



WINTER

# Olympic Report

MILANO CORTINA

2026



## Medals leaders

Updated Monday:

	G	S	B	T
Norway	12	7	8	27
Italy	8	4	10	22
United States	5	8	4	17
Japan	3	5	9	17
France	4	7	4	15
Germany	4	6	5	15
Austria	4	7	3	14
Netherlands	6	5	1	12
Sweden	5	5	1	11
Switzerland	5	2	3	10
Canada	1	4	5	10
Australia	3	1	1	5
South Korea	1	2	3	6
Czech Republic	2	2	0	4
Slovenia	2	1	1	4

## Team USA medalists

A complete list of medalists for Team USA through competition early Monday:

**Gold:** Breezy Johnson, women's downhill skiing; U.S. team, figure skating mixed team; Elizabeth Lemly, women's moguls; Jordan Stoltz, men's 500m, 1000m speed skating

**Silver:** Ben Ogden, men's sprint classic style cross country skiing; Alexander Hall, men's slope-style freestyle skiing; Korey Dropkin, mixed doubles curling; Jaelin Kauf, women's moguls, women's dual moguls; Alexander Hall, men's slopestyle; Ryan Cochran-Siegle, men's super-G; Madison Chock and Evan Bates, mixed ice dance; Chloe Kim, snowboard, women's halfpipe

**Bronze:** Jacqueline Wiles and Paula Moltzan, women's combined downhill skiing; Ashley Farquharson, women's single luge; Jessie Diggins, women's 10km freestyle cross-country skiing; Elizabeth Lemly, women's dual moguls



Jessie Diggins

## TV top picks

Tuesday, February 17

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

**BIATHLON** » 7:30 a.m.: Streaming only — Men's 4x7.5km relay: 8:05 a.m.: USA — Men's 4x7.5km relay: 10 p.m.: USA — Men's 4x7.5km relay (re-air)

**BOBSLED** » Noon: Streaming only — Two-man bobsled, runs 3-4; 4:30 p.m.: USA — Two-man bobsled, runs 3-4

**CURLING** » 7:05 a.m.: Streaming only — Women's round-robin: USA vs. United States, Italy vs. Japan, South Korea vs. Switzerland, Sweden vs. Canada; 12:05 p.m.: Streaming only — Men's round-robin: Canada vs. Great Britain, Germany vs. Switzerland, Sweden vs. Norway, United States vs. Italy; 4 p.m.: CNBC — Women's round-robin: Denmark vs. United States; 8:30 p.m.: Men's round-robin: USA — United States vs. Italy

**FIGURE SKATING** » 11:30 a.m.: USA — Figure skating preview; 11:45 a.m.: USA — Women's short program; 1:40 p.m.: NBC — Women's short program

**FREESTYLE SKIING** » 6:30 a.m.: Streaming only — Men's aerials: qualifying; 10 a.m.: USA — Men's aerials: qualifying; 11 a.m.: NBC — M&W aerials: qualifying; 12:30 p.m.: NBC — Men's Freeski Big Air: Final; Streaming only — Men's Freeski Big Air: Final; 5:15 p.m.: USA — Women's Aerials: Qualifying (re-air); 6 p.m.: USA — Men's aerials: qualifying (re-air)

**HOCKEY** » 9:40 a.m.: Streaming only — Men's Qualification Playoff; 11:15 a.m.: USA — Men's Qualification Playoff; 2:10 p.m.: Streaming only — Men's Qualification Playoff; USA — Men's Qualification Playoff; 7 p.m.: USA — Men's Qualification Playoff

**NORDIC COMBINED** » 6:45 a.m.: Streaming only — Men's Large Hill: 10km race; 8:50 a.m.: USA — Men's Large Hill: 10km race

**SNOWBOARDING** » 6 a.m.: Streaming only — Women's Snowboard Slopestyle: Final; USA — Women's Snowboard Slopestyle: Final; 11:45 a.m.: NBC — Women's Snowboard Slopestyle: Final

**SPEED SKATING** » 7:30 a.m.: Streaming only — Men's and Women's Team Pursuit Finals; USA — Men's and Women's Team Pursuit Semifinals; 9:20 a.m.: USA — Men's and Women's Team Pursuit Finals

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## MEN'S SLALOM

# McGrath loses gold medal, then emotions



Rebecca Blackwell | Associated Press

Norway's Atle Lie McGrath arrives at the finish area of an alpine ski, men's slalom race, Monday in Bormio, Italy.

BORMIO, Italy — Atle Lie McGrath's gold-medal hopes in the Olympic slalom slipped away. His ski poles were then thrown away. And then he simply stumbled away through the snow toward the woods.

It was all part of an epic Olympic meltdown that turned Monday's race into high-tragic theater.

"I thought that I would get some peace and quiet, which I didn't," the Norwegian ski racer said of his retreat from the course after losing out on a medal. "Because photographers and police found me out in the woods. But I just needed some time for myself."

McGrath, who was born in Vermont but grew up in Norway, entered the final run of the final men's race at the Milan Cortina Games with a big lead in his best event. But after straddling a gate, McGrath lost a medal and then control of his emo-

tions in a race won by Loic Meillard of Switzerland.

The 25-year-old McGrath tossed each pole over the safety netting lining the Stelvio course. He then

climbed the fencing on the other side of the course and made his way through the snow to the edge of the wilderness, where he laid on his back.

McGrath later arrived in the finish area and walked away without talking. More than two hours later, he met the media at a nearby Bormio hotel.

"I'm normally a guy that's very good when it comes to perspective on things," he said. "And if I don't ski well in a race, I can at least tell myself that I'm healthy and my family's healthy and the people I love are here. So that's nice, but that's not been the case. I've lost someone I love so much and that makes it really hard."

McGrath has been racing with a heavy heart, with his grandfather dying the day of the opening ceremony. He wore an armband as a tribute.

"What he's gone through these last 10, 12 days, it's been really tough," said teammate Timon Haugan, who finished fourth in Monday's race. "He's been really sad. He started to do better and today he's going through ... we need to really back him up today."

## WOMEN'S HOCKEY



Carolyn Kaster | Associated Press

The United States' Taylor Heise (27) celebrates after scoring a goal against Sweden during the second period of a women's ice hockey semifinal match at the 2026 Winter Olympics in Milan, Italy, on Monday.

# U.S. women trounce Sweden to reach final

Americans have outscored their opponents by combined 31-1

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MILAN — Aerin Frankel stopped 21 shots for her third shutout of the Olympic women's hockey tournament and the favored United States advanced to the gold-medal game by defeating Sweden 5-0 at the Milan Cortina Games on Monday.

Abbey Murphy, Kendall Coyne Schofield and Hayley Scamurra scored on consecutive shots over a 2:47 late in the second period to blow the game open and put the Americans up 5-0. Cayla Barnes opened the scoring and Taylor Heise also scored.

The Americans continued their roll through the tournament by improving to 6-0, and outscoring their opponents by a combined

31-1. The U.S. has yet to trail or be tied after 0-0, and in position to become the third women's team to do so over the entire tournament, joining Canada in 2006 and 2010.

The U.S. also extended its shutout streak to 331 minutes, 23 seconds, going back to Czechia's Barbora Jurickova beating Frankel on a breakaway in the second period of a tournament-opening 5-1 win.

The win over Sweden sets up what could well be a seventh gold-medal showdown against Canada on Thursday. The defending Olympic champion Canadians played Switzerland in the day's other semifinal game.

The U.S. already beat Canada 5-0 in a preliminary round game last week. The Americans won Olympic gold in 1998 and 2018, with Canada winning the other

five tournaments.

Sweden will play for bronze on Thursday in an effort to medal for the third time in team history, and first since winning silver at the 2006 Turin Games after upsetting the U.S. in the semifinals.

Ebba Svensson Traff stopped 19 of 23 shots before she was pulled after Coyne Schofield tipped in Laila Edwards' shot from the blue line with 3:50 left in the second period.

Emma Soderberg took over in goal, and was beaten by Scamurra, who tapped in Britta Curl-Salemme's centering pass 1:49 later. Soderberg finished with 10 saves.

Among those in attendance was former NFL center Jason Kelce, who was shown on the scoreboard applauding the goal initially cred-

ited to Edwards. Kelce is from Edwards' hometown of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, and he and his brother, Kansas City Chiefs tight end Travis Kelce, contributed to a GoFundMe drive to help pay for Edwards' family to attend the Milan Cortina Games.

Sweden enjoyed a break-through this year with a young, talented group that features seven players competing in the U.S. college ranks. Sweden went 4-0 to win Group B, and then upset Czechia 2-0 in the quarterfinals.

Though the Swedes kept the game close through 35 minutes, the Americans eventually wore them down. And the U.S. certainly didn't resemble a team that didn't want to play Sweden, as coach Ulf Lundberg suggested after the Swedes beat Czechia in the quarterfinals.

## Curling drama leads to growing controversy

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CORTINA D'AMPEZZO, Italy — The curling drama at the Winter Olympics sent the sport's governing body scrambling to address a growing controversy and curb conflicting accounts of rule-breaking. The backpedaling came less than 24 hours later.

A day after World Curling ramped up monitoring of the matches, it pulled the plug, saying umpires would retreat and be available on request

but not by default.

The move came after a quick meeting between national curling federations and World Curling on Sunday in which curlers expressed dissatisfaction with the increased surveillance. Athletes wanted less monitoring, not more.

Why would Olympic curlers, playing a sport where mere centimeters can make the difference between a winning and losing stone, choose to send the umps away? The answer may have to do with the longstanding spirit of the

game, which some athletes are clinging to even as it grows more popular — and professional.

"I think there's a lot of pride in trying to be a sport that kind of officiates ourselves a little bit, so to speak," said Nolan Thiessen, CEO of Curling Canada, whose teams have been at the heart of the uproar over the past several days. "I think it was just everybody taking a deep breath and going, OK, let's just finish this Olympics the way we know our sport is to be played."

The saga began Friday, when Sweden's Oskar Eriksson accused Canadian Marc Kennedy of breaking the rules by touching the rock again after initially releasing it down the sheet of ice. Kennedy's expletive-laden outburst drew widespread attention, as did the sport, which tends to fall off the radar outside the Olympics.

World Curling decided it needed to double down on game surveillance, even though it was already midway through the Olympic men's and women's round-robin competition.



David J. Phillip | Associated Press

Canada's Emma Miskew prepares to deliver the stone during a women's curling round robin match against China on Monday in Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy.