

ITALIAN NATIONALS 2006

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Press conference (Jan 4th, 2006)

Massimo Scali (on this pre-Olympic competition): “We are very happy of competing after a period in which we had to face several difficulties, which now we can say we’ve overcome. We’re happy to have Barbara and Maurizio competing with us, it is a wonderful motivation. The Olympics which awaits us, we see them as just the beginning of a career that will last much longer, and so our focus will be on transmitting out emotions to the public, which is always our main goal”.

CD (Jan 5th, 2006)

Massimo Scali: It went really well not only because we skated well, but mainly because we’re getting in the right competitive mind-set. This is of course good for this competition, but it will be much more important for the Europeans which will take place in two weeks, and then for the Olympics when we will be at our top form. We were very calm, even if these championships are going to be tougher than the previous ones – so far we’re handling everything well. We’re really happy”.

OD (Jan 6th, 2006)

Massimo Scali: “It was overall a good performance. Just as yesterday, we tried to do everything we had to, all the elements, edges, turns, with intensity and interpretation, and everything was there. We had a problem on the spin, it didn’t turn out well yet again, this is something we will work on for the next competition. It was a positive performance, we liked ourselves and in particular having seen everyone else’s program, we were particularly satisfied”.

FD (Jan 7th, 2006)

Massimo Scali: “It went fantastically well - for the moment we’re in, the program was perfect - then for the next week and for the future something will have to be fixed. The spin was not perfect, even it was much better than the one in the OD. But apart from this, apart from today’s FD, we are really happy to have done a good championship, we tried to defend our title, we didn’t manage this, but we never let anything hold us back, and this is very important because it means that we’re mentally strong and we’re ready to face anything, and this is what matters the most. We’re really happy, today’s FD went more than well, we really are in good conditions now”.