

April 16 - April 19, 2015 Tokyo, Japan

PAIRS

**Yuko KAVAGUTI
RUS**

Date of birth: **20.11.1981**
 Place of birth: **Aichi JPN**
 Height: **157 cm**
 Home town: **St. Petersburg**
 Profession: **athlete**
 Hobbies: **reading, movies, shopping, music**
 Start sk. / Club: **1986 / Olympic School St. Petersburg**
 Internet / Social Media contact: <http://www.fskate.ru/skaters/28.html>
 Internet / Social Media contact (couple): http://vk.com/kavaguti_smirnov; <https://www.facebook.com/groups/338441960782/>
 Former Partners: **Alexander Markuntsov, Devin Patrick**

**Alexander SMIRNOV
RUS**

Date of birth: **11.10.1984**
 Place of birth: **Tver**
 Height: **183 cm**
 Home town: **St. Petersburg**
 Profession: **athlete**
 Hobbies: **movies, reading, sport games**
 Start sk. / Club: **1988 / Olympic School St. Petersburg**
 Internet / Social Media contact: <http://www.fskate.ru/skaters/29.html>
 Internet / Social Media contact (couple): http://vk.com/kavaguti_smirnov; <https://www.facebook.com/groups/338441960782/>
 Former Partners: **Alexandra Danilova, Ekaterina Vasilieva**

Coach: **Tamara Moskvina**
 Choreographer: **Peter Chernyshev**
 Former Coach: **Nikolai Velikov, Igor Moskvina**
 Practice low season: **28 h / week at St. Petersburg**
 Practice high season: **21 h / week at St. Petersburg**

Music Short Program / Short Dance as of season 2014/2015

Méditation from "Thaïs" by Jules Massenet

Music Free Skating / Free Dance as of season 2014/2015

Manfred Symphony by Petr I. Tchaikovski

Personal Best Total Score	213.15	20.01.2010	European Championships 2010
Personal Best Score Short Program	74.16	14.02.2010	XXI Olympic Winter Games 2010
Personal Best Score Free Skating	140.00	26.10.2014	ISU GP Hilton HHonors Skate America 2014

	07/08	08/09	09/10	10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14	14/15
Olympic Games			4.					
World Champ.	4.	3.	3.	4.	7.	6.		5.
European Champ.	3.	2.	1.	2.		5.		1.
Four Continents								
World Juniors								
National Champ.	1.S	1.S	1.S	2.S		2.S		3.S

S=Senior; J=Junior; N=Novice

International Competition	Year	Place	International Competition	Year	Place
ISU Grand Prix Final 2011/12 Quebec City, QC	2011	3.	Nebelhorn Trophy 2014 Oberstdorf	2014	1.
ISU GP Cup of China 2012 Shanghai	2012	2.	ISU GP Hilton HHonors Skate America 2014 Chicago, IL	2014	1.
ISU GP Trophée Bompard 2012 Paris	2012	1.	ISU GP NHK Trophy 2014 Osaka	2014	2.
ISU Grand Prix Final 2012/13 Sochi	2012	6.	ISU Grand Prix Final 2014/15 Barcelona	2014	6.

Kavaguti and Smirnov teamed up in spring 2006. Kavaguti competed internationally in singles for Japan before switching to pair skating. With former partner Alexander Markuntsov, she became the first pair skater from Japan to medal at an ISU Championship (silver at 2001 Junior Worlds). After her partnership with Markuntsov dissolved in 2003, she skated with different partners and competed with Devin Patrick at the U.S. Championships. Kavaguti has been living and training in Russia since 2003 and received Russian citizenship in February 2009. Her name spelling was changed from Kawaguchi to Kavaguti. The couple has landed the quadruple throw Salchow in competition. Kavaguti graduated from St. Petersburg University in 2007 with a degree in International Relations. Smirnov got married to Ekaterina Garus in August 2010. Their son Fedor was born in October 2014. Kavaguti/Smirnov missed the 2013/14 season as he ruptured ligaments in his knee in October 2013 and had surgery. They had missed the 2012 European Championships as he recovered from appendix surgery.

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