



# WINTER Olympic Report



## Medals leaders

Updated Wednesday:

	G	S	B	T
Norway	7	2	4	13
Italy	3	2	7	12
United States	4	5	2	11
Japan	2	2	4	8
Switzerland	4	1	2	7
Germany	3	3	1	7
Austria	2	4	1	7
Sweden	3	2	1	6
France	2	3	1	6
Canada	0	1	2	3
Czech Republic	1	1	0	2
Netherlands	1	1	0	2
Slovenia	1	1	0	2
China	0	1	1	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 Wednesday:

### Gold:

**Breezy Johnson**, women's downhill skiing; **U.S. team**, figure skating mixed team; **Elizabeth Lemley**, freestyle skiing women's moguls; **Jordan Stolz**, speedskating, men's 1,000 meters



Paula Moltzan

### 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**, freestyle skiing women's moguls; **Ryan Cochran-Siegle**, men's skiing Super G



Jacqueline Wiles

### Bronze:

**Jacqueline Wiles** and **Paula Moltzan**, women's combined downhill skiing; **Ashley Farquharson**, women's single luge

## TV top picks

### Thursday, February 12

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

**CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING** » 6 a.m.: Streaming only — Women's 10km Free; 6:15 a.m.: USA — Women's 10km Free; 3 p.m.: NBC — Women's 10km Free

**CURLING** » 7:05 a.m.: Streaming only — United States vs. Switzerland (men); 8:15 a.m.: USA — South Korea vs. United States (women); 4 p.m.: CNBC — United States vs. Switzerland (men re-air); 8:30 p.m.: USA — Sweden vs. United States (women re-air)

**FREESTYLE SKIING** » 5:15 a.m.: Streaming only — Men's Moguls: Final; 5:45 a.m.: USA — Men's Moguls: Final; 11 a.m.: NBC — Men's Moguls: Final

**MEN'S HOCKEY** » 5:10 a.m.: Streaming only — Switzerland vs. France; 9:30 a.m.: USA — Czechia vs. Canada; 2 p.m.: USA — Latvia vs. United States; 2:10 p.m.: Streaming only — Germany vs. Denmark; 5 p.m.: USA — Czechia vs. Canada (re-air); 7 p.m.: USA — Germany vs. Denmark; 10 p.m.: USA — Latvia vs. United States (re-air)

**LUGE** » 11:30 a.m.: Streaming only — Luge Team Relay; 11:45 a.m.: NBC — Team Relay Final

**SHORT TRACK** » 1:15 p.m.: Streaming only — Women's 500m & Men's 1000m Finals; USA — Women's 500m & Men's 1000m Finals; 1:55 p.m.: NBC — Women's 500m & Men's 1000m Finals

**SKELETON** » 12:45 p.m.: USA — Men's Skeleton: Runs 1-2

**SNOWBOARDING** » 6:45 a.m.: Streaming only — Men's Snowboard Cross: Finals; 7:35 a.m.: USA — Men's Snowboard Cross: Finals; 12:30 p.m.: NBC — Women's Snowboard Halfpipe: Final; Streaming only — Women's Snowboard Halfpipe: Final; 4:30 p.m.: USA — Men's Snowboard Cross: Finals (re-air)

**SPEED SKATING** » 9:30 a.m.: Streaming only — Women's 5000m; Noon: USA — Women's 5000m

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## MEN'S SPEEDSKATING

# American Stolz wins 1,000 in record time

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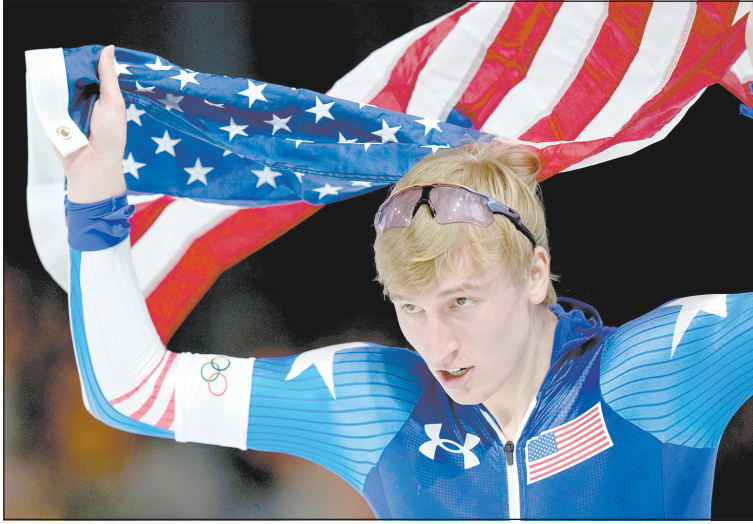
MILAN — Jordan Stolz pictured this moment most of his life, ever since he was 5 years old, learning to skate on a frozen pond in his Wisconsin backyard after falling in love with speedskating during the 2010 Winter Olympics — and hoping to one day step atop the podium himself.

So what was the little hassle of a 10-or-so-minute wait to make sure this first speedskating gold medal would be his Wednesday?

Stolz needed to hold off on celebrating until another competitor got the chance for a re-skate, then soon enough was able to smile while leaning forward to receive his gold for winning the men's 1,000 meters at the Milan Cortina Games in an Olympic-record time.

Now Stolz will hope to keep going and add to his collection of trophies as he entered three more events in Milan.

Skating in the next-to-last pairing at Milano Speed Skating Stadium,



Luca Bruno | Associated Press

**Gold medalist Jordan Stolz of the U.S.** celebrates after the men's 1,000-meter speedskating race in Milan, Italy, on Wednesday.

a temporary facility constructed for these Olympics that has been producing fast times so far, Stolz finished in 1 minute, 6.28 seconds.

The 21-year-old didn't threaten his world record of 1:05.37 but did

better the Olympic standard of 1:07.18 that had stood since 2002 — before Stolz was born. All four long track speedskating races in Milan have been won in the fastest times ever turned in at an Olympics.

Jenning de Boo of the Netherlands was a half-second slower than Stolz and took the silver medal. No one else came within a full second of Stolz's time. Zhongyan Ning of China got the bronze.

Stolz's medal was his first at this level: As a 17-year-old at the 2022 Beijing Games, Stolz came in 14th in the 1,000 and 13th in the 500.

It also was the first medal of any sort in the men's 1,000 for the United States since the 2010 Vancouver Games. That's when Shani Davis — a mentor to Stolz — won his second consecutive gold in that event, and Chad Hedrick took the bronze. Dutch men had won the 1,000 at each of the past three Winter Games.

With Eric Heiden, the only speedskater to win five golds at one Olympics, sitting next to rapper Snoop Dogg in the stands, Stolz pulled ahead of de Boo by the time one full lap was done. Then de Boo moved in front. But Stolz took the lead at the final corner and crossed first with his hands on his knees.



Gregory Bull | Associated Press

**From left, silver medalist Jaelin Kauf of the U.S., gold medalist Elizabeth Lemley of the U.S. and bronze medalist Perrine Laffont of France** celebrate after the women's freestyle skiing moguls finals at the 2026 Winter Olympics in Livigno, Italy, on Wednesday.

# USA 1-2 in women's ski moguls

America's freestyling 'Lizard' Lemley leads gold-silver medal grab

JOSEPH WILSON  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LIVIGNO, Italy — When the powder settled on the Olympic moguls course, Elizabeth Lemley was basking, true to her nickname, in the glow of a gold medal.

The 20-year-old American freestyle skier, called "Lizard" by her teammates, had slid and leapt over the slope's icy bumps to land an unbeatable run, leading a red, white and blue 1-2 medal grab at the Milan Cortina Games on Wednesday.

Lemley topped the eight-skier final with a score of 82.30 points, right in front of fellow countrywoman Jaelin Kauf, who successfully defended her silver medal from Beijing 2022 with a score of 80.77. Perrine Laffont of France, the 2018 champion, took bronze.

After her gold-medal run, Lemley had to wait it out at the bottom of the slope as defend-



Lindsey Wasson | Associated Press

**The United States' Elizabeth Lemley** competes during the women's freestyle skiing moguls finals.

ing champion Jakara Anthony of Australia launched herself on the final's last run. But Lemley knew she was champion when halfway through her run Anthony wobbled off course, ruining her chances at taking another gold.

Normally cool and collected, Lemley said that emotion flowed when she saw Anthony commit

the mistake that clinched her the title.

"When she pulled out I just had a huge gasp," the Vail, Colorado, native said. "I started tearing up in my eyes. I was like, I can't believe this. I just became Olympic champion."

A friend then hoisted her on his shoulders to celebrate amid the

dozens of family members and loved ones of the American skiers gathered at the foot of the slope.

Already in her young career, Lemley has had to show why, after she took up her nickname from a suggestion by her third-grade teacher, she "feels like I am mighty lizard."

Two years ago, Lemley was winning two golds at the Youth Winter Games. Then came an ACL tear that any athlete knows can derail a career.

"I spent a long time just thinking about mogul skiing, thinking about coming back and so much work was put into my body for me to be healthy," she said about her time recovering. "I'm super proud of myself, and I am super grateful for everybody who has helped me along the way."

Now she has helped position the U.S. as the team to beat in four years' time.

An American woman had last won gold in moguls in 2010, when Hannah Kearney did so in Vancouver. Lemley's gold was the third in women's US moguls history, but the team had never pulled off a sweep of the top two spots on the podium.

## Silver-medalist Ogden hails new generation of U.S. skiers

DEREK GATOPOULOS  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

VAL DI FIEMME, Italy — Ben Ogden snapped a selfie, handed off his Olympic silver medal and the plush mascots of Tina and Milo, and then did what few would dare.

He launched into a backflip off the podium.

The 25-year-old American lost his hat mid-rotation, amusing the two Norwegians on the podium who followed with playful jumps of their own after Tuesday's skiathlon. The celebration marked

a breakthrough for American cross-country skiing — and, Ogden hopes, a catalyst for the future.

Before the Milan Cortina Winter Games, an American man hadn't won an Olympic medal in the sport in 50 years. Ogden believes a generational breakthrough is now possible. "There's been a really strong group of younger men coming up through the sport that I've had the pleasure of racing against for my whole life," Ogden told The Associated Press on Wednesday.

"I've seen it many times

throughout the course of our careers," added Ogden, who has a degree in mechanical engineering. "It just takes one of us to crack through to that next level. And then all of a sudden, it's like an onslaught of teammates following."

Ogden finished Tuesday's race 0.8 seconds behind Johannes Hoesflot Klaebo, the Norwegian star who claimed his second gold of the Milan Cortina Games and is targeting a record career haul.

As Klaebo sprinted up the final hill, Ogden broke from the other competitors and

unleashed a powerful finishing kick.

"I just powered over the finish line and ended up getting sort of close to Johannes," Ogden said. "But he won outright, and he had the gas on the hill that nobody else had."

The last U.S. Olympic medal in men's cross-country skiing was a silver by Bill Koch at the 1976 Innsbruck Games. Ogden grew up in the same southern Vermont area as Koch and trained at his academy in the Green Mountains. Their families are friendly.



Evgeniy Maloletka | Associated Press

**Silver medalist Ben Ogden** of the United States does a back flip from the podium Tuesday.