

Russia's Tuktamysheva Wins Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final

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Gold medallist Elizaveta Tuktamysheva of Russia and silver medallist Elena Radionova (L) of Russia pose with their medals during an award ceremony after the Ice Ladies free skating at the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating final in Barcelona, on Dec. 13, 2014.

Elizaveta Tuktamysheva of Russia extended her lead to win the Grand Prix Final on Saturday. The 17-year-old Tuktamysheva, who broke her foot in March, cruised through her free skate to finish with a personal best 136.06 points for a winning total of 203.58.

"When I was injured I understood I could not give up skating," Tuktamysheva said through a translator. "I have this fighting spirit."

Right behind Tuktamysheva in second was 15-year-old countrywoman Elena Radionova with 198.74.

European champion and Olympic team gold medalist Julia Lipnitskaya of Russia continued to struggle, falling twice to finish fifth of the six finalists.

Canada's Meagan Duhamel and Eric Radford won in pairs, while Kaitlyn Weaver and Andrew Poje won in ice dance. Both couples also followed up their leading short programs with free skates that marked personal bests. Duhamel and Radford received 146.22 points for their routine performed to a medley of rock band Muse, giving them a winning total of 220.72.

"Our goal coming here was to stand on the podium, so to win is a bonus," Duhamel said.

Olympic and world silver medalists Ksenia Stolbova and Fedor Klimov of Russia were second with 213.72, followed by Wenjing Sui and Cong Han of China with 194.31.

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