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Olympic Report

MILANO CORTINA 2026



Medals leaders

Updated Thursday:

	G	S	B	T
Italy	6	2	7	15
Norway	7	2	5	14
United States	4	7	3	14
Austria	3	5	3	11
Japan	2	2	5	9
Sweden	4	3	1	8
France	3	4	1	8
Germany	3	3	2	8
Switzerland	4	1	2	7
Canada	0	3	3	6
Netherlands	1	3	0	4
China	0	1	2	3
Czech Republic	1	1	0	2
Slovenia	1	1	0	2
New Zealand	0	1	1	2
South Korea	0	1	1	2
Bulgaria	0	0	2	2

Team USA medalists

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

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

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; 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



Ryan Cochran-Siegle

TV top picks

Friday, February 13

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

BIATHLON » 7:55 a.m.: USA — Men's 10km sprint; 5:15 p.m.: USA — Men's 10km sprint (re-air)

CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING » 11 a.m.: NBC — Men's 10km free; 6 p.m.: USA — Men's 10km free (re-air)

CURLING » 7:05 a.m.: Streaming only — China vs. Switzerland, Denmark vs. Sweden, Great Britain vs. South Korea, United States vs. Canada; 12:05 p.m.: Streaming only — Canada vs. Sweden, Czechia vs. Norway, Germany vs. Italy, Switzerland vs. China; 4 p.m.: CNBC — United States vs. Canada; 8:30 p.m.: USA — Canada vs. Sweden

FIGURE SKATING » 11:45 a.m.: USA — Figure Skating Preview; Noon: USA — Men's Free Skate; 3 p.m.: NBC — On NBC: Men's Free Skate

HOCKEY » 6:30 a.m.: USA — Finland vs. Sweden (Men's Group B); 9:40 a.m.: Streaming only — France vs. Czechia (Men's Group A), Women's Quarterfinal; 1:50 p.m.: USA — Hockey Preview; 2:10 p.m.: Streaming only — Canada vs. Switzerland (Men's Group A), Women's Quarterfinal, USA — Women's Quarterfinal; 7 p.m.: USA — Women's Quarterfinal; 10 p.m.: USA — Women's Quarterfinal (re-air)

LUGE » 8:30 a.m.: USA — Luge Team Relay (re-air)

SKELETON » 9 a.m.: Streaming only — Women's Skeleton: Runs 1-2; USA — Women's Skeleton: Run 1; 10:55 a.m.: USA — Women's Skeleton: Run 2; 12:25 p.m.: Streaming only — Men's Skeleton: Runs 3-4; 4:30 p.m.: USA — Men's Skeleton: Runs 3-4.

SNOWBOARDING » 6:30 a.m.: Streaming only — Women's Snowboard Cross: Finals; 7:30 a.m.: USA — Women's Snowboard Cross: Finals; 1 p.m.: NBC — Women's Snowboard Cross: Finals; 12:30 p.m.: NBC — Men's Snowboard Halfpipe: Final; Streaming only — Men's Snowboard Halfpipe: Final

SPEED SKATING » 9 a.m.: Streaming only — Men's 10,000m; 9:30 a.m.: USA — Men's 10,000m

WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY: 10-KILOMETER INTERVAL START

Diggins fights injury, wins freestyle bronze

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TESERO, Italy — Jessie Diggins of the United States battled through injury to claim bronze Thursday in the women's 10-kilometer interval start, a race dominated by Sweden's Frida Karlsson as she won her second gold medal at the Winter Olympics.

Diggins, racing in her final season, collapsed to the ground, shouting out in pain after finishing the freestyle race at the Milan Cortina Games and adding to her gold, silver and bronze career medal tally.

The 34-year-old American finished 49.7 seconds behind a Swedish one-two, with Karlsson clocking 22 minutes, 49.2 seconds. Ebba Andersson was second, 46.6 seconds behind the leader.

Diggins fell in the opening race, the Skiatlon, and bruised her ribs. The injury hurt her following performance in the individual sprint where she was eliminated in the heats.

"I need a new body," Diggins said. "Honestly, I think I'm the happiest, most grateful bronze medallist in



Kirsty Wigglesworth | Associated Press

Jessie Diggins, of the United States, falls to the ground after crossing the finish line in the cross country skiing women's 10-kilometer interval start free in Tesero, Italy, on Thursday.

the whole world. It's been one heck of a painful week. Two days ago, I was like, I don't know how I'm going to do this."

She hugged her Swedish rivals before stepping onto the podium to chants of "Jessie! Jessie!" from a crowd that included a large travel-

ing group of her family and friends. "I just felt like I was skiing out of my body the whole time. And I was just trying to fight for every single second and to leave it all out there," Diggins said. "I've been up at night with my ribs clicking in and out of place. It's just really been hard."

Her medal is the second for the U.S. team in cross country at the Games, following Ben Ogden's silver medal sprint in the men's competition. But Diggins said the pain of racing Thursday made her unaware of her position in the standings.

"I had no idea what place I was in," she said. "It's been disconcerting and really, really painful."

Showing emotion, Diggins said she had received video messages of support from elderly relatives unable to make the trip, adding: "I saw my husband and got a big smooch before the start and that really helped me out."

Sweden's women have now won seven out of the nine medals handed out in cross country skiing at Milan Cortina. Karlsson said she felt confident of victory after a strong hill climb before the finish, adding that she would celebrate with teammates later with a victory cake provided for podium performances by the team chefs.

"I was bursting with energy," she said, giggling. "I felt the pain but it was after the finish line. The good feeling came on the last hill."

SNOWBOARDING: WOMEN'S HALFPIPE



Abbie Parr | Associated Press

The United States' Chloe Kim competes during the women's snowboarding halfpipe at the 2026 Winter Olympics in Livigno, Italy.

NO 3-PEAT FOR KIM

U.S. star falls short in halfpipe, settles for silver; South Korea's Gaon earns gold

ASSOCIATED PRESS

LIVIGNO, Italy — Chloe Kim fell short in her bid to become the first Olympic snowboarder to win three consecutive gold medals, finishing second to Choi Gaon of South Korea in the women's halfpipe on Thursday.

The 17-year-old Choi dethroned the two-time defending champion with a score of 90.25 on her final run.

Kim had one more shot to get back on top but the 25-year-old American wiped out on her last of three runs to settle for silver. Japan's Mitsuaki Ono claimed bronze.

Choi took a hard tumble on her first run before stunning Kim and the rest of the crowd gathered on a snowy night in the Italian Alps. Choi slammed into the incline of the halfpipe and slid to the middle of the course, where she

remained for several minutes. After being attended to by medical staff, she rode off the course unassisted.

It wasn't clear that she would even come back for her second run, but she did and got it down. Then came her turn down the halfpipe that was good for gold.

Choi became the youngest X Games winner in 2023 at age 14. Now the first-time Olympian is first non-American woman to win gold in snowboarding's premier event since Torah Bright of Australia in 2010. Kaitlyn Farrington won for the U.S. in 2014 at the Sochi Olympics, and Kim triumphed in Pyeongchang and Beijing.

Kim is not alone in letting the milestone of golds in three consecutive Winter Olympics slip away at these Games.

Czech Ester Ledecka fell short in Alpine snowboarding's parallel giant slalom, as did Austria's Anna Gasser in big air. Both were two-time defending champions.



Lindsey Wasson | Associated Press

South Korea's Choi Gaon celebrates with team members after her run during the women's snowboarding halfpipe finals at the 2026 Winter Olympics, in Livigno, Italy, on Thursday.



Efrem Lukatsky | Associated Press

Artist behind Ukrainian helmet calls tribute 'great heroism'

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KYIV, Ukraine — The artist who painted a controversial helmet that got Ukrainian skeleton racer Vladyslav Heraskevych banned from the Milan Cortina Winter Olympics said his refusal to stop wearing the helmet was "a great act of heroism."

Artist Iryna Prots meticulously painted upon Heraskevych's helmet portraits of over 20 Ukrainian athletes and coaches killed since Russia

launched its full-scale invasion in 2022. The helmet drew international attention after the IOC said it violated rules banning political messages. Heraskevych's insistence on wearing it anyway got him banned.

"He could have refused, he could have said, 'Fine, I'll wear another helmet and fight for a medal,'" Prots, 52, told The Associated Press inside her home in Kyiv. "He didn't do that. To stand up for his truth — that is great heroism."

Heraskevych came up with the idea for the helmet design and his father, a longtime friend of Prots, asked her to

paint it.

"It had to be done, and it had to be finished in time," Prots said. "These were athletes who could have been standing there at the Olympics, but they are no longer here."

The project marked a sharp departure from Prots' usual work: Tuscan landscapes that are regularly exhibited in a small gallery in the Italian town of Montepulciano.

She travels to Italy several times a year and said those visits shaped her belief that many Europeans remain poorly informed about the realities of

the war in Ukraine.

"I understand that when a war is somewhere far away, people get used to it," she said. "They have their own lives. But we are fighting every day. Fighting to survive."

Working from photographs of the fallen athletes and coaches, Prots said the emotional weight of the task was immediate.

"This is pain — pain for our country," she said. "For the fact that we lost Olympic champions, essentially, and coaches who were raising this generation of Olympic champions."