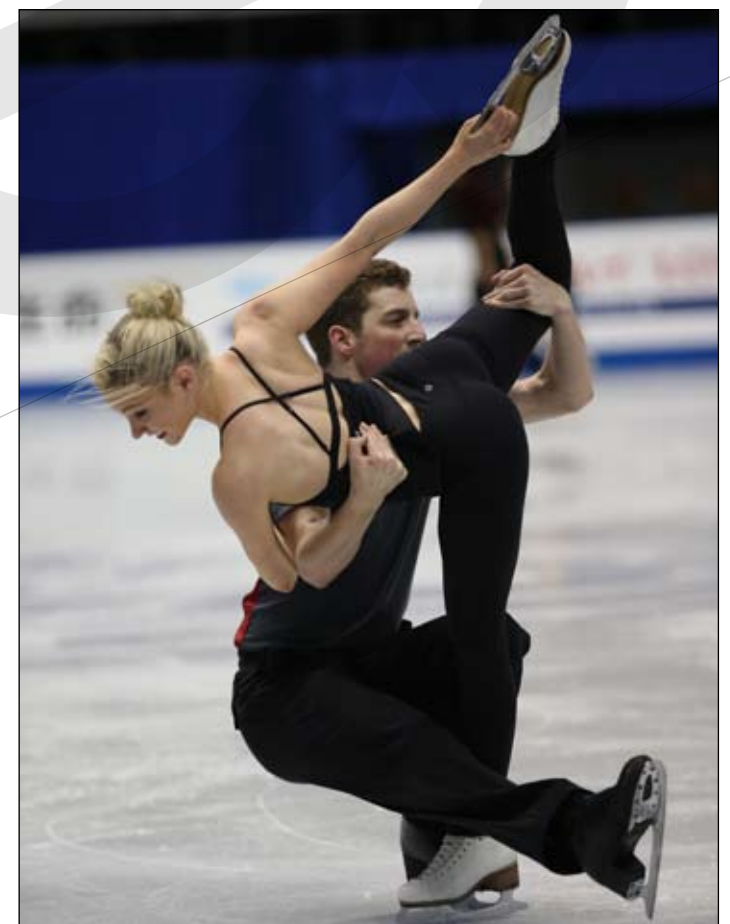
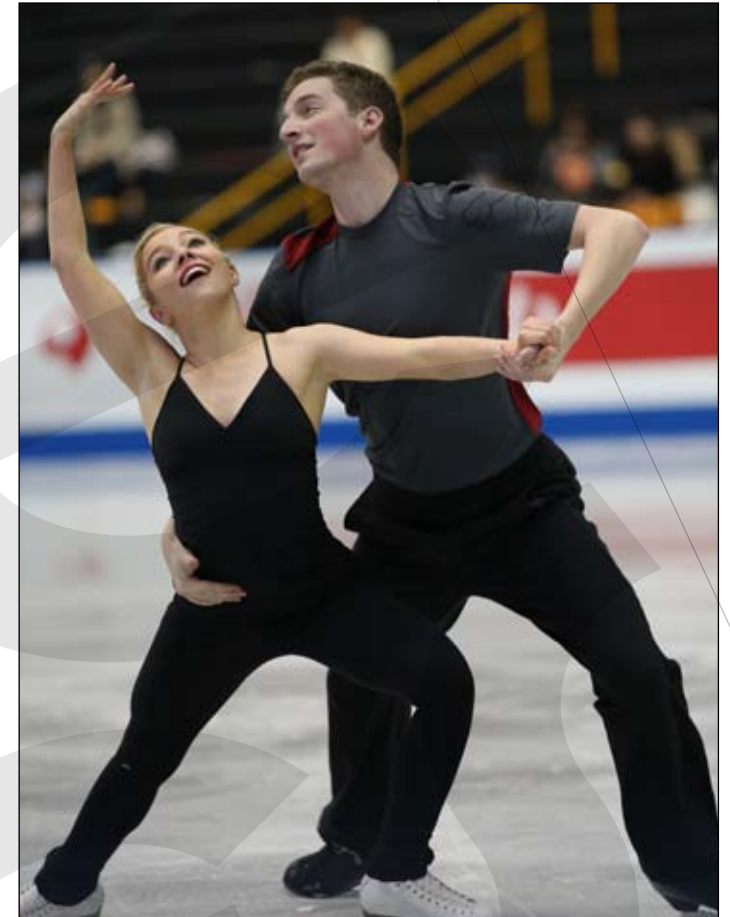
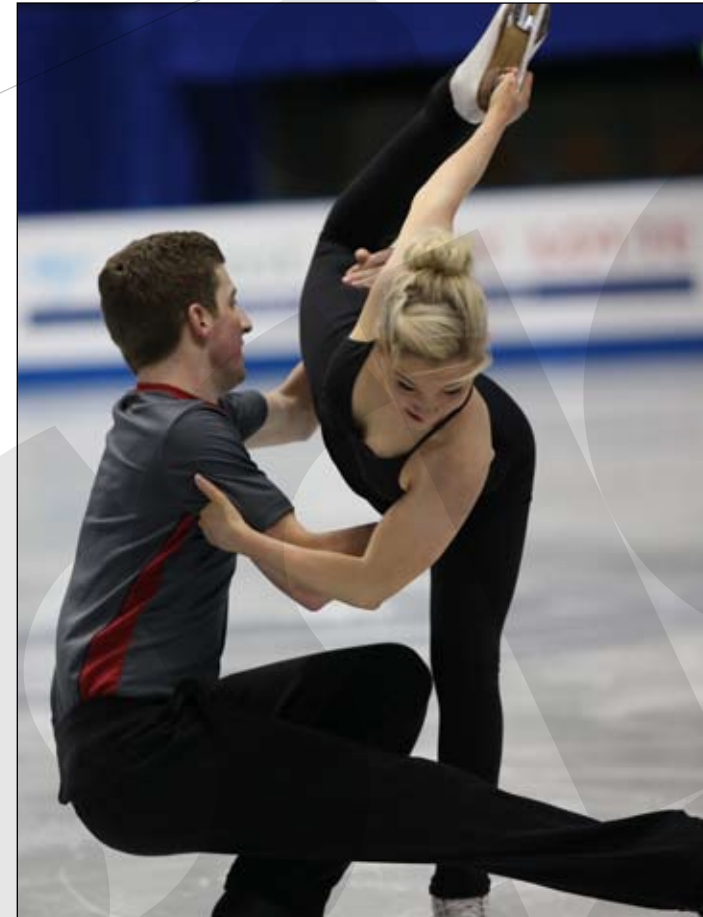
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Rank	Name	Nation	Total points	Short Dance	Free Dance
1	Anna Cappellini / Luca Lanotte	Italy	175.43	1 69.70	4 105.73
2	Kaitlyn Weaver / Andrew Poje	Canada	175.41	2 69.20	3 106.21
3	Nathalie Péchalat / Fabian Bourzat	France	175.37	3 68.20	2 107.17
4	Elena Ilinykh / Nikita Katsalapov	Russia	174.38	5 65.67	1 108.71
5	Madison Chock / Evan Bates	United States	167.59	4 67.71	5 99.88
6	Maia Shibutani / Alex Shibutani	United States	158.57	6 63.55	6 95.02
7	Victoria Sinitsina / Ruslan Zhiganshin	Russia	155.35	8 62.11	8 93.24
8	Piper Gilles / Paul Poirier	Canada	153.86	10 59.42	7 94.44
9	Penny Coomes / Nicholas Buckland	United Kingdom	153.66	9 61.21	9 92.45
10	Alexandra Paul / Mitchell Islam	Canada	148.76	11 57.68	10 91.08
11	Nelli Zhiganshina / Alexander Gazsi	Germany	148.37	7 62.27	14 86.10
12	Julia Zlobina / Alexei Sitnikov	Azerbaijan	145.24	12 57.01	11 88.23
13	Gabriella Papadakis / Guillaume Cizeron	France	141.49	15 55.11	13 86.38
14	Charlène Guignard / Marco Fabbri	Italy	140.77	17 53.98	12 86.79
15	Isabella Tobias / Deividas Stagniūnas	Lithuania	140.72	13 55.37	15 85.35
16	Sara Hurtado / Adrià Díaz	Spain	137.47	16 55.06	17 82.41
17	Alexandra Aldridge / Daniel Eaton	United States	137.37	18 53.34	16 84.03
18	Cathy Reed / Chris Reed	Japan	136.13	14 55.18	18 80.95
19	Irina Shtork / Taavi Rand	Estonia	130.38	20 53.03	19 77.35
20	Alisa Agafonova / Alper Uçar	Turkey	124.02	19 53.07	20 70.95
Did not advance to free skating					
21	Tanja Kolbe / Stefano Caruso	Germany		21 52.08	
22	Justyna Plutowska / Peter Gerber	Poland		22 51.99	
23	Federica Testa / Lukáš Csölley	Slovakia		23 51.56	
24	Danielle O'Brien / Gregory Merriman	Australia		24 51.06	
25	Ramona Elsener / Florian Roost	Switzerland		25 50.64	
26	Henna Lindholm / Ossi Kanervo	Finland		26 50.61	
27	Gabriela Kubová / Matěj Novák	Czech Republic		27 50.43	
28	Dóra Turóczi / Balázs Major	Hungary		28 48.49	
29	Laurence Fournier Beaudry / Nikolaj Sørensen	Denmark		29 48.46	
30	Allison Reed / Vasilii Rogov	Israel		30 46.05	
31	Angelina Telegina / Otari Japaridze	Georgia		31 42.85	
32	Viktoria Kavaliova / Yuri Bieliaiev	Belarus		32 41.08	
WD	Ekaterina Bobrova / Dmitry Soloviev	Russia			

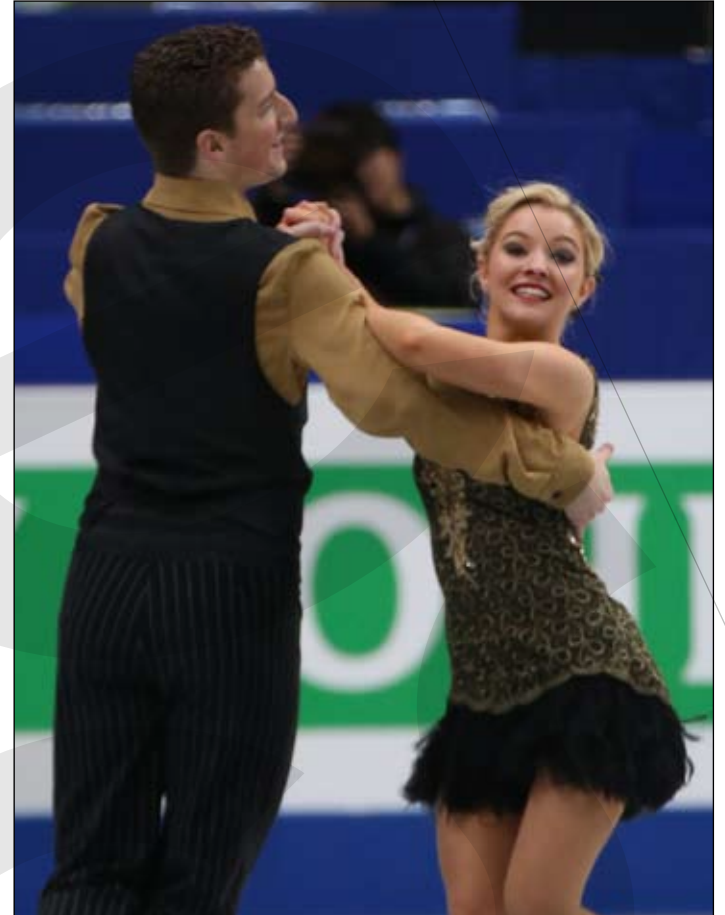




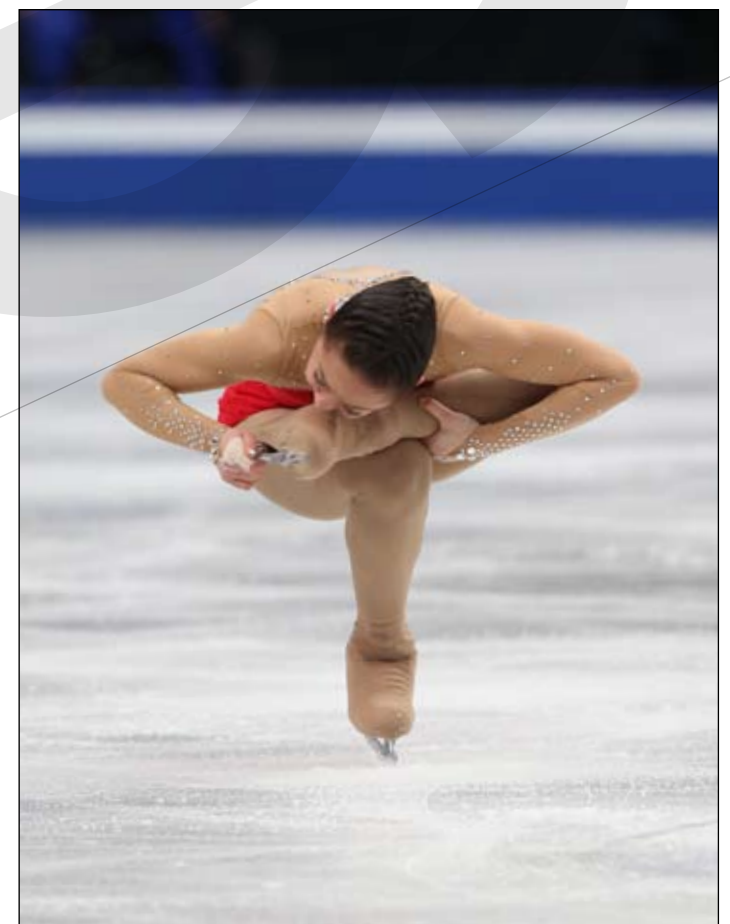
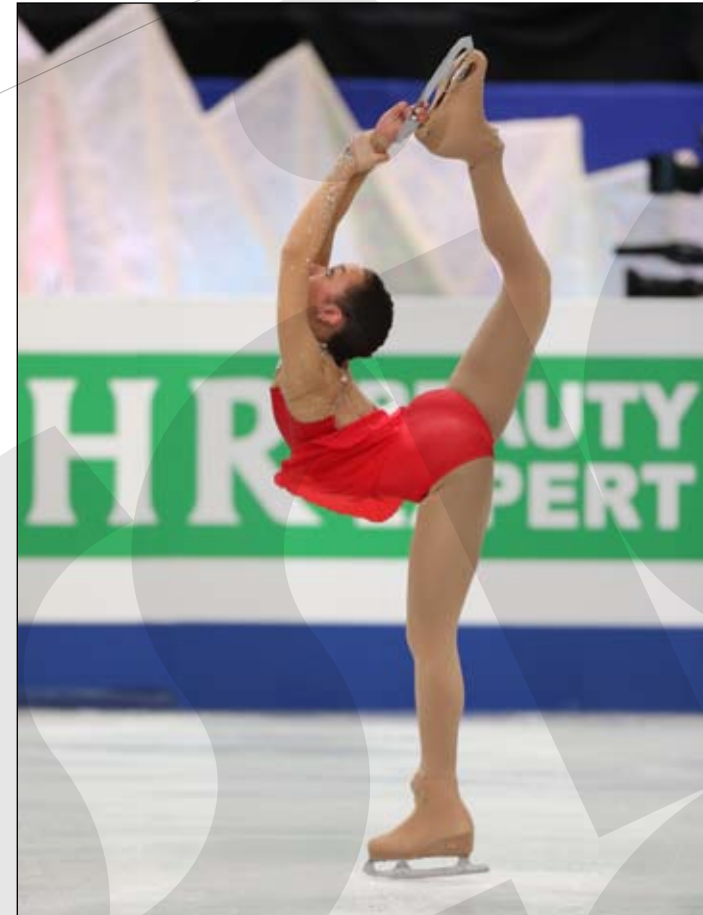




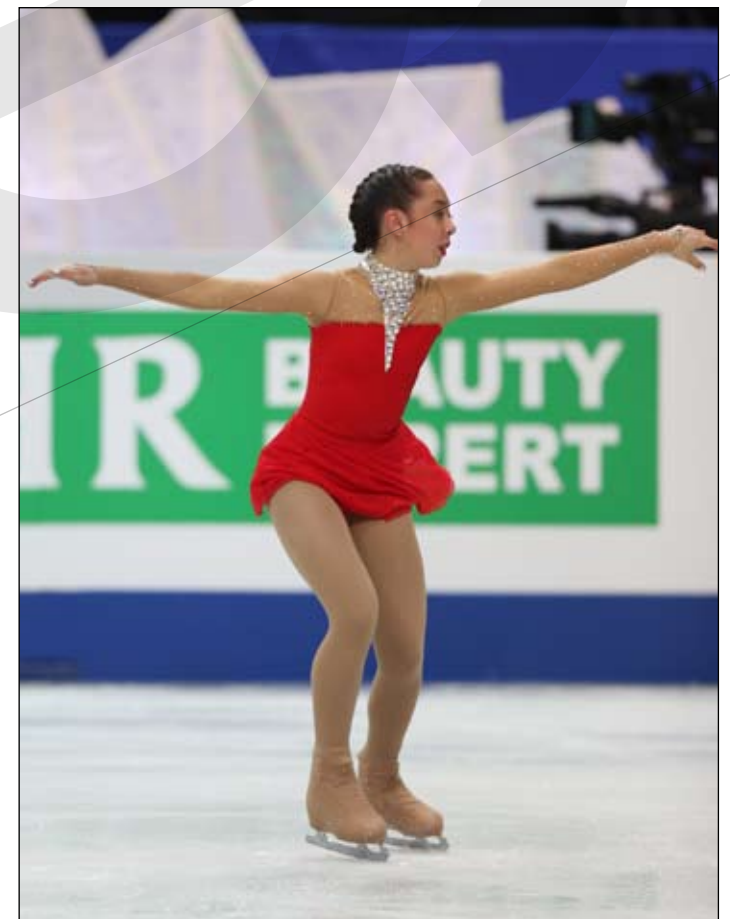
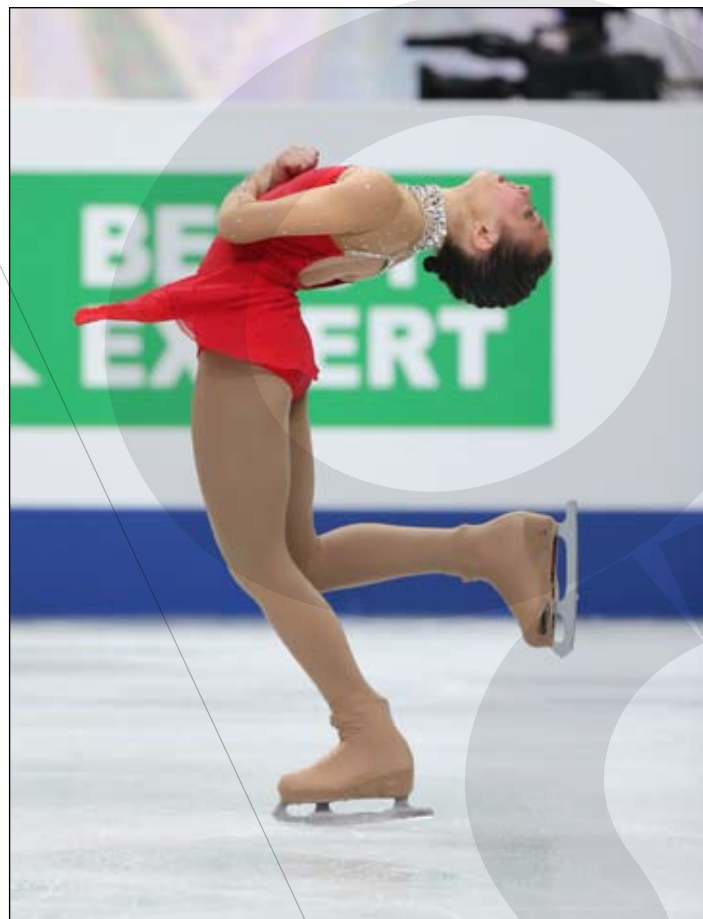














# Taylor Dean a natural Grace

**Training long hours each day in sub zero temperatures, athletes must possess an innate drive to succeed. It takes a special kind of person to be an ice skater.**

**T**hey also need gritty determination to master difficult technical tricks, as well as a good musical ear and strong choreographic awareness. Taylor Dean from Queensland is that person. Starting in the sport when she was seven years old, Dean trained as a competitive skater for twelve years.

She progressed quickly via the Aussie Skate program, and for nine years was coached by Andrew Wang. Dean's primary training base was Iceworld in Acacia Ridge, 15km south of Brisbane. She also spent 18 months training in Dallas with Peter and Darlene Cain.

(Peter is the brother of Liz Cain and together, they skated pairs at the 1980 Olympic Winter Games in Lake Placid, New York. Peter and Darlene's daughter, Ashley, is also an elite skater who represents the USA.)

Throughout her career, Dean has earned many awards and accolades.

They include:

- The 2013 Rising Star of the Year at the Sportswoman of the Year Awards (Queensland).
- Four silver medals at the Australian National Figure Skating Championships.
- A silver medal at Skate DownUnder.
- A silver medal at Skate Dallas, U.S.A, and
- Two bronze medals at the New Zealand Winter Games.

Dean represented Australia twice in the ISU Junior Grand Prix Series. In 2008, she was a recipient of the Morgan Innes Skating Scholarship.

Dean was also featured as part of Andre Rieu's 'A Romantic Night in Vienna' World Stadium tour. Skating in all eleven concerts, a particular highlight for her was performing at Melbourne's Telstra Dome (Etihad Stadium) in front of an audience of 38,500 people. Armed with balletic flair, it comes as no surprise that Dean recently secured a place with Disney on Ice. As covered by Beverley Smith's book, 'Talking Figure Skating', skaters from all over the world dream of getting a job with Disney. It is a great opportunity to learn new performance skills, and make lifelong friends as well.

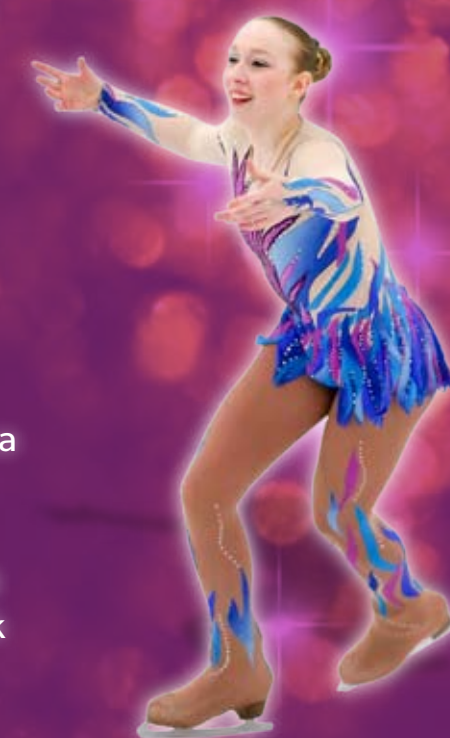
Disney's 'Princesses and Heroes' tour will cover twenty-six cities throughout North America (including two Canadian stops) until 2015.

Dean joined the cast on last August, and rehearsals took place in Rockford, Illinois for almost three weeks.

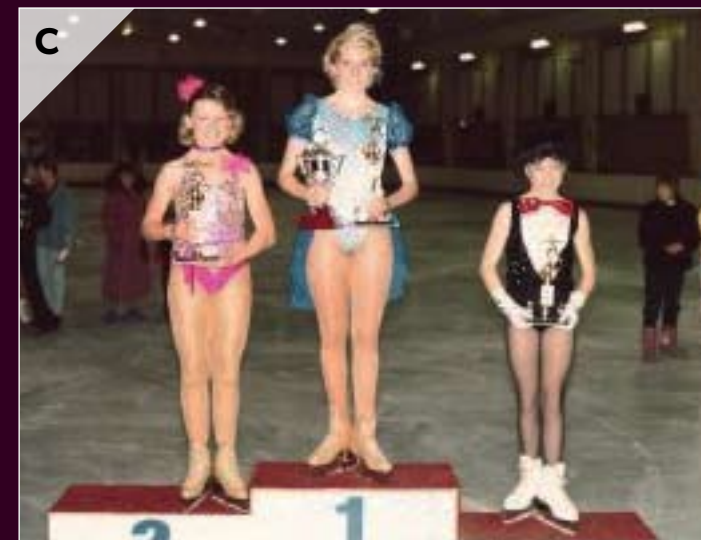
'Princesses and Heroes' then opened in Chicago on September 10.

In a serendipitous twist of fate, Taylor turned nineteen when the show passed through Houston, Texas. Thanks to hard work and dedication, Dean is a great example to other Australian skaters coming up in the sport of setting and meeting one's goals as both an athlete and an artist.

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# kim price

## LEADING THE WAY

**From the mid 1980s, tropical Queensland suddenly became a new force to be reckoned with in Australian competitive skating.**

Talented young names like Tamara Heggen, Lisa Pembroke, Rochelle Manning, Heidi Kuffel, Brad Webb and Anton Barnes quickly emerged on the national ice skating scene.

Another skater leading the way was Kim Price. Equally adept at school figures and free skating, Price stood out with her classical line and particularly fast spins.

Like many who get hooked on skating, her first exposure to the sport was vivid. Price remembered watching the 1980 Olympic Winter Games on TV and being totally awestruck.

Shortly thereafter on a family trip to Europe, Price's aunty gave her some spending money. While in Switzerland, Price spent the cash on a pair of ice skates she noticed in a shop window. It was a strategic purchase.

At the time, Price knew two important pieces of information. Firstly, a brand new rink, Ice World in Acacia Ridge, was being built in her home city of Brisbane. Secondly, it would be open by the time she returned from her holiday.

- A. KIM (IN FRONT)
- B. KIM (FAR LEFT), XMAS SHOW, GOLD COAST ICE RINK
- C. KIM (PODIUM CENTRE) WITH HEIDI KUFFEL & ROCHELLE MANNING
- D. KIM (ON THE RIGHT) WITH HEIDI KUFFEL
- E. KIM (LEADING THE WAY) AT THE 1988 JUNIOR WORLD FIGURE SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS' OPENING CEREMONY IN BRISBANE





- A. KIM (LEFT) WITH THE 1980 OLYMPIC MEN'S CHAMPION, ROBIN COUSINS
- B. KIM (LEFT) WITH THE 8 - TIME AUSTRALIAN MEN'S CHAMPION, CAMERON MEDHURST, AT THE OLYMPIC TROPHY IN MELBOURNE
- C. KIM (RIGHT) WITH DEBI THOMAS, THE 1986 WORLD LADIES' CHAMPION

- D. KIM (LEFT) TRAINING IN DENVER, COLORADO, WITH SCOTT HAMILTON
- E. KIM (SECOND FROM RIGHT) TRAINING IN DENVER, WITH DON LAWS (THIRD FROM LEFT)
- F. KIM (LEFT) TRAINING IN DENVER, WITH CARYN KADAVY

Whilst on vacation, Price hounded her mother, until she agreed to take her daughter skating once they got back to Australia.

The next year Price and her family traveled to the United States and attended the World Championships in Hartford, Connecticut.

A handful of stars competing at this event became Price's favourite idols.

They were:

- Denise Biellmann, the 1981 World Ladies' Champion from Switzerland.
- Scott Hamilton from the USA, who would become the 1984 Olympic Men's Champion.
- Torvill & Dean, the eventual 1984 Olympic Dance Champions from Great Britain.
- Elaine Zayak, the 1981 U.S Champion, and World Ladies' Champion the following year. Price also thought Zayak was an unbelievable jumping machine.

Walking through the Hartford Civic Center at the event one day, Price and her family met Hamilton, and she had her photo taken with him.

(Fatefully, seven years later Price ended up working with Hamilton, his coach, the late Don Laws, and the American 1987 World Ladies' bronze medalist, Caryn Kadavy.

For four weeks Price skated with them at a training camp in Denver, Colorado, an incredible opportunity and experience.)

Price was ten years old when she started taking lessons. Her first coach, Margaret Dubinion, ran Skate School group classes. Then until she was twelve, Price had private tuition with Loren Sorrenson.

In 1983, a trio of Canadian coaches arrived in the country. One of them, Connie Jenson, became Price's coach for both singles and pairs.

A year later when Connie moved to a rink on the Gold Coast, Ron Frank arrived in Brisbane from down south.

(Their working relationship struck, and Frank became her long - term teacher until Price retired in 1989.)

Soon, skating became more than a hobby. Price practiced six days a week, training long hours before and after school, and on Sunday mornings as well. She went to the gym to increase her fitness and strength, did ballet for poise and stretching, and trampoline for rotation control.

Her commitment paid off. Price stood on the podium at the 1984 National Championships in the Novice Ladies' Division. This success gave her a taste for more.

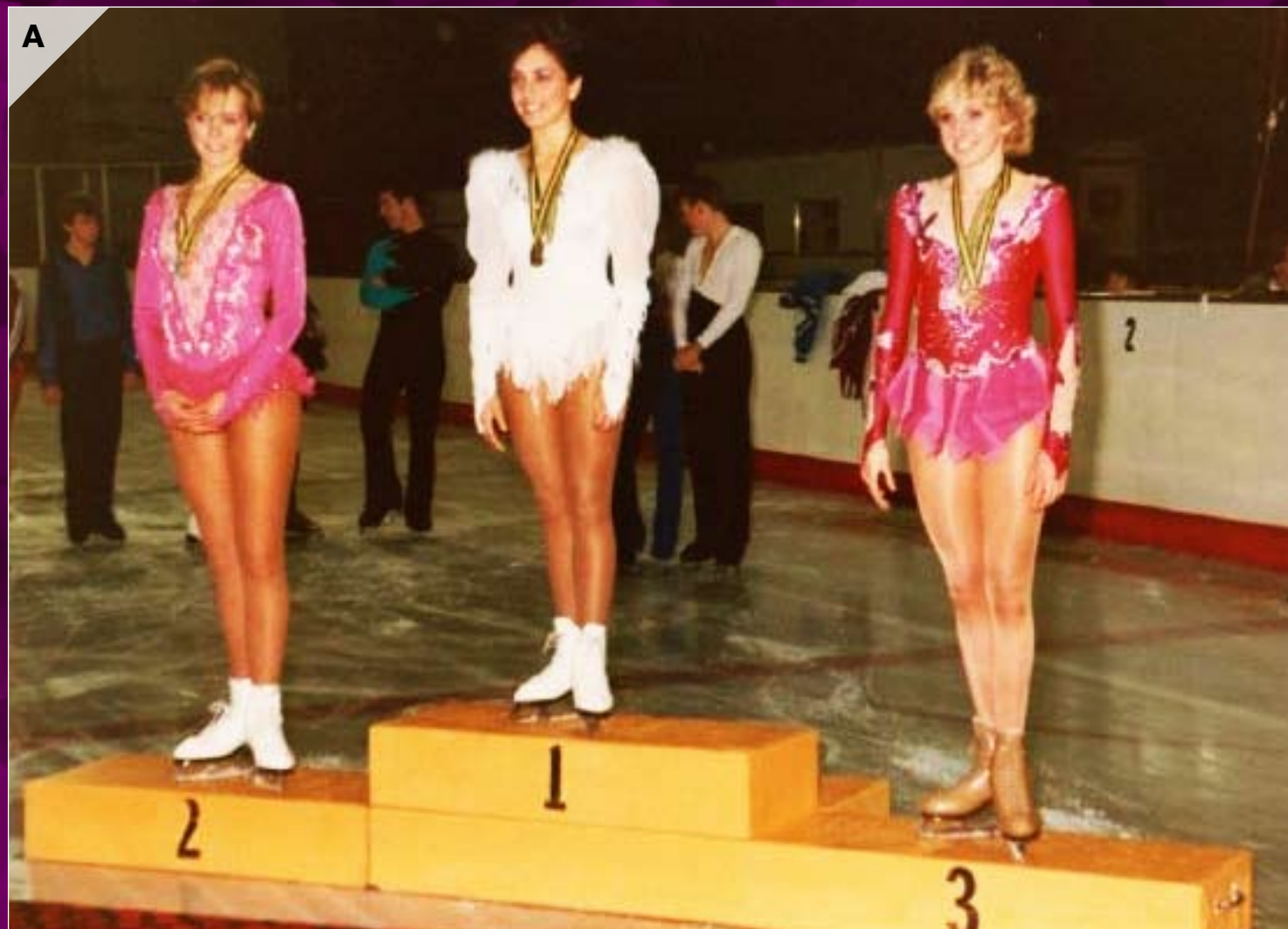
She also began seeing a sports physiologist. They helped Price to block out all negativity, build her self - confidence, and to visualize only positive thoughts as she competed.

At the peak of her career, Price was also part of an elite squad of six. When preparing for the state and national championships, the group would work together on Friday nights from 11pm until 1am.

Price skated the performance of her life at the 1986 Australian Championships in Adelaide. Her strong result earned the athlete two major international assignments. Price was chosen to represent Australia at the Banksia Bystrechia Trophy in Prague and a resume highlight, the 1987 Junior World Championships in Kitchener - Waterloo, Canada.

Later that year, Price's home rink hosted the Australian Championships. This time, Price entered the prestigious senior event, placing a strong third behind Tracy Lee Brook from New South Wales and Sabrina Moreth from South Australia.





A. KIM (RIGHT) ON THE PODIUM IN THE JUNIOR LADIES' DIVISION AT THE 1986 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS (WITH LAURA PETRIE AND POPI GEROS)  
B. KIM (RIGHT) WITH COACH, RON FRANK, AT THE 1986 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS, CELEBRATING HER SELECTION TO REPRESENT AUSTRALIA IN INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION

C. KIM (RIGHT, IN HER TEAM UNIFORM), LEAVING BRISBANE AIRPORT FOR THE 1987 JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, FAREWELLED BY ROCHELLE MANNING, LISA PEMBROKE, AND HEIDI KUFFEL  
D. KIM, PERFORMING HER SHORT PROGRAM AT THE 1987 JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS IN KITCHENER - WATERLOO, CANADA  
E. KIM VISITS NIAGARA FALLS DURING HER TRIP TO CANADA

The following season, Price was training towards the 1988 Australian Senior Ladies' Championship, to be held at the vast Macquarie Ice Arena in suburban Sydney.

Two months prior to the event however, she hurt herself during a freak mishap. Whilst attempting a double flip jump, Price stabbed her blade through the top of her boot and into her foot.

Then, two weeks before the national meet she managed to do it again. This time however, the wound was much worse. Skating through the pain, Price performed well below her own high expectations.

It was her last competition.

After ending her career, Price coached for two years in Brisbane. At the same time, she moved to the Gold Coast. The long commute, combined with odd teaching hours, eventually became too much.

Price's biggest regret from never taking her skating to the next level, was perhaps touring overseas with an ice show. Though Price misses her days at the rink, she has many fond memories from that time of her life.

For anyone considering taking up the sport, Price understands first hand that skating is very demanding at the elite level. Skaters have to be committed to their success and need to train hard.

Price also likes the new judging system, citing that there are more opportunities to judge on different individual qualities.

She also believes that skating is not always glamorous, and injuries happen. The good times however, will outweigh the bad. Athletes need to have passion, and not feel forced into skating if they don't really love it.

The success to all sport is finding that love and taking it with both hands.

**(All images courtesy of Kim Price)**





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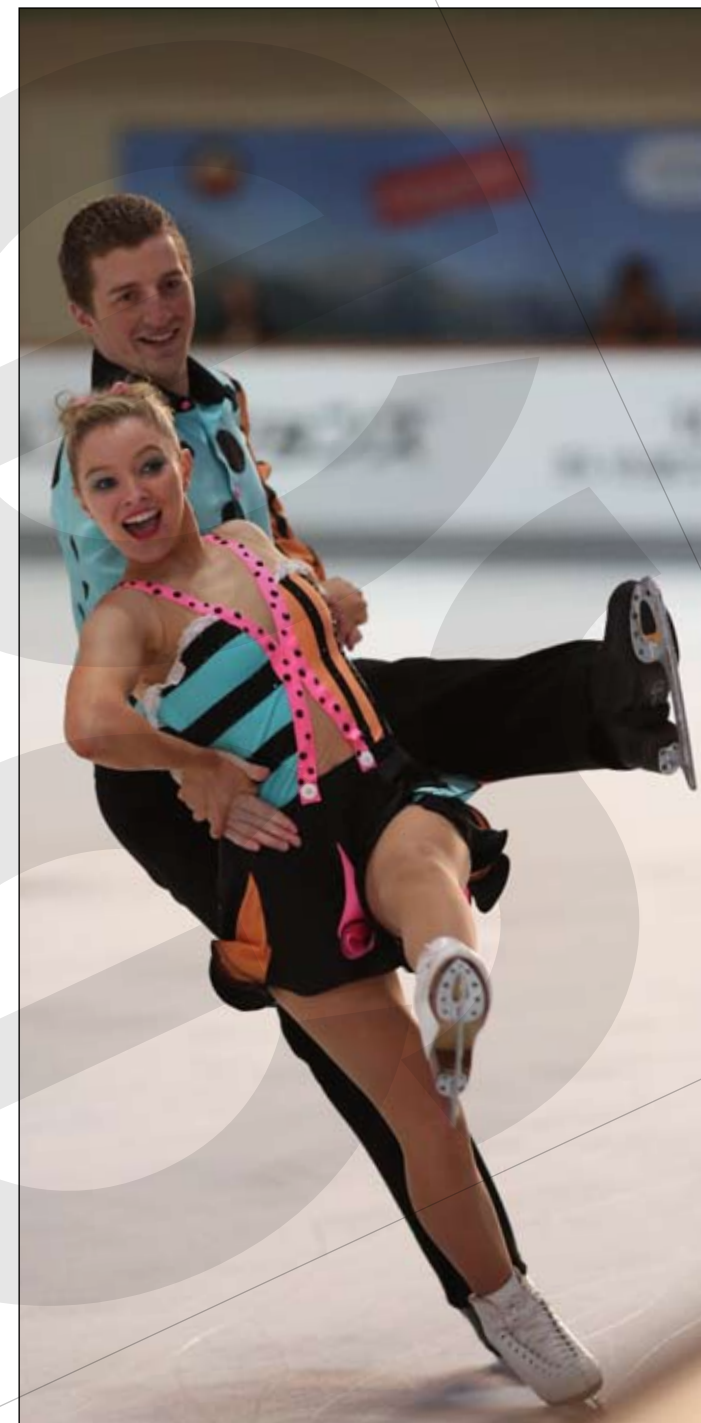
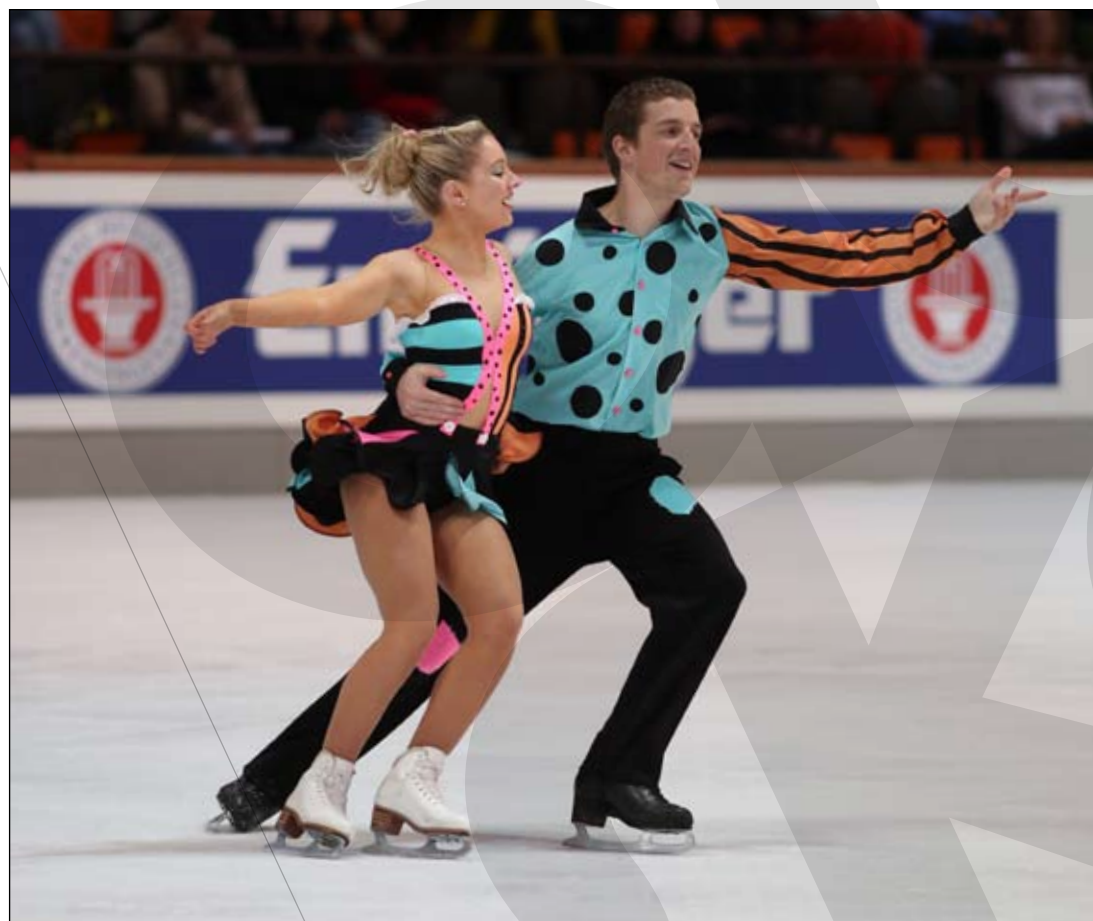
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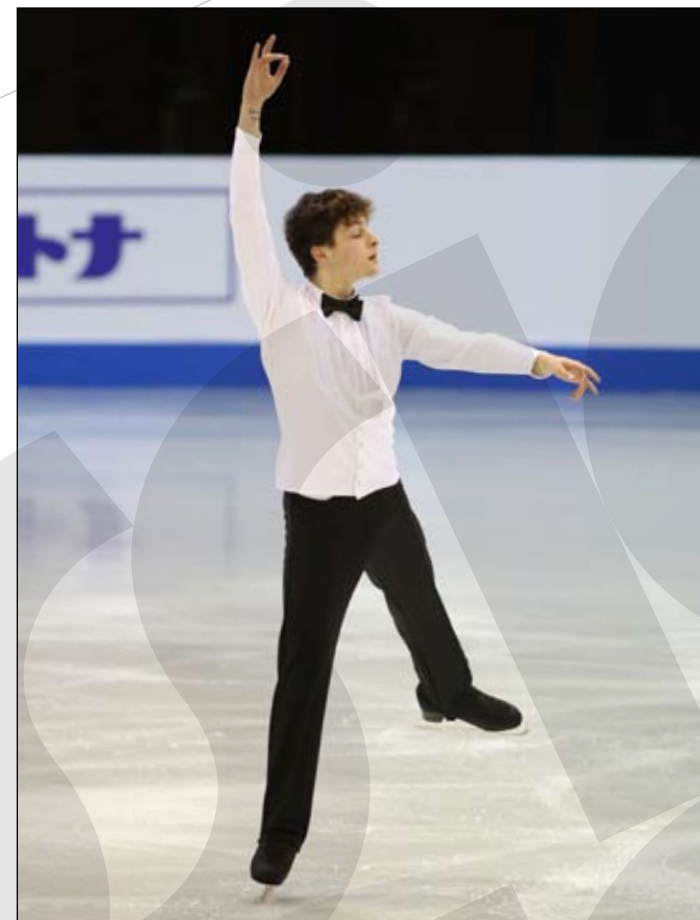
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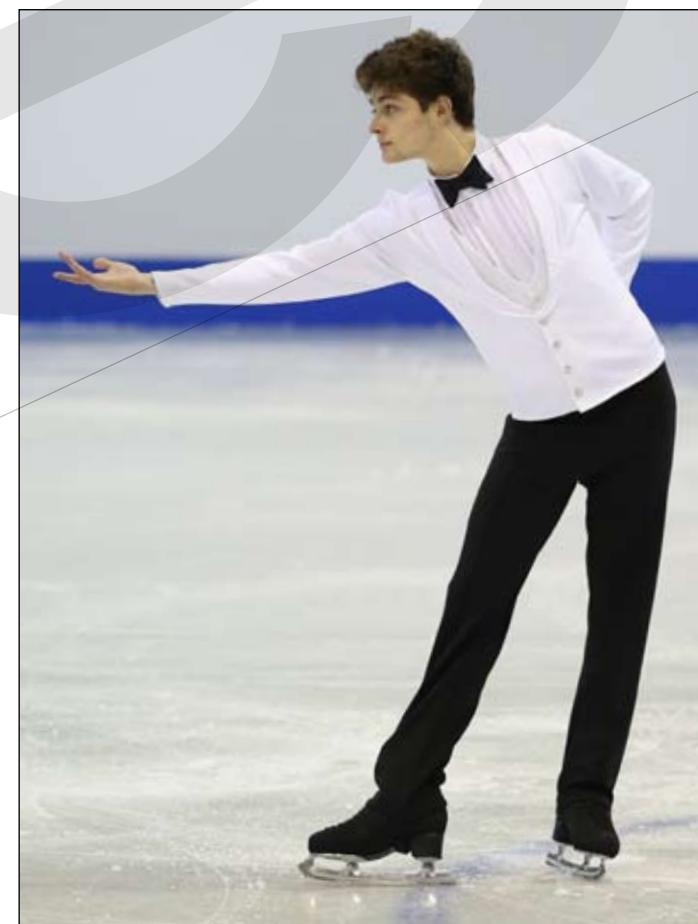


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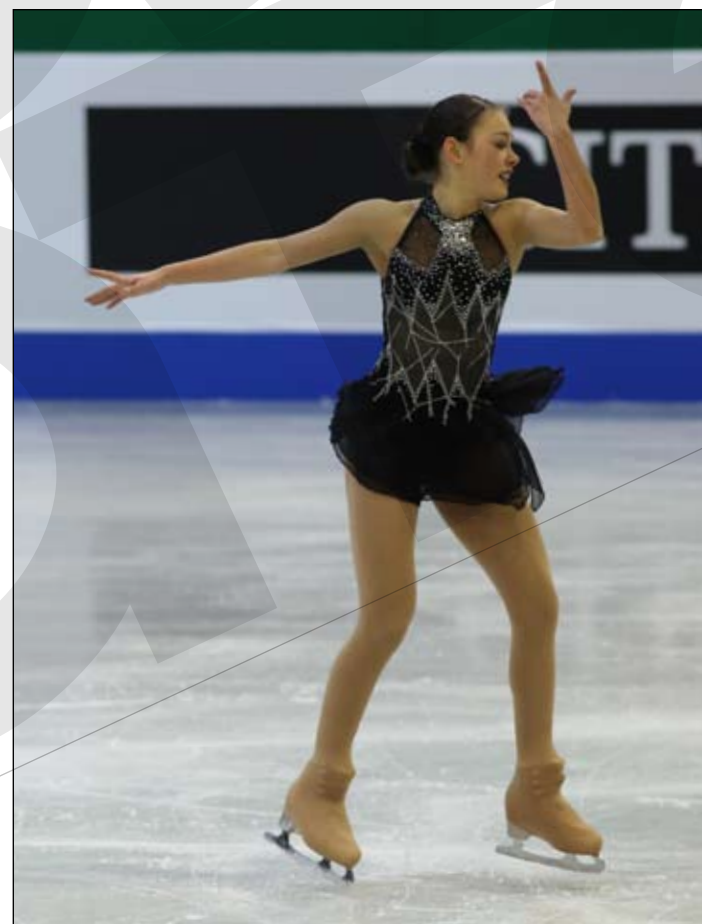
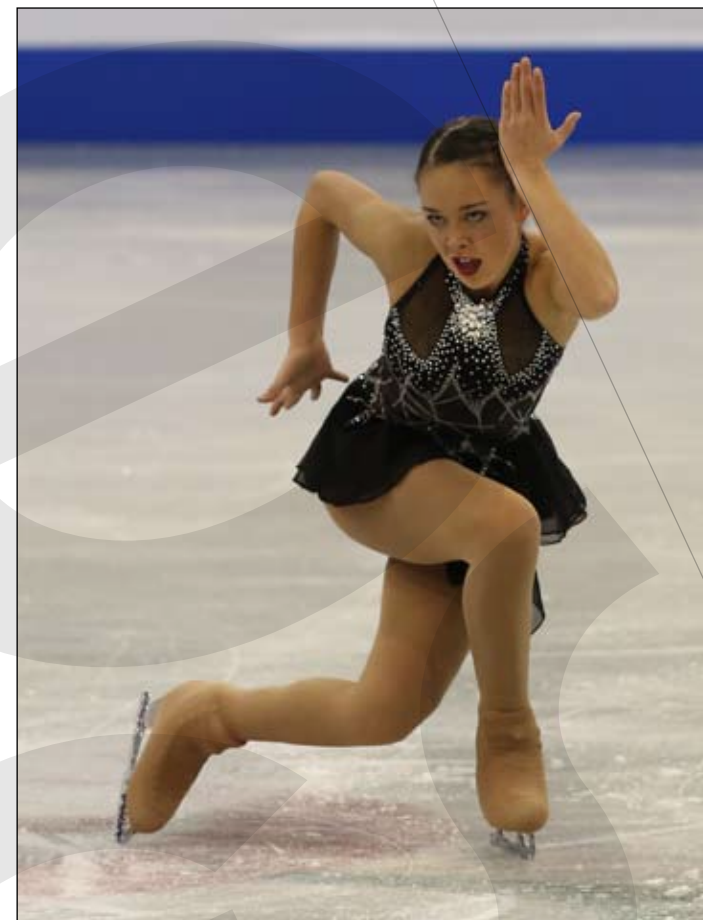
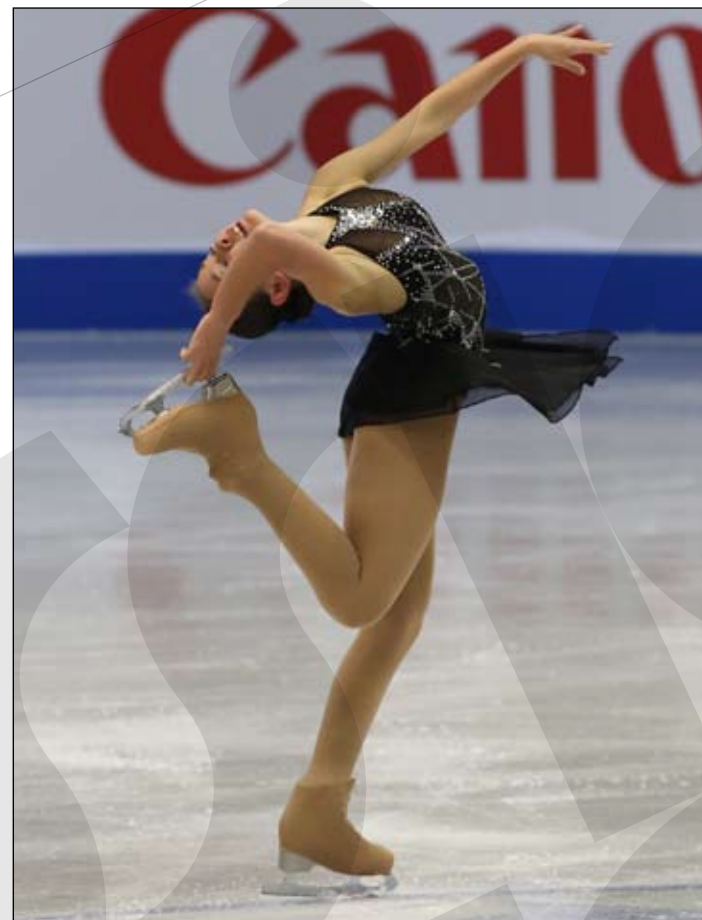




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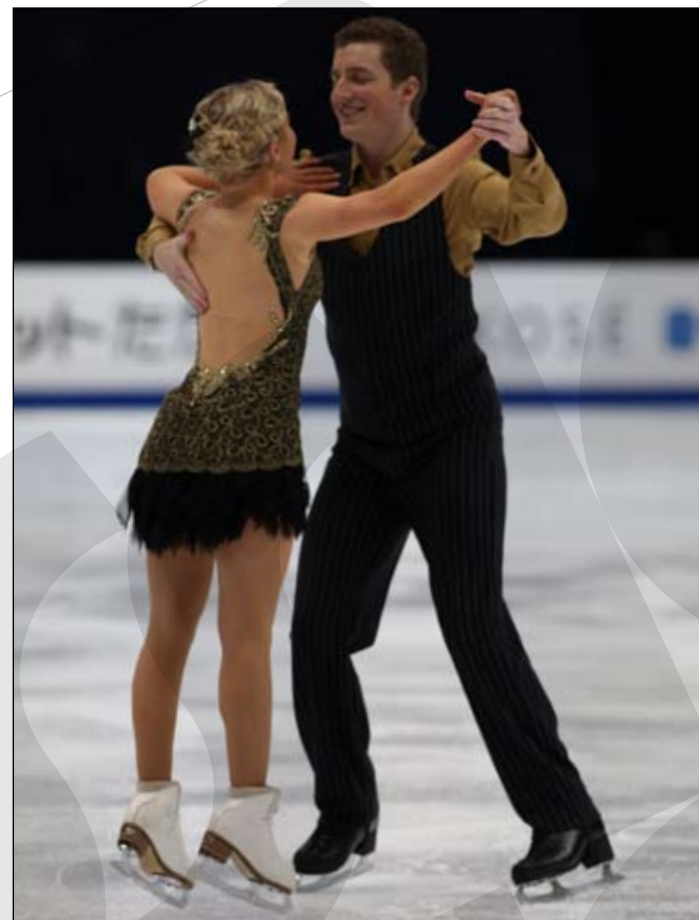






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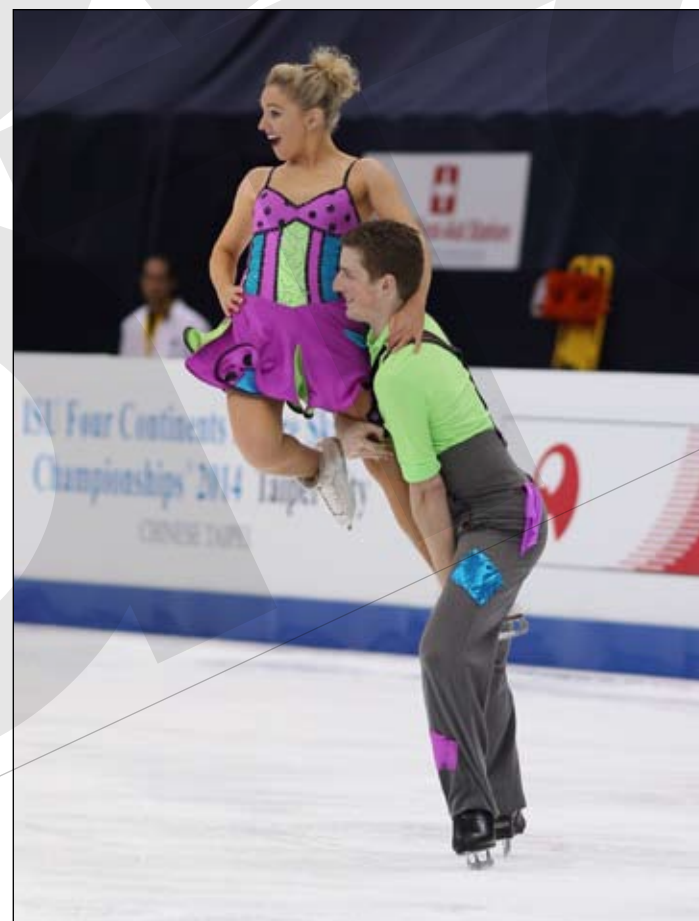
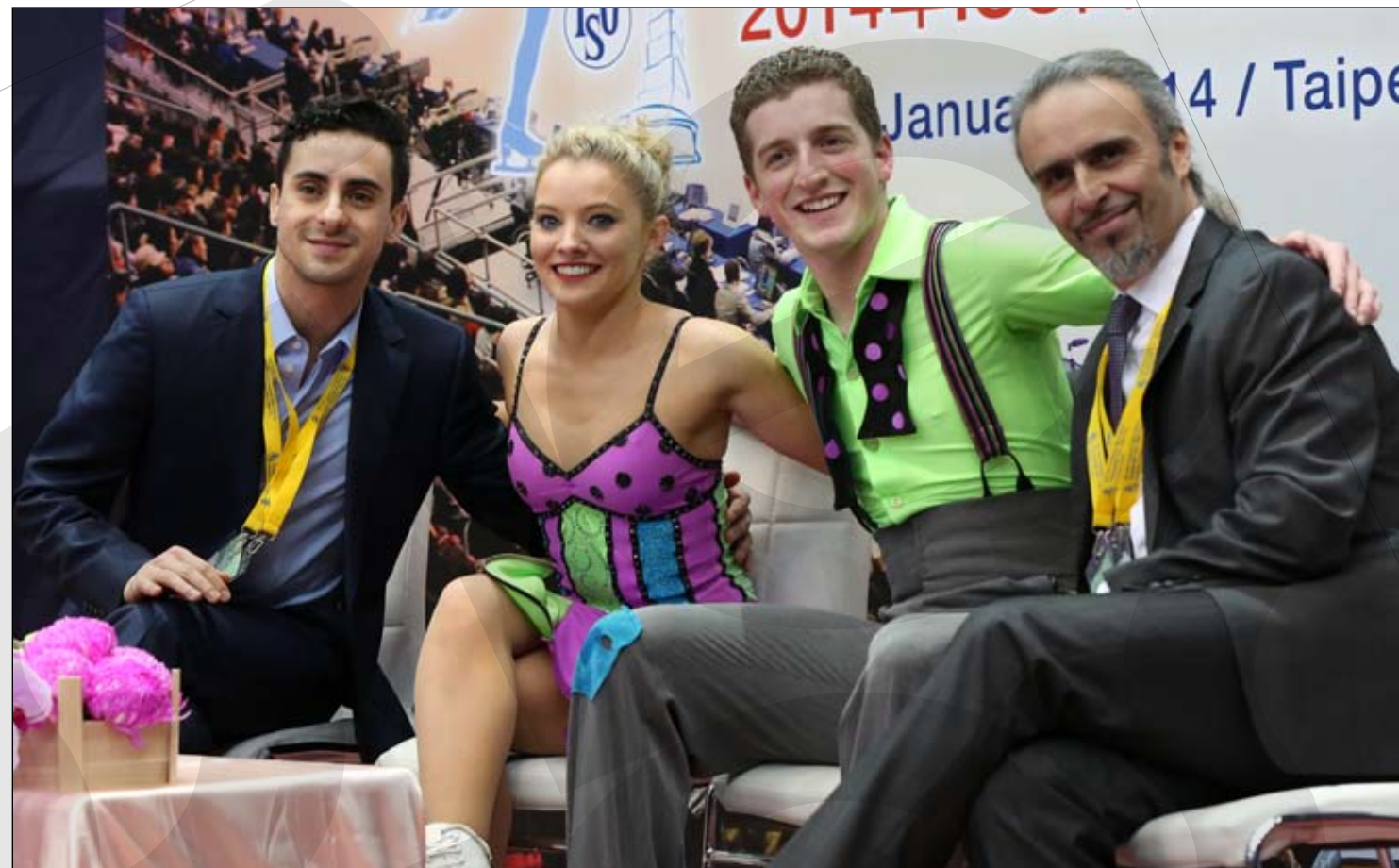




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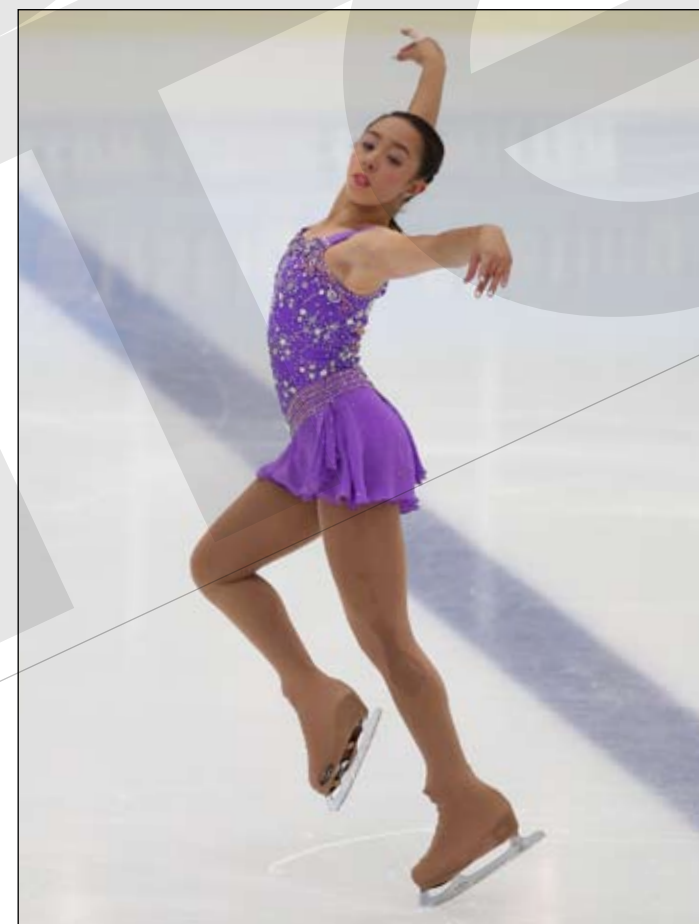






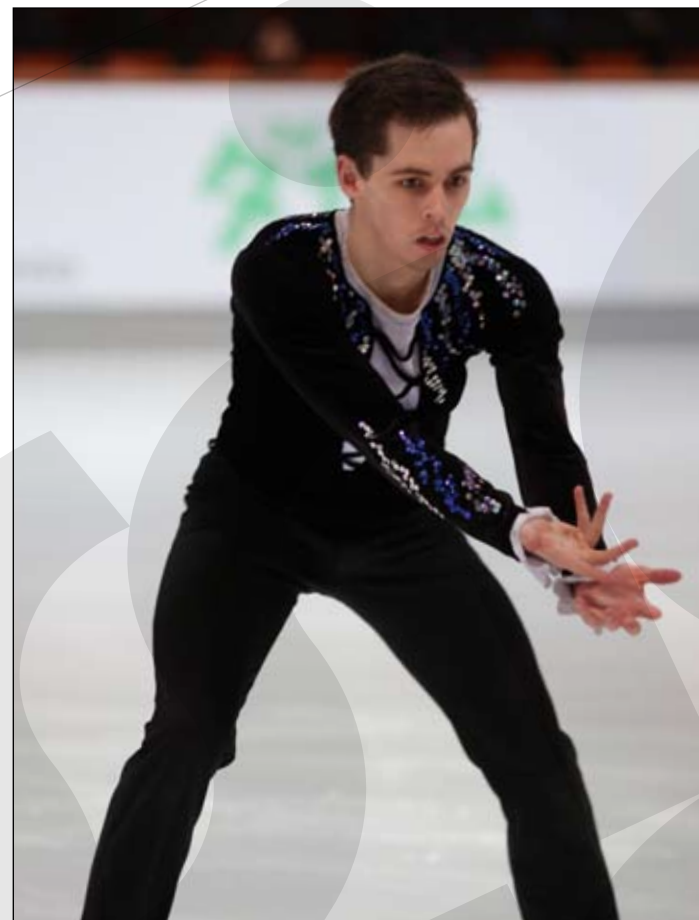
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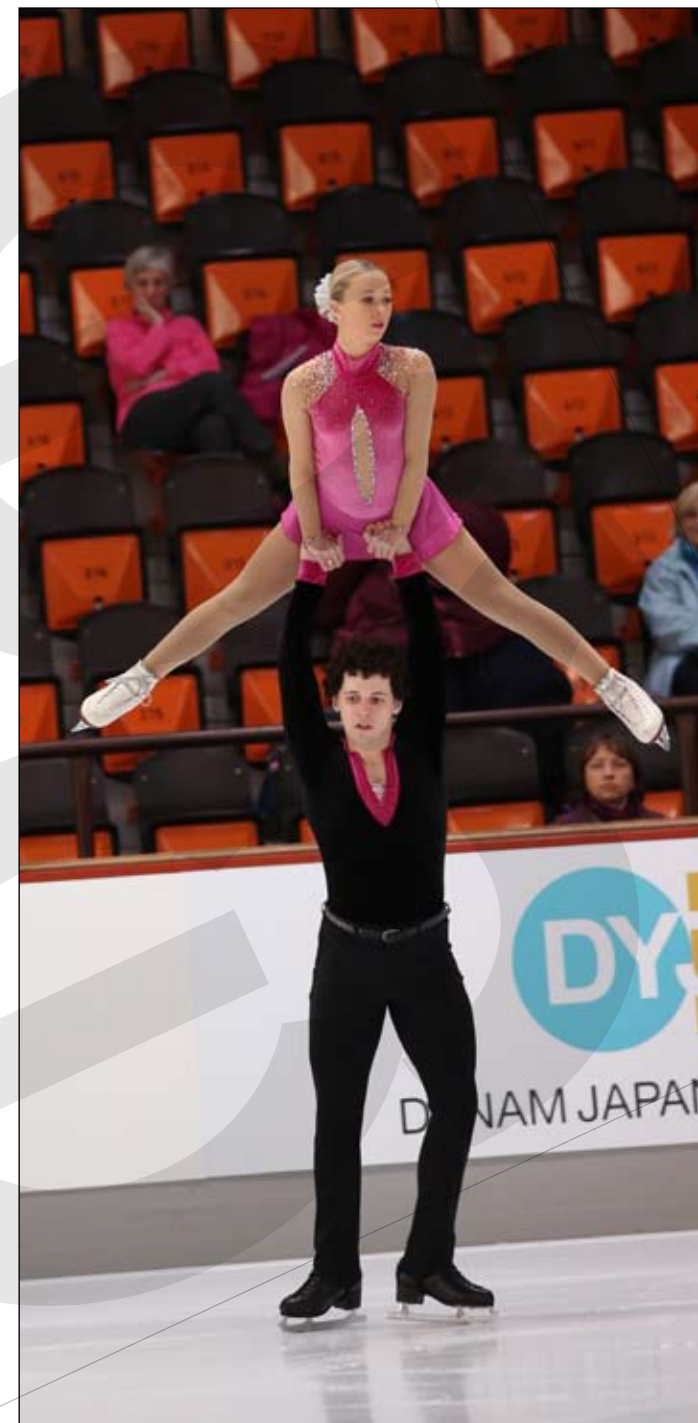
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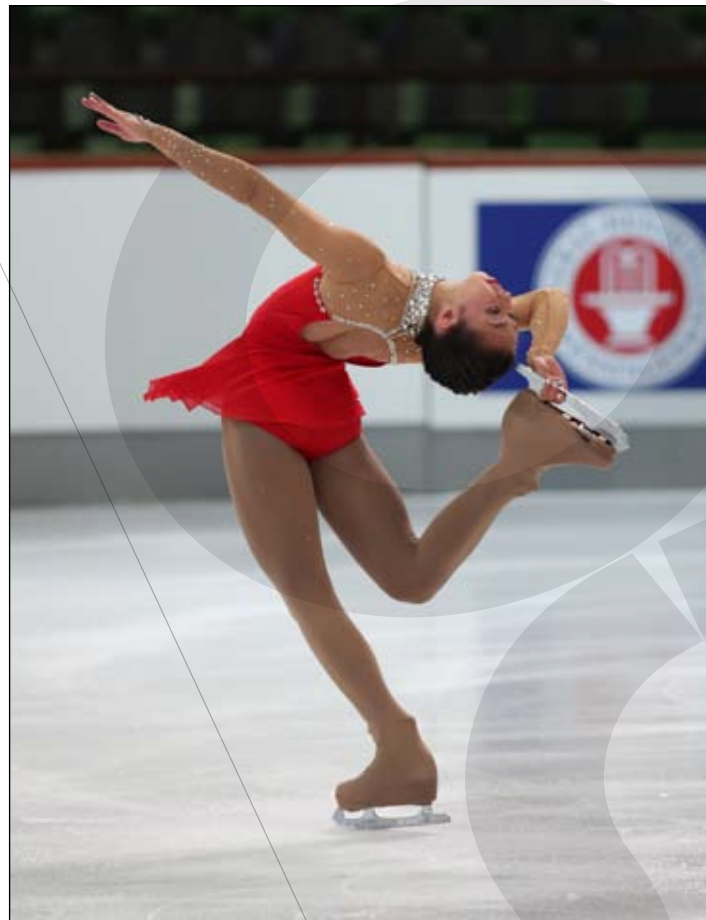




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