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WINTER GAMES 2018

MEDAL TRACKER

As of Tuesday morning, Feb. 13

TOP 10 MEDAL WINNERS

	G	S	B
1. Germany	5	2	2
2. Netherlands	4	4	2
3. Norway	3	5	3
4. Canada	3	4	3
5. United States	3	1	2
6. France	2	1	2
7. Sweden	2	1	0
8. Austria	2	0	0
9. Italy	1	1	1
10. South Korea	1	0	1

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SCOREBOARD

PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE

TODAY

Girls basketball — Astoria at Banks, 6 p.m.; Seaside at Tillamook, 6 p.m.; Lewis & Clark League playoff: Warrenton at Clatskanie, 7 p.m.

Boys basketball — Astoria at Banks, 7:45 p.m.; Seaside at Tillamook, 7:45 p.m.; Raymond or Life Christian vs. Ilwaco, 6 p.m., at Castle Rock HS

WEDNESDAY

Girls basketball — SW 2B Semifinals: Wahkiakum vs. Ilwaco, 7:30 p.m., at Kelso HS

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Knappa 33, Gaston 32

Knappa 6 8 12 7—33
Gaston 6 13 6 7—32
KNA (33): Madelynn Weaver 9, Vanderburg 8, Carlson 6, Miller 5, Ramwick 3, Inman 2, Taggart, Tischer, Strain.
GAS (32): Brooke Jordan 12, Hall 7, Lewis 4, Clark 3, Bassel 3, Johnson 3.

SWIMMING

District 1/4A Championships at Astoria Aquatic Center

Girls team: Tillamook 311, Newport 252, Taft 147, Astoria 136, Valley Catholic 124, Scappoose 103, Seaside 75, Rainier 55, Toledo 49, Nestucca 10.

(Top 3 placers)
200 Medley Relay: 1, Tillamook, 1:57.82. 2, Astoria, 2:01.83. 3, Newport, 2:07.02.

200 Freestyle: 1, Lauren Bobo-Shisler, New, 2:00.19. 2, Grace Peeler, Ast, 2:11.91. 3, Ellie McMasters, New, 2:13.13.

200 Individual Medley: 1, Tori Smith, Ast, 2:21.67. 2, Chyanna Blackburn, New, 2:28.93. 3, Allison Wilkes, Til, 2:34.70.

50 Freestyle: 1, Whitney Averill, Til, 25.95. 2, Sophie Dziak, New, 26.22. 3, Chloe Buck, Rai, 26.89.

100 Butterfly: 1, Maicee Malcom, Til, 1:07.15. 2, Rayanna Fernandez, Til, 1:11.95. 3, Shannon Blackburn, New, 1:12.21.

100 Freestyle: 1, Nina Zweifel, Til, 55.38. 2, Emily Mendyke, VC, 56.84. 3, Sophie Dziak, New, 57.23.

500 Freestyle: 1, Ellie McMasters, New, 5:44.34. 2, Shannon Blackburn, New, 5:48.71. 3, Nhu Phan, VC, 6:37.97.

200 Freestyle Relay: 1, Tillamook, 1:46.76. 2, Newport, 1:46.90. 3, Astoria, 1:49.13.

100 Backstroke: 1, Nina Zweifel, Til, 58.97. 2, Lauren Bobo-Shisler, New, 1:02.94. 3, Tori Smith, Ast, 1:04.13.

100 Breaststroke: 1, Whitney Averill, Til, 1:10.63. 2, Kara Putman, Til, 1:12.54. 3, Emily Mendyke, VC, 1:14.47.

400 Freestyle Relay: 1, Tillamook, 3:52.25. 2, Newport, 3:57.91. 3, Taft, 4:21.08.

Boys team: Newport 409, Scappoose 234, Astoria 169, Taft 159, Seaside 68, Rainier 62, Valley Catholic 60, Tillamook 28, Toledo 20.

200 Medley Relay: 1, Newport, 1:45.17. 2, Scappoose, 1:52.01. 3, Taft, 1:54.52.

200 Freestyle: 1, Sean O'Meara, New, 1:49.78. 2, Luke Bachart, New, 1:54.75. 3, Tristan Scarborough, New, 1:58.75.

200 Individual Medley: 1, Lucas Ellingson-Cosenza, New, 2:03.01. 2, Arath Hernandez, New, 2:12.50. 3, Davis Wingard, Ast, 2:18.35.

50 Freestyle: 1, Josh Shipley, Sea, 22.77. 2, Gabriel Arce-Torres, Taf, 23.52. 3, Will Blair, Sca, 23.66.

100 Butterfly: 1, Nick Topar, New, 56.80. 2, Brannigan Vogt, Sca, 1:01.64. 3, Arath Hernandez, New, 1:02.53.

100 Freestyle: 1, Sean O'Meara, New, 50.10. 2, Caden Shanks, New, 53.25. 3, Will Blair, Sca, 54.43.

500 Freestyle: 1, Lucas Ellingson-Cosenza, New, 4:53.23. 2, Luke Bachart, New, 5:04.39. 3, Tristan Scarborough, New, 5:19.82.

200 Freestyle Relay: 1, Newport, 1:34.22. 2, Scappoose, 1:37.37. 3, Seaside, 1:40.12.

100 Backstroke: 1, Caden Shanks, New, 57.99. 2, Nick Topar, New, 1:01.12. 3, Nash Wilson, Sca, 1:02.09.

100 Breaststroke: 1, Josh Shipley, Sea, 1:02.31. 2, Ronan Krutzkowsky, New, 1:04.99. 3, Kai Daniels, New, 1:05.26.

400 Freestyle Relay: 1, Scappoose, 3:29.77. 2, Newport, 3:30.24. 3, Taft, 3:39.57.

KIM DOMINATES FOR 1ST OLYMPIC GOLD

By DENNIS WASZAK JR.
 Associated Press

PYEONGCHANG, South Korea — It was a day for all ages at the Winter Olympics. A few hours after 17-year-old Chloe Kim dominated the women's halfpipe snowboarding final on Tuesday, 28-year-old Marcel Hirscher, a six-time overall World Cup champion, won the men's combined at the Pyeongchang Games.

Four years after being too young to make the Olympic team in Sochi despite having the talent and scores to do so, Kim performed like a seasoned veteran in South Korea.

Kim put up a score of 93.75 on the first of her three finals runs and then topped that with a near-perfect 98.75 on her last run — having already wrapped up her first Olympic gold.

"I knew that I did put down a really good first run," Kim said, "but I was also like, 'I can do better than that. I can one up myself.'"

Kim's parents both migrated to the United States from South Korea, where their daughter made her Olympic debut in a cause for celebration in both countries.

Liu Jiayu finished second with 89.75 to become the first Chinese snowboarder to medal at the Olympics. Kim's teammate, Arielle Gold, overcame a dislocated shoulder during training to earn a bronze.

In a first for the Olympics, Canadian curlers Kaitlyn Lawes and John Morris won gold in the debut of mixed doubles with a 10-3 victory over the Swiss pair of Jenny Perret and Martin Rios.

In a rush of night-time finishes, Kjeld Nuis led a Dutch double in the men's 1,500-meter speedskating final, Natalie Geisenberger successfully defended her women's luge title in a 1-2 finish for Germany, the cross-country classic sprint titles went to Johannes Hoesflot Klaebo of Norway and Stina Nilsson of Sweden, and Italian short-track speedskater Arianna Fontana won the women's 500 meters.

In Jeongseon, Hirscher's combined two-run time was 0.23 seconds faster than silver medalist Alexis Pinturault of France. The Austrian is a three-time Olympian who had previously won only a silver medal despite never finishing below fifth in any race.

"I'm super happy because now this stupid question has gone away, if I'm thinking that my career is perfect without a gold medal," Hirscher said. "Now the question is zzzzzit — deleted."

UP NEXT: WINTER OLYMPICS

• Men's halfpipe finals
 • Today, 5:30 p.m. TV: NBC

IN THE MIX

Lawes and Morris were too good in the mixed doubles curling final, with Switzerland conceding in the sixth end of the match after missing an opportunity for a takeout with its last shot of the end. That gave Canada another two points. Seeing no way to come back from the deficit, the Swiss ended the game.

The team from Russia picked up bronze with Anastasia Bryzgalova tumbling onto the ice but bouncing back with teammate — and husband — Aleksandr Krushelnitckii for an 8-4 victory over Norway. Bryzgalova was shuffling backward in the third end when she stumbled over a stone and had her legs fly out from under her and she crashed hard onto her backside. The spill drew gasps from the stunned crowd and left a stunned Bryzgalova embarrassed for a moment.

DUTCH DOUBLE

Kjeld Nuis led teammate Patrick Roest in a 1-2 finish in the 1,500 meters to give Netherlands four wins from four finals in speedskating at the Olympic Oval.

The Dutch have now won eight of 12 medals at the Pyeongchang Games, keeping them on the stunning medal pace set at the 2014 Sochi Games when they finished with 23 out of 36.

CROSS-COUNTRY

Klaebo won gold in the men's cross-country sprint, with Frederico Pellegrino of Italy getting the better of a photo finish to take silver ahead of Russian competitor Alexander

Chloe Kim of the United States celebrates winning gold in the women's halfpipe.
 AP Photo/Gregory Bull



Astoria seniors Madi Landwehr, left, and Darian Hageman sign letters-of-intent during a ceremony Friday at Astoria High School.

Local star athletes sign their letters-of-intent

The Daily Astorian

National letter-of-intent signing day took place last Friday, with athletes across the nation pledging continue playing their sports at the collegiate level.

Locally, Jewell senior Niqui Blodgett (who plays softball for Warrenton High School) signed a letter-of-intent Wednesday to play softball at George Fox University.

Astoria athletes Darian Hageman and Madi Landwehr had already signed letters to attend Oregon State and Clackamas Community College, respectively, but they had the chance to sign in a ceremony at a school assembly Friday.



Staci Miethe/For The Daily Astorian
 Jewell's Niqui Blodgett will take softball pitching talent to George Fox University next school year.

Hageman will compete in track and field for the Beavers, while Landwehr will play volleyball at Clackamas.

GIRLS BASKETBALL STATE PLAYOFFS

Lady Loggers beat Gaston, advance

The Daily Astorian

GASTON — The state playoff hopes are still alive for the Knappa girls basketball team, which won its fourth game of the season Monday night, a 33-32 decision at Gaston in a first-round game of the Northwest League playoffs.

And now it's on to Neah-Kah-Nie for the Lady Loggers, who improve to 4-19 overall. Knappa is just two wins from qualifying for the Sweet 16.

The Loggers came into Monday's game as the sixth-place team in the NWL with a 3-11 league record, behind Gaston's 6-8 mark. The Loggers can now set their sights on fourth-place Neah-Kah-Nie (7-7). Knappa plays the Pirates at 6 p.m. Thursday in Rockaway Beach, with the winner advancing to play the loser of the second vs. third-place loser (Saturday in Forest Grove), for a spot in the Sweet 16.

Madelynn Weaver scored a game-high nine points for the Loggers, in one of their highest-scoring games of the season. It's only the third time Knappa has scored 33 points or more in the last 13 games.

Weaver also had eight of Knappa's 17 steals.

Bolshunov.

Stina Nilsson of Sweden won the women's cross-country sprint. Maiken Caspersen of Norway was second and Russian skier Yulia Belorukova took bronze.

Yet again, there was no medal for the United States. Jessica Diggins placed sixth, failing in her quest to become the first American woman to win an Olympic medal in cross-country skiing.

GEISENBERGER'S GOLD

Geisenberger is the third woman to win consecutive Olympic luge golds, joining fellow German greats Steffi Martin Walter and Sylke Otto.

She beat German teammate Dajana Eitberger and Alex Gough, who took bronze to give Canada its first Olympic luge medal.

Erin Hamlin of the United States was sixth and Emily Sweeney crashed out midway through her final run.

HOT WATER

Japanese short-track speedskater Kei Saito tested positive for the banned diuretic Acetazolamide in the first doping case of the Pyeongchang Games.

Saito, a reserve on the 5,000-meter relay team, said in a statement that he was "extremely shocked" by the results and has "never used anabolic steroids." He did not race in any event before the test result from a pre-competition sample was confirmed.

The Court of Arbitration for Sport said Saito "accepted on a voluntary basis to be provisionally suspended and to leave the Olympic Village." Yasuo Saito, vice president of the Japanese Olympic Committee, said the JOC would work to help the 21-year-old skater clear his name after the Olympics.

WHITE HOT

Shaun White was best in halfpipe qualifying, scoring a 98.5 to edge Australian rival Scotty James for the prime spot in Wednesday's three-run final.

The two-time gold medalist will be in a 12-man final that includes Sochi silver medalist Ayumu Hirano of Japan, who finished third, and American teammates Ben Ferguson, from Bend, Jake Pates and Chase Josey. Kent Callister, also from Bend and competing for Australia, qualified 12th.