



WINTER Olympic Report



Medals leaders

Updated Wednesday:

	G	S	B	T
Norway	15	8	10	33
Italy	9	4	12	25
United States	7	11	6	24
Japan	5	6	11	22
Germany	5	8	8	21
France	6	7	4	17
Austria	5	8	4	17
Sweden	6	6	3	15
Netherlands	6	6	1	13
Switzerland	5	4	3	12
Canada	3	4	5	12
China	2	3	4	9
Australia	3	2	1	6
South Korea	1	2	3	6

Team USA medalists

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

Gold: Breezy Johnson, women's downhill skiing; U.S. team, figure skating mixed team; Elizabeth Lemly, women's moguls; Jordan Stolz, men's 500m, 1000m speed skating; Elana Meyers Taylor, women's monobob; Mikaela Shiffrin, alpine skiing women's slalom

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; 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; U.S. men, speedskating, team pursuit; Max Forehand, men's big air freestyle skiing; Ben Ogden and Gus Schumacher, cross-country skiing men's team spring freestyle

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; Kaillie Ambruster Humphries, women's monobob; Jake Canter, snowboard men's slopestyle



Elana Meyers Taylor

TV top picks

Thursday, February 19

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

BOBSLED » 7 a.m.: Streaming only — Two-Woman Bobsled: Training

CURLING » 7:05 a.m.: Streaming only — Canada vs. South Korea (W); Great Britain vs. Italy (W); Japan vs. China (W); Switzerland vs. United States (W); 12:05 p.m.: Men's Semifinals; 4 p.m.: CNBC — Men's Semifinal #1; 7 p.m.: USA — Men's Semifinal

FIGURE SKATING » Noon: NBC, Streaming — Women's Free Skate

FREESTYLE SKIING » 7:45 a.m.: USA — Men's Freeski Halfpipe: Qualifying; 11 a.m.: NBC — Men's Aerials: Final; 12:30 p.m.: Streaming only — Women's Freeski Halfpipe: Qualifying; 2 p.m.: USA — Women's Freeski Halfpipe: Qualifying; 5:30 p.m.: USA — Men's Freeski Halfpipe: Qualifying (re-air)

HOCKEY » 7:40 a.m.: Streaming only — Women's Bronze Final; 11 a.m.: USA — Women's Bronze Final; 12:10 p.m.: USA, Streaming — Women's Gold Final; 9 p.m.: USA — Women's Bronze Final (re-air); 10 p.m.: USA — Women's Gold Final (re-air)

NORDIC COMBINED » 7 a.m.: Streaming only — Men's Team Large Hill: 2x7.5km Relay; 7:20 a.m.: USA — Men's Team Large Hill: 2x7.5km Relay; 4:30 p.m.: USA — Men's Team Large Hill (re-air)

SKI MOUNTAINEERING » 5:55 a.m.: Streaming only — Men's & Women's Sprints: Finals; USA — Men's & Women's Sprints: Finals

SPEED SKATING » 9:30 a.m.: USA, Streaming — Men's 1500m; 11:30 a.m.: NBC — Men's 1500m

WOMEN'S HOCKEY

Dream matchup: U.S. vs. Canada for gold

JOHN WAWROW
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MILAN — Before the puck dropped on the U.S.-Canada Rivalry Series three months ago and before the Americans romped through their first six games at the Milan Cortina Olympics, Hilary Knight looked ahead to the gold-medal final with hope and anticipation.

How fitting it would be, the U.S. captain told The Associated Press in early November, for her Olympic career to end with one more showdown against Canada.

"It's best on best. I think people really like it when our two teams face off," Knight said. "It's a testament to the work that both have put in off ice and on ice. So, yeah, it would definitely be a win-win from a 30,000-foot view."

Anticipation has become reality for the 36-year-old Knight as the border rivals and the sport's global powers prepare to meet Thursday. It will be their seventh gold-medal matchup in eight Olympics since women's hockey debuted in 1998 — and the fifth for Knight, who has



Hassan Ammar | Associated Press

The United States' Hilary Knight beats Sweden's Thea Johansson to the puck during a semifinal Monday in Milan, Italy.

said these will be her final Games.

"It's exciting. It's fleeting. It's all these emotions at the same time," Knight said after practice Wednesday.

"At the end of the day it's just so special," she added. "And I can't tell you enough how amazing this group

is."

The Americans are favored to add a third gold medal after winning in 1998 and 2018. The team has a mix of experience, led by Knight, and young talent, including seven players still in college.

The U.S. has outscored its six

opponents by a combined 31-1 while not allowing a goal in more than 331 minutes. That streak dates to Barbora Jurickova scoring on a breakaway in the second period of a tournament-opening 5-1 win over Czechia.

The Americans stand one win from cementing a legacy as one of the most dominant women's hockey teams.

"If we get the job done (Thursday) night, I think that statement holds true," Kendall Coyne Schofield said.

The defending champion Canadians have shown signs of age and struggled through parts of the tournament. Canada is 5-1, having dropped a 5-0 decision to the U.S. in the preliminary round — its most lopsided loss and its first time being shut out in Olympic play.

Canada advanced to the final by eking out a 2-1 win over Switzerland, after which Swiss captain Lara Stalder said the winners looked "shaky" and "beatable."

The Canadians acknowledge they've yet to play their best, and they know anything can happen in the final.

ALPINE SKIING: WOMEN'S SLALOM



Photos by Marco Trovati | Associated Press

The United States' Mikaela Shiffrin speeds down the course to win the women's slalom Wednesday in Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy.

SHIFFRIN BACK ON TOP

After past disappointments, American wins third Olympic gold

STEVE DOUGLAS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CORTINA D'AMPEZZO, Italy — Mikaela Shiffrin closed her eyes, gave a deep breath and took a big step back onto the top of an Olympic podium.

The American skiing standout was a gold medalist at the Winter Games once again — and she couldn't quite believe it.

Shiffrin put in two dominant runs in gorgeous conditions amid the jagged peaks of the Dolomites to win the women's slalom by a massive 1.50 seconds, ending her eight-year medal drought at the Winter Games and showing why she is widely regarded as the greatest Alpine skier of all time.

In emotional scenes after the race, the 30-year-old Shiffrin was embraced by Camille Rast of Switzerland, who took silver, and



Mikaela Shiffrin kisses her gold medal after the women's slalom race.

bronze-medalist Anna Swenn Larsson before fighting back tears as she approached her mom and coach, Eileen, for a long, deep hug next to the finish area.

Through it all, Shiffrin said, she

never stopped thinking about her father, Jeff, who died at the age of 65 in an accident at the family home in Colorado in February 2020.

"This was a moment I have dreamed about — I've also been very scared of this moment," Shiffrin said. "Everything in life that you do after you lose someone you love is like a new experience. It's like being born again."

"And I still have so many moments where I resist this. I don't want to be in life without my dad," she added, her voice trembling. "And maybe today was the first time that I could actually accept this, like, reality."

The victory made Shiffrin the first American skier to win three Alpine golds and was the third-largest margin of victory in a women's Olympic slalom — the event she won as a fresh-faced teenager in Sochi in 2014 to under-

line her status as a skiing star.

Twelve years later, having lost her father, having failed to meet huge expectations at the 2022 Olympics, having become the most successful World Cup skier of all time with a record 108 victories and then having overcome the two biggest crashes of her career and an ensuing battle with post-traumatic stress disorder, she delivered again in her favorite race.

In a sense, her skiing career had just come full circle.

"Maybe," she added, "just today, I realized what happened to me in Sochi."

At the medal ceremony, she shook both of her hands as she was about to receive her gold medal, clearly overcome by emotion. When it was placed around her neck, she looked down at it almost in disbelief.



Kirsty Wigglesworth | Associated Press

Johannes Hoesflot Klaebo of Norway, center, speaks with teammate Einar Hedegart after winning the gold medal in the cross-country skiing men's team sprint free Wednesday in Tesero, Italy.

In golden masterclass, Norway's Klaebo extends medal record

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ASSOCIATED PRESS

TESERO, Italy — Johannes Hoesflot Klaebo's golden run at Milan Cortina continued Wednesday as the Norwegian star secured his fifth gold at the Milan Cortina Olympics — and a record 10th overall — in the men's team sprint.

Klaebo beat back a challenge from the United States to improve on his own record tally, racing with Einar Hedegart to win in 18 minutes, 28.9 seconds. Americans Ben Ogden

and Gus Schumacher were just 1.4 seconds behind for the silver, while Italy's Elia Barp and Federico Pellegrino pleased the home crowd and took bronze, 3.3 seconds back.

"It's obviously very satisfying to make this happen," the 29-year-old Klaebo said. "The team sprint is one of the most fun events, but also one of the hardest."

Klaebo has won every race he has entered at these Games, breaking the Winter Olympics record in Sunday's 4 x 7.5-kilometer relay. His final race will be in the 50-kilometer mass start over the weekend.

"There are so many strong teams and so many fast skiers, so it always comes down to tight battles," Klaebo added. "That makes it even more rewarding."

The U.S. racers fought hard for an upset, with Schumacher slipping back only on the final hill where Klaebo sealed victory.

"Man, we kept the belief, and I knew that Gus was not going to let up until the last second. And therefore I couldn't let up to the last seconds. So it was pretty incredible," Ogden said.

Mathis Desloges snapped a pole, in a setback for the strong French team that finished 12th.

In the women's competition, Jonna Sundling and Maja Dahlqvist continued Sweden's winning form.

Switzerland's Nadja Kaelin and Nadine Faehndrich took silver with Laura Gimmler and Coletta Rydzek of Germany taking the bronze. Norway was edged out to fourth place.

"It is just amazing, so happy and so relieved too," Dahlqvist said after the Swedes won in 20 minutes, 29.99 seconds. "We have like five, six girls who could do the team sprint today. So we have a really strong team and I'm happy to bring a gold for the whole team."