



WINTER Olympic Report



Medals leaders

Updated Tuesday

	G	S	B	T
Norway	6	1	4	11
Italy	2	2	6	10
United States	2	3	2	7
Japan	2	2	3	7
Switzerland	3	1	1	5
Austria	2	3	0	5
Germany	2	2	1	5
Sweden	2	2	1	5
France	1	2	0	3
Canada	0	1	2	3
Czech Republic	1	1	0	2
Netherlands	1	1	0	2
China	0	1	1	2
New Zealand	0	1	1	2
South Korea	0	1	1	2

Team USA medalists

A complete lists of medalists for Team USA through competition early Tuesday:

Gold: Breezy Johnson, women's downhill skiing; U.S. team, figure skating mixed team

Silver: Ben Ogden, men's sprint classic style cross country skiing; Alexander Hall, men's slope-style freestyle skiing; Korey Dropkin and Cory Thiesse, mixed doubles curling

Bronze: Jacqueline Wiles and Paula Moltzan, women's combined downhill skiing; Ashley Farquharson, women's single luge



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The United States' Breezy Johnson celebrates at the finish area of an alpine ski, downhill portion of a women's team combined race in Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy, on Tuesday.

TV top picks

Wednesday, February 11

All times Central. Broadcast on NBC, USA and CNBC. Streaming on Peacock and other subscription services.

BIATHLON » 7:15 a.m.: Streaming only — Women's 15km Individual; 8:15 a.m.: USA — Women's 15km Individual; 10 p.m.: USA — Women's 15km Individual (re-air)

CURLING » 12:05 p.m.: Streaming only — Czechia vs. United States (M Round-Robin); 4 p.m.: CNBC — Czechia vs. United States (re-air)

FIGURE SKATING » 12:15 p.m.: USA — Figure Skating Preview; 1:15 p.m.: NBC — Free Dance

FREESTYLE SKIING » 6:30 a.m.: USA — Women's Moguls: Qualifying Round 1; 7:15 a.m.: USA — Women's Moguls: Final; 11 a.m.: NBC — Women's Moguls: Final

HOCKEY » 9:40 a.m.: Streaming only — Slovakia vs. Finland; USA — Slovakia vs. Finland; 2:10 p.m.: Streaming only — Sweden vs. Italy; 2:25 p.m.: USA — Sweden vs. Italy; 7 p.m.: USA — Slovakia vs. Finland

SNOWBOARDING » 5:45 a.m.: USA — Women's Snowboard Halfpipe: Qualifying; 12:30 p.m.: Streaming only — Men's Snowboard Halfpipe: Qualifying; 12:40 p.m.: NBC — Men's Snowboard Halfpipe: Qualifying; 1:15 p.m.: USA — Men's Snowboard Halfpipe: Qualifying; 5:30 p.m.: USA — Men's Snowboard Halfpipe: Qualifying

SPEED SKATING » 11:30 a.m.: NBC — Men's 1000m

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Robert F. Bukaty | Associated Press

The United States' Mikaela Shiffrin, left, hugs teammates Tuesday at the finish area during the slalom portion of the women's team combined race.

Shiffrin's fourth Olympics start with sluggish slalom

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CORTINA D'AMPEZZO, Italy — Mikaela Shiffrin didn't offer any excuses. No sense of anger, frustration or tears for that matter, either.

The most decorated slalom racer in history could tell the snow under her skis didn't feel right to her as she made her way down the Tofane course in the first Olympic women's team combined event on Tuesday.

Something about the feedback she was getting seemed ... off.

By the time Shiffrin crossed the finish line, the slim lead Breezy Johnson handed her after a brilliant and gutsy downhill was gone. So was a shot at the gold, which went to the Austrian team of Ariane Raedler and Katharina Huber.

Silver and bronze disappeared, too, with fellow Team USA members Jackie Wiles and Paula Moltzan holding off their two friends for third to earn the first Olympic medals of their lengthy careers.

Shiffrin's been doing this a long time. She knows these things happen. Yet for Shiffrin, they have typically come in training. The only time they seem to pop up in competition is at the Olympics.

Four years removed from a forgettable

two weeks in Beijing when she went 0 for 6 and failed to even reach the finish line three times, Shiffrin's fourth Olympics began with a run that started slow and never came together. She lost time at every checkpoint, sending her and Johnson sliding down to fourth.

How sluggish was Shiffrin? Her time of 45.38 was 15th fastest out of the 18 skiers who reached the bottom. For comparison, Shiffrin hadn't finished that low in an individual slalom she finished since 2012, when she still was a teenager and her rise to three Olympic medals and a record 108 World Cup titles (and counting) was still beyond her wildest dreams.

"There's something to learn today," Shiffrin said. "I'm going to learn it."

It wasn't a confidence issue. Shiffrin took the chair lift up to the top of the course inspired by Johnson, who backed up a gold-medal performance in the women's downhill on Sunday by storming her way to the front to give Shiffrin a slim lead of .06 seconds heading into the slalom.

Shiffrin, who knows a thing or two about attention, marveled at Johnson's ability to focus given the whirlwind that comes when you break through at the Olympics. She leaned forward at the start intent on giving Johnson her second gold in 48 hours.

CURLING



Misper Apawu | Associated Press

Sweden's Rasmus Wranaa and Isabella Wranaa celebrate after winning the gold medal mixed doubles curling match against the U.S. on Tuesday in Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy.

U.S. pair settle for historic silver

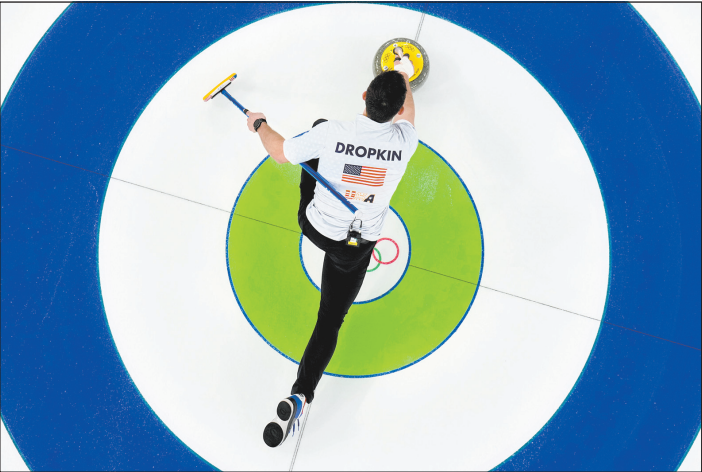
Swedish siblings capture gold in tight competition

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CORTINA D'AMPEZZO, Italy — At one end of the ice was the brother, pumping his fists. At the other was the sister, jumping up and down with her broom in her hand and a look of disbelief on her bespectacled face.

Isabella and Rasmus Wranå, Sweden's first-ever team of siblings at the Winter Olympics, won gold in mixed doubles curling on Tuesday night, beating U.S. pair Cory Thiesse and Korey Dropkin.

The Wranås persevered through a nail-biter of a championship game in front of a spirited, pro-U.S. crowd and pounced on



Bernat Armangué | Associated Press

Korey Dropkin of the United States competes against Sweden during the curling mix doubles gold medal match.

an opening left by the Americans in the last end. Isabella threw the winning stone and hunched close to the ice, watching her brother sweep until their red stone knocked out the Americans' yellow

rock for a 6-5 victory.

For the Americans, just making it this far was historic. They became the first U.S. team to medal in Olympic mixed doubles, and Thiesse is the first American

woman to medal in Olympic curling.

It was a heartbreaker for the Americans, who enjoyed roaring support. An American curler screamed from the rafters, "Show me your biceps!" Dropkin obliged.

Thiesse and Dropkin are based in Duluth, Minnesota, and have full-time jobs. Thiesse is a lab technician and Dropkin a real estate agent. Dropkin is engaged and Thiesse is married.

They were classmates in college. Dropkin asked Thiesse to be his mixed doubles partner after a failed qualification run for the Beijing 2022 Games. She agreed and they were world champions a year later.

Italy's Stefania Constantini and Amos Mosaner won bronze, defeating Britain 5-3. It was a bittersweet result for the Italians, the defending Olympic champions whose fans packed the stands throughout the round-robin in hopes to see a repeat.

Inside the secret text group of U.S. figure skating gold medalists

DAVE SKRETTE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MILAN — The text message that popped up on Nathan Chen's phone underscored the enormity of the moment, its arrival shortly after the American figure skater had won his long-awaited gold medal with a soaring free skate at the 2022 Beijing Olympics.

"Congratulations," it read. "Welcome to our chat."

"This is everything," Chen typed back in reply.

The text had come out of nowhere, welcoming him to what is surely one of the most

select groups of U.S. athletes. It is called simply the "OGM chain," which stands for "only gold medalists," and as the name implies, it includes only American figure skaters who have captured Olympic titles, from 90-year-old Tenley Albright all the way down to Chen, who was 22 at the time.

"It's really fun. You go into the chat and you're like, 'Wow,'" said 1988 champion Brian Boitano, who provided the The Associated Press with a scroll through the text chain. "You just think to yourself, 'I'm actually in this community.'"

"Not only that you're in the Olympic community," Boitano clarified,

"but you're a gold medalist."

The U.S. has a long and successful history in figure skating, dating to its very first medal, a bronze won by Theresa Weld at the 1920 Antwerp Games — four years before the inaugural Winter Olympics. Dick Button provided its first gold medal when he won the men's event at the 1948 St. Moritz Games, then defended his title four years later at the 1952 Oslo Games.

Button died just over a year ago at the age of 95, the only American figure skating gold medalist no longer alive.

"When we started the chain, I

thought it was just really cool," Boitano said. "You have Evan Lysacek and Carol Heiss and Scott Hamilton and Dorothy Hamill, and you just keep going — Kristi Yamaguchi, Meryl Davis, Charlie White."

If Boitano continued to rattle off names, the total would have come to an even two-dozen, a figure that grew by five more this past Sunday night. That's when Ilia Malinin anchored the Americans in the team event, beating Japan's Yuma Kagiyama in a head-to-head showdown to help them defend the gold medal that Chen had helped them win in Beijing.



Ashley Landis | Associated Press

U.S.'s Ilia Malinin celebrates after winning gold in the figure skating team event Sunday.