

For Navarro and Bommentre, it's all about the performance

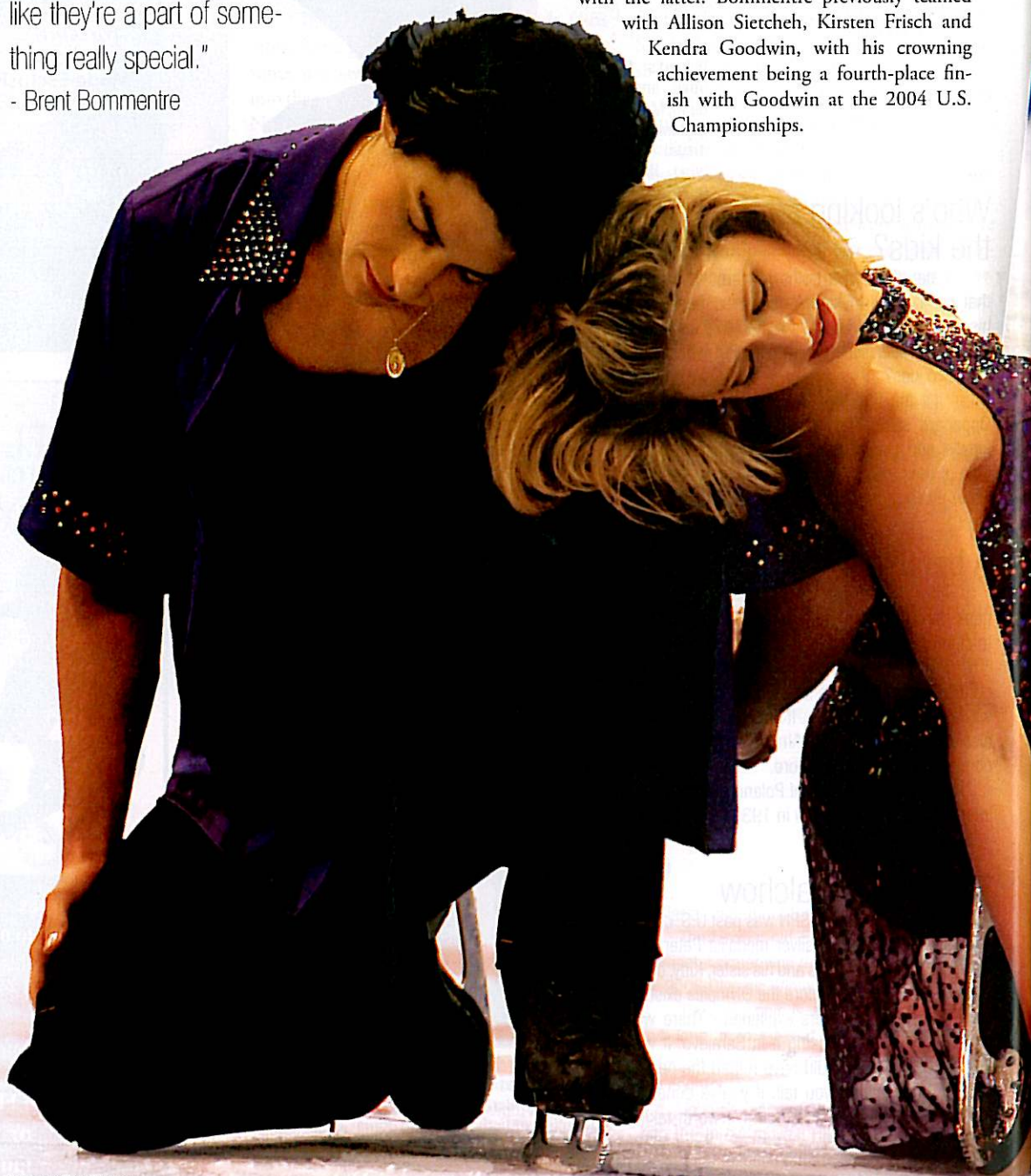
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"It's a performance...
Creating an atmosphere
and getting the crowd
involved. Making them feel
like they're a part of some-
thing really special."

- Brent Bommentre

In ice dancing, the search for the right partner can be a long and winding road. You can be compatible with different skaters and even achieve a degree of success with each of them, but the journey to find the person who complements you the best is often a trying one.

Kimberly Navarro and Brent Bommentre have been down that road several times, each having had three skating partners before pairing up in the spring of 2005. Navarro skated with Matthew Tinney, Nick Hart and Robert Shmalo, and was named an Olympic and World Team alternate with the latter. Bommentre previously teamed with Allison Sietcheh, Kirsten Frisch and Kendra Goodwin, with his crowning achievement being a fourth-place finish with Goodwin at the 2004 U.S. Championships.



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