Krupa Barely Beats Osbourne to Win First Ladies Day on ‘Dancing’

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HOLLYWOOD (RPRN) 09/23/09 — Kathy Ireland holds her own as does Macy Gray
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A trimed-down Kelly Osbourne wowed the crowd at “Dancing with the Stars,” though model Joanna Krupa led the women’s first night with 34 points. Ozzy’s daughter was next with 31 points, tied with singer Mya.

Olympic swimmer Natalie Coughlin had 27 points; actress Melissa Joan Hart had 24; actress Debi Mazar had 22; model Kathy Ireland got 20; and singer Macy Gray had 19.

Viewers can vote for their favorite female celebrities, which will be added to the judges’ scores and the results will be revealed on Wednesday’s show along with the results for the male celebrities who competed Monday night. Two celebrities will be eliminated, we can guess who.

Before her dance, Kelly Osbourne, in the spirit of her dad Ozzy, said the word to describe her dancing would be “crap.” The judges disagreed giving the singer and her partner a 23 for their Viennese Waltz. Dad and mom Sharon, a judge on “America’s Got Talent,” were moved to tears watching their daughter dance. Kelly ran to the side of the stage and hugged her parents at the end of her performance.
Judge Bruno Tonioli gave her an 8: “I cannot believe my eyes. The wild child

rock princess transformed into a vision of grace."

The evening led off with Debi Mazar of "Entourage," who was partnered with the very popular Maksim Chmerkovskiy . Particularly compared to some of the performances from the men last night, Mazar's salsa was surprisingly challenging. Her hips and feet weren't quite where they needed to be, but she showed at least some promise that was acknowledged by the judges.

Melissa Joan Hart started her appearance, paired with Mark Ballas, by announcing that she wants people to understand that her "Sabrina The Teenage Witch " days are behind her. During the Viennese waltz, Melissa's expressive arms wrote checks of gracefulness that the rest of her sometimes couldn't cash, and it was hard to tell much from such a slow and easy dance. She looked okay for a first time out, but when Bruno Tonioli unenthusiastically called it "adequate," he got it about right.

One-time supermodel Kathy Ireland (now billed as an "entrepreneur") wants to get in shape through the show, and her partner — Tony Dovolani — will undoubtedly keep her moving. He was alarmed, however, to note that she didn't seem able to count on the beat of the music. Indeed, she looked uncomfortable standing still before the dance even started, and she didn't improve. Kathy has no sense of the beat without constantly looking to Tony just to keep up with the timing. The judges broke it to her as gently as they could that she was stiff and awkward, and the audience will likely do the same, probably a little less gently.

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