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ICE DANCING:

DELOBEL / SCHOENFELDER "WINNING COMEBACK"

Isabelle Delobel and Olivier Schoenfelder skated for their first competition of the season this Tuesday 2nd February in Lyon's Charlemagne ice rink where they regularly train. The specialists and international judges who watched them were amazed by the quality of their performance.

The couple have already won their incredible challenge: only a few months after the birth of her baby son, Isabelle Delobel is already back at the highest level.

With only a few days left before the Olympic Games, both athletes brilliantly skated all three dances (compulsory dance, original dance and free dance) in one day and without difficulty, proving they are both in perfect physical condition. The aesthetic and emotional quality of their performance (especially in the free dance) puts them back, to everyone's surprise, in the contest for the Olympic title. Isabelle and Olivier were awarded the following scores:

- Compulsory Dance Tango Romantica : 46.52 points
- Original Dance : 69.09 points
- Free Dance : 106,49 points

Their total score of 222.10 points is only a few hundredths of a point away from the ice dance this world season's best. Isabelle and Olivier declared:

"Our progress last month was incredible, we have reached the level we were at when we won the ISU Grand Prix Final in Korea a year ago. This test competition helped us show the international judges who were here that we are back at the front of the stage. Our motivation is now such that with another two weeks of training until the Games, everything remains possible in Vancouver. It's really great!"



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Their coaches Muriel Zazoui and Romain Haguener were satisfied with this wonderful result: "We have never stopped believing in them but these results exceed our wildest hopes by a long way. Isabelle and Olivier are now back in the competition. The slates have been cleared, the cards have to be reshuffled and we have quite a few trump cards in our hand."

The competition in Vancouver promises to be very exciting!