



WINTER Olympic Report



Medals leaders

Updated Friday:

	G	S	B	T
Norway	8	3	7	18
Italy	6	3	9	18
United States	4	7	3	14
Austria	3	6	3	12
France	4	5	1	10
Japan	2	2	6	10
Germany	4	3	2	9
Sweden	4	3	1	8
Switzerland	4	1	2	7
Netherlands	3	3	1	7
Canada	0	3	4	7
Czech Republic	2	2	0	4
South Korea	1	1	2	4
China	0	2	2	4

Team USA medalists

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

Gold: Breezy Johnson, women's downhill skiing; U.S. team, figure skating mixed team; Elizabeth Lemly, women's moguls; Jordan Stolz, 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



Madison Chock and Evan Bates

TV top picks

Saturday, February 14

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

ALPINE SKIING » 6:20 a.m.: Streaming only — Men's Giant Slalom: Run 2; 6:30 a.m.: NBC — Men's Giant Slalom: Run 2

CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING » 5 a.m.: Streaming, USA — Women's 4x7.5km Relay; 6 a.m.: NBC — Women's 4x7.5km Relay; 11:30 a.m.: NBC — Women's 4x7.5km Relay

CURLING » 6:30 a.m.: USA — Great Britain vs. Canada; 7:05 a.m.: Streaming only — Czechia vs. Great Britain (M), Germany vs. United States (M), Sweden vs. China (M), Switzerland vs. Canada (M); 7:30 a.m.: CNBC — Italy vs. China (M); Noon: CNBC — Germany vs. United States (M); 12:05 p.m.: Streaming only — Canada vs. Switzerland (W), Italy vs. Sweden (W), Japan vs. United States (W), South Korea vs. Denmark (W); 4:30 p.m.: CNBC — Japan vs. United States (W); 7 p.m.: CNBC — Italy vs. Sweden (W)

FREESTYLE SKIING » 9 a.m.: NBC — Women's Dual Moguls: Finals; 12:30 p.m.: Streaming only — Women's Freeski Big Air: Qualifying

HOCKEY » 5 a.m.: CNBC — Germany vs. Latvia (M); 5:10 a.m.: Streaming only — Sweden vs. Slovakia (M); 9:40 a.m.: Streaming, CNBC — Women's Quarterfinal; USA — Finland vs. Italy (M); 1:45 p.m.: USA — Hockey Preview; 2:10 p.m.: Streaming, CNBC — Women's Quarterfinal, USA — United States vs. Denmark (M); 7 p.m.: USA — Sweden vs. Slovakia (M); 10 p.m.: USA — United States vs. Denmark (M re-air)

SHORT TRACK » 1:15 p.m.: Streaming only — Men's 1500m Finals & More; 5:15 p.m.: USA — Men's 1500m Finals & More; 9 p.m.: USA — Men's 1500m Finals & More (re-air)

SKI JUMPING » 10:30 a.m.: Streaming only — Men's Large Hill; Noon: USA — Men's Large Hill; 6:15 p.m.: USA — Men's Large Hill (re-air)

SNOWBOARDING » 7:30 a.m.: USA — Men's Snowboard Halfpipe: Final (re-air)

SPEED SKATING » 9 a.m.: Streaming, NBC — Men's 500m; 2:45 p.m.: NBC — Men's 500m; 8:30 p.m.: USA — Women's Team Pursuit Qual. (re-air)

MEN'S CURLING

Lawyer, 54, becomes oldest U.S. Winter Olympian

Ruohonen joins team as alternate at game's end

JULIA FRANKEL
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CORTINA D'AMPEZZO, Italy — The stakes were low — and the time ripe — for a 54-year old personal injury lawyer and six-time winner of "Minnesota Attorney of the Year" to make Olympic history.

It was the end of the U.S. men's curling match against Switzerland on Thursday and they were down 8-2.

The team called a substitution. Rich Ruohonen, from Brooklyn Park, Minnesota, stepped onto the ice. He hurled the corner guard and watched his stone, biting his lip until it arrived safely at the left flank of the house.

"Yeah, baby! Good shot, Rich!" skip Danny Casper — who was born in 2001, making him 30 years younger than Ruohonen — shouted across the ice. Teammate Luc Violette, whose father played with Ruohonen years ago, let out a whoop.

U.S. fans gave a standing ovation. The lawyer looked wistful. He'd had just become the oldest person to compete for the U.S. at the Winter Olympics.

"I would have rather done it when we were up 8-2 instead of down 8-2," he said, "but I really appreciate the guys giving me a chance."



Fatima Shbair | Associated Press

The United States' Rich Ruohonen watches the men's curling round-robin session Friday against Canada in Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy.

Since inviting Ruohonen onto their Gen-Z team as an alternate for Casper, who has Guillain-Barre syndrome, he has become something of an honorary uncle: driving them around, waking them up for morning trainings and buying them snacks.

All while holding that much-discussed full-time job.

"We got Rich. Uh, he's a lawyer. I don't know if you guys knew that," said Casper at a recent press conference, after that fact had already

been mentioned four times. Curlers from the US women's and men's teams cracked up.

"If you need a lawyer, I think you can call Rich," Casper said a few minutes later, again to uproarious laughter.

All jokes aside, it's a serious commitment. You don't win Minnesota attorney of the year six times by slacking.

"I get up three days a week at 5 in the morning, leave my house by 5:15

in the morning, go drive 30 miles to work out and train," Ruohonen told the AP.

He then heads to his law practice and works all day before returning at 6 p.m. before heading to practice again. He spends Thursday through Sunday away at curling tournaments, toting around a collared shirt and a tie so he can handle hearings on Zoom from the road. He has two kids with his wife Sherri: Nicholas, 21, and Hannah, 24. He has taught them to curl — as his father taught him — but says Nick prefers hockey.

Though his teammates poke fun and make him the butt of the occasional TikTok video, there's clearly a lot of love on both sides.

It's because of the younger teammates that Ruohonen has finally gotten his Olympic moment after falling just short on several occasions. And it's because of Ruohonen that the team has a mentor and a connection to the older generation of the sport, some of whom they defeated to clinch their Olympic qualification.

"I came from the days when guys were smoking cigarettes out on the ice and all we did was throw rocks and think that we could be better," Ruohonen said while praising his teammates' work ethic.

"Look at these guys," he added. "Every one of them's ripped. And every one of them sweeps their butt off."

WOMEN'S CURLING



Misper Apawu | Associated Press

The United States' Tara Peterson celebrates Friday after the U.S. defeated Canada for the first time in Olympic women's curling competition.

U.S. defeats nemesis Canada

Americans mark Olympic first with win over their northern neighbor

JULIA FRANKEL
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CORTINA D'AMPEZZO, Italy — The U.S. women's curling team was surprised to learn that their defeat of Canada on Friday marked an Olympic first.

"If that's true," caveated Minneapolis native Taylor Anderson-Heide said after the 9-8 nailbiter, "I think we just played a really good game. They're No. 1 in the world."

Tara Peterson of Shoreview, Minnesota, chimed in: "It just always feels really good to beat (Canada skip) Rachel Homan. So any team to beat them, that's

pretty impressive."

Since 1998, when women's curling was introduced at the Olympics, teams from the U.S. and Canada have played at least once in each Games. The U.S. had lost every time — until Friday. The U.S. men have beaten Canada, notably in the Olympic final in 2018.

Canada's Team Homan has for years been considered the best in the world.

In Friday's match, the U.S. managed to capitalize on a few weak shots by Canada. After the win, the Americans walked together down the ice and back to their coaches, raising fists in

triumph.

Peterson, like Anderson-Heide, couldn't help but add a qualifier to her response to questions from The Associated Press: "Apparently, we've never beat them in the Olympics before. That makes it just extra special."

This year's American women's curling team — like their Gen-Z men's counterparts — meld approachability with ambition. Alongside Anderson-Heide and Peterson, the team includes skip Tabitha Peterson, who's Tara's older sister, as well as cool-as-a-cucumber Cory Thiesse, who has already won a silver medal in the mixed doubles event.

Aileen Geving, from Minnesota, is an alternate.

Three of them have jobs other than curling, and three are mothers to young children. Tara is a dentist, Tabitha a pharmacist and Thiesse a lab technician.

Tara gave birth to her son, Eddie, in September 2024 and a few months later, Tabitha had a daughter, Noelle. Geving had daughter Sienna following the 2018 Games.

They have several matches left in the round-robin before the semifinals next Friday. They are 2-1 after Friday's match, with a win against Korea and loss to Sweden alongside the milestone.



Evgeniy Maloletka | Associated Press

Johannes Hoesflot Klaebo of Norway waves to the crowd after winning gold in the cross country skiing men's 10-kilometer interval start free Friday in Tesero, Italy.

Klaebo ties record by winning 8th career gold

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CORTINA D'AMPEZZO, Italy — Johannes Hoesflot Klaebo insists the 10-kilometer race is the distance he struggles with most because it forces him to race the clock instead of another competitor.

Funny, it didn't look like it at the Milan Cortina Olympics on Friday.

The 29-year-old Norwegian star made his trademark late surge to win the interval-start race. His time of 20 minutes, 36.2 seconds

gave him his eighth career gold medal, tying fellow countrymen Marit Bjoergen, Bjoern Daehlie and Ole Einar Bjoerndalen for the most ever at the Winter Olympics.

The all-time mark could soon be Klaebo's alone. He's scheduled to compete three more times at Tesero Cross-Country Skiing Stadium.

On a warm day that left some skiers racing only in their bibs, Klaebo paced himself over the first half of the race before pouring it on late. The result was his third gold since arriving in Italy, and a small nod to the toll it's taking. Klaebo

fell into the snow shortly after crossing the finish line.

"It's a special day," Klaebo said. "This one means a lot for sure ... I'm lost for words."

Norwegian biathlete Stru La Holm Laegreid added a second bronze medal in four days when he made the podium in the sprint.

This time, Laegreid opted not to share details of his personal life with the world. That wasn't the case when he earned bronze in the 20-kilometer individual race on Tuesday. His stunning personal confession overshadowed

the victory in that event by fellow countryman Johan-Olav Botn. Laegreid later apologized.

While the fallout of his disclosure became among the most talked-about stories during the first week of the Games, Laegreid tried to put his head down and simply get back to work.

"I tried to do biathlon and I just focus on the right thing at the right time," said Laegreid, who finished 15.9 seconds behind gold medalist Fillon Maillet of France. "Focus on the skiing and the course. Focus on the shooting in the range and it paid off."