

TROPHÉE BOMPARD 2005

PARIS, FRANCE

Day 1 - 18 Nov 2005

Faiella/Scali opened their dance to Cha Cha, Rhumba and Samba with the side by side footwork. The Rhumba part contained a curve lift with an unusual entry and the dance combination spin. However, the couple lost speed in their final rotational lift. The Italians earned 47.44 points (22.70/24.74) and remained in third place with a total of 79.42 points, although they were ranked fourth in the OD. *"We're happy that we can skate. Federica has a problem with her left ankle. She fell and sprained it two days before we left Italy"*, Scali explained.

Day 2 - 19 Nov 2005

Faiella/Scali delivered a lyrical performance to "The Mission" soundtrack, completing an unusual inverse lift with her lifting him, twizzles with their hands over their heads and a serpentine lift with changes of position. Their planned curve lift was recognized as a straight line lift, and didn't count as they already had performed one straight line lift before. The Italian Champions looked a bit tentative in their serpentine footwork and their last curve-rotational lift was shaky. They were awarded 77.81 points (39.10/39.71) and accumulated a total score of 157.23 points. *"We skated better than yesterday"*, a happy Massimo Scali told the press. *"We're happy that we finished this competition. Everytime we went on the ice, we didn't know if we can compete in the afternoon"*, he went on, referring to Faiella's ankle injury. *"We feel really comfortable with our programs, but we have to work on the technical stuff, especially in the OD, where we got low points."*