

TROPHÉE BOMPARD 2006 PARIS, FRANCE

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The ice dancers opened today's competition with the Free Dance. Alvena Denkova/Maxim Staviski of Bulgaria danced to victory. France's Isabelle Delobel/Olivier Schoenfelder claimed the silver medal and the bronze went to Federica Faiella/Massimo Scali (ITA).

Faiella/Scali completed level-three footwork and an unusual inverse lift with her lifting him in an upside-down position in their dynamic routine to "Pantera en Liberta". The Italians earned 88.23 points (46.30/42.93) for their Free Dance and had a total of 176.62 points. They won their second bronze medal on the Grand Prix this season. *"From the beginning to the end, we felt stronger today than at Skate Canada. We wanted to show all elements straight"*, Faiella told the press. *"We still have to work on our levels"*, her partner added. *"We changed the last lift after Skate Canada, but we still didn't get the level we were supposed to have. We've worked very hard since Skate Canada and we wanted to be perfect in this competition. It was important to us to start the season strongly."*