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ROUNDUP

Breezy Johnson, Ilia Malinin star for U.S.



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Breezy Johnson of the United States reacts in the finish area of the alpine ski women's downhill race at the 2026 Winter Olympics in Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy, on Sunday.

Vonn's frightening fall knocks her out of Games

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MILAN — The crash. The gasps. The helicopter.

Lindsey Vonn's frightening fall in the women's downhill at the Milan Cortina Olympics couldn't help but overshadow U.S. teammate Breezy Johnson's feat — winning her country's first gold medal at these Games.

Johnson's victory Sunday in Cortina wasn't the Olympic comeback story everyone expected, as the focus was on Vonn going for gold despite a torn ACL. Even as Johnson sat in the leader's box on the verge of securing her first Olympic gold medal, her emotions swung from anticipation to anguish when Vonn went down.

"It was one of the most heartbreaking moments of my life," Johnson said.

Still, the 30-year-old Johnson became

only the second American woman to win the Olympic downhill — Vonn won it in 2010 — and it came after her own injury concerns as well as a 14-month ban for violating "whereabouts" rules when it comes to testing for doping.

Sometimes, she said, "You just have to keep going because that's the only option."

'QUAD GOD' DELIVERS

No delays this time.

The U.S. defended its team figure skating gold medal by edging Japan on Sunday.

Ilia Malinin beat rival Shun Sato in a head-to-head showdown to break a deadlock in the final session of the competition. The U.S. ended up with 69 points while Japan finished with 68.

Malinin, nicknamed the "Quad God," landed five quadruple jumps and scored 200.03 points for his free skate. Sato followed him with three quads in his program, but he could only manage 194.86 points, leaving the Japanese with a sec-

ond straight silver medal in the team event.

Four years ago, the Americans — and Japanese — were denied a medal ceremony in Beijing because of a lengthy investigation into Russian doping, which kept them from receiving their medals until the 2024 Summer Games in Paris.

ITALY STARTS STRONG

Must be the home cooking.

Host nation Italy won six medals Sunday — five bronze and one silver — the most Italy has ever won in a single day at the Winter Olympics.

The Italy team delivered the silver medal in the mixed relay biathlon race.

Downhill skier Sofia Goggia won Italy's first bronze medal of the day, followed by Lucia Dalmasso's third place in snowboarding's parallel giant slalom. Riccardo Lorello claimed bronze in the men's speedskating 5,000 meters.

Dominik Fischbacher took bronze in men's singles luge before Italy rallied for third place in the figure skating team event.

Medals leaders

Updated Monday afternoon

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

TV top picks

Tuesday, February 10

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

ALPINE SKIING » 7 a.m.: USA — Women's Team Combined: Slalom

BIATHLON » 6:30 a.m.: Streaming only — Men's 20km Individual; 3:30 p.m.: USA — Men's 20km Individual

CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING » 9 a.m.: USA — Men's & Women's Sprint Classic: Finals; 12:15 p.m.: NBC — Men's & Women's Sprint Classic: Finals

CURLING » 7:05 a.m.: Streaming only — Mixed Doubles Bronze Final; 8 a.m.: USA — Mixed Doubles Bronze Final; 11 a.m.: USA — Mixed Doubles Gold Final; 11 a.m.: Streaming only — Mixed Doubles Gold Final; 4 p.m.: CNBC — Mixed Doubles Bronze Final (re-air); 5 p.m.: CNBC — Mixed Doubles Gold Final; 7 p.m.: USA — Mixed Doubles Bronze Final (re-air); 8 p.m.: USA — Mixed Doubles Gold Final (re-air)

FIGURE SKATING » 11:15 a.m.: USA — Figure Skating Preview; 11:30 a.m.: USA — Men's Short; 12:45 p.m.: NBC — Men's Short

FREESTYLE SKIING » 7:15 a.m.: Streaming only — Women's Moguls: Qualifying Round 1; 9:30 a.m.: USA — Women's Moguls: Qualifying Round 1; 11 a.m.: NBC — Men's Freeski Slopestyle: Final

HOCKEY » 9:40 a.m.: Streaming only — Italy vs. Germany (Women's Group B); 1:10 p.m.: USA — Canada vs. United States (Women's Group A); 2:10 p.m.: Streaming only — Finland vs. Switzerland (Women's Group A); 10 p.m.: USA — Canada vs. United States (Women's Group A) (re-air)

LUGE » 10 a.m.: Streaming only — Women's Singles Luge: Runs 3-4; USA — Women's Singles Luge: Run 3; 11:45 a.m.: NBC — Women's Singles Luge: Run 4; 4:30 p.m.: USA — Women's Singles Luge: Runs 3-4 (re-air)

SHORT TRACK » 10:30 a.m.: USA — Mixed Team Relay Finals & More; 6:30 p.m.: USA — Mixed Team Relay Finals & More (re-air)

SKI JUMPING » 10:30 a.m.: Streaming only — Mixed Team Normal Hill; 5:15 p.m.: USA — Mixed Team Normal Hill

MEN'S HOCKEY



Carolyn Kaster | Associated Press

United States goalkeepers Connor Hellebuyck, Jake Oettinger and Jeremy Swayman gather on the ice during men's ice hockey practice at the 2026 Winter Olympics in Milan, Italy, on Sunday.

U.S. OUT TO JUSTIFY HYPE

Canada seeks to silence doubters; neighboring countries top favorites to win gold

STEPHEN WHYNO
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MILAN — The top two favorites to win gold in men's hockey go into the Olympics with polar-opposite perceptions of their goaltending situations.

The U.S. arguably has one of the best trios in the tournament, with Connor Hellebuyck as the reigning NHL MVP, Jake Oettinger a clutch playoff performer and Jeremy Swayman in the midst of perhaps the best season of the three.

Canada has more uncertainty, as Jordan Binnington has struggled back in North America and Logan Thompson and Darcy Kuemper have limited international experience.

There is no lack of confidence on either side of the border, though the narratives range from effusive praise to lingering questions. The Americans are out to justify the hype in net, while the Canadians seek to silence the doubters.

"We all know what we can do, and we're just excited to go out there and prove everyone wrong,"

Thompson said Monday. "You always hear it. Everyone always just says how they think the goaltending is the weakest part. I mean, it's been the word for the last couple of years. I don't see it that way. I don't think we see it that way. But for some reason everyone else does."

Coach Jon Cooper was quick to point out that Binnington, Kuemper and Thompson all have a championship pedigree and have made big saves when needed. He dismissed the notion of Canada's goaltending being any kind of weakness.

"We have all the faith in the world in them," Cooper said. "To me, it's not a story. I don't know where it comes from."

Binnington, the starter when Canada won the 4 Nations Face-Off a year ago, has an .864 save percentage that ranks last among all NHL goalies with at least 30 games played this season. Thompson and Kuemper have better numbers, but they have combined for just three world championship appearances.

"You can't really listen to what

people are saying, but we're all aware of how capable we are and confident in ourselves," Kuemper said. "Just go out there and play and not be too worried about what people are saying. Just go do what you do."

All three have a Stanley Cup ring. Binnington backstopped St. Louis to its first title in 2019, Kuemper helped Colorado win in 2022 and Thompson was an All-Star midway through the season before getting hurt on the way to Vegas hoisting the Cup in 2023, with Adin Hill in the crease at the end.

While none of the U.S. goalies has won a Cup, all have had sustained success. Hellebuyck won the Vezina Trophy last year when Winnipeg was the top team in the NHL, Oettinger has taken Dallas to the Western Conference final three years in a row and Swayman in Boston bounced back in a big way from a rough 2023-24 season.

"Regardless of which guy we put in, we have three elite goaltenders, all of which will give us an opportunity to win," coach Mike Sullivan said. "That we know."

Like Binnington, Hellebuyck was the No. 1 goalie at the 4 Nations Face-Off, and it would not be surprising if he starts the U.S. opener Thursday night against Latvia. With back-to-back games over the weekend, Oettinger could get the nod in one — and maybe Swayman, too.

"If I was playing the first game, I'd be practicing the same way as if I was the third goalie," Oettinger said. "It doesn't matter. Just try to stay ready, and if my number's called, then I got to be ready to go and play well."

Cooper has kept his plan secret, as well, for the preliminary round games. No matter who plays in goal, he will have big skates to fill after the past few Olympics featured the likes of Carey Price, Roberto Luongo, Martin Brodeur and Patrick Roy between the pipes for Canada.

"Those are all pretty elite goalies," Thompson said. "I didn't even think about that. I guess it's cool to be a part with those names. Just want to make those guys proud."

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Dutch speedskater strikes women's 1,000 gold

Fiancé Jake Paul
watches from stands

HOWARD FENDRICH
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MILAN — Dutch speedskater Jutta Leerdam claimed her first gold medal in an Olympic-record time in the women's 1,000 meters at the Milan Cortina Games on Monday, then stopped near the stands to blow kisses at her fiancé, YouTuber-turned-boxer Jake Paul.

Racing in the event's final heat against defending Olympic champion Miho Takagi of Japan, Leerdam never

strayed from her steady strides, and she finished in 1 minute, 12.31 seconds in front of a raucous crowd of orange-clad fans from her speedskating-loving nation.

That was nearly a full second faster than Takagi skated at the 2022 Beijing Games to push Leerdam into second place that time.

Takagi wound up with the bronze this time, behind Leerdam's Dutch teammate Femke Kok.

Brittany Bowe of the United States, the owner of the world record in the 1,000, set back in 2019, was fourth. Another American, Erin Jackson — who took the Olympic gold in the 500 four years ago

— was sixth.

There have been three Olympic records in three speedskating races so far in the temporary arena built for the Milan Cortina Games.

Leerdam will seek another medal next Sunday in the 500 meters. Her trophy case includes 12 world championship medals, with six golds. Two of those titles arrived in the 1,000 — in 2020 and 2023.

Paul is a 29-year-old American influencer who first gained fame for his YouTube videos and then made his way into the world of boxing about five years ago. Leerdam and Paul announced their engagement on Instagram last year.



Antonio Calanni | Associated Press

Gold medallist Jutta Leerdam of the Netherlands reacts on the podium of the women's 1,000 meters speedskating race at the Winter Olympics in Milan, Italy, on Monday.