

# SPORTS

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## WINTER GAMES 2018

### MEDAL TRACKER

As of Wednesday morning, Feb. 21

TOP 10 MEDAL WINNERS	G	S	B
1. Norway	13	11	9
2. Germany	12	7	5
3. Canada	9	5	7
4. Netherlands	6	6	4
5. United States	6	4	6
6. France	5	4	5
7. Sweden	4	4	0
8. South Korea	4	3	2
9. Austria	4	2	4
10. Japan	3	5	3

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## OLYMPICS IN BRIEF

### Czechs eliminate US in shootout in quarterfinals

Associated Press

GANGNEUNG, South Korea — Pavel Francouz stopped all five shooters and Petr Koukal scored the shootout winner as the Czech Republic eliminated the United States from the Olympics with a 3-2 victory in the quarterfinals Wednesday.

Jan Kovar and Tomas Kundratek scored in regulation for the Czech Republic, which was fresher after winning its group and getting a bye into the quarterfinals. The U.S. looked fatigued after facing Slovakia in the qualification round a day earlier and was outshot 29-20.

Ryan Donato and Jim Slater scored for the U.S., which again was led by its youngest players, including speedster Troy Terry.

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**Sportsmanship:** Portland Adventist

## BASKETBALL

# Three Warrenton girls selected all-league

The Daily Astorian

The Warrenton girls basketball team landed three players and a coach on the Lewis & Clark All-League girls basketball team, released last week.

Head coach Robert Hoepfl shared the girls' Coach of the Year award with Rainier's Doug Knox.

Warrenton senior Tyla Little was one of six players named to the first team. Junior Claire Bussert was selected second team, and junior

Fernanda Alvarez earned third team honors. Six more players were selected honorable mention, giving the league 24 players on the all-league team.

Rainier senior Desirae Hansen,

who will play next year at Portland State, was named the league's Player of the Year.

League champion Rainier and



Tyla Little



Robert Hoepfl

second-place Clatskanie each had just three players selected to the squad. Fourth-place De La Salle led with five players on the all-league team.

Little is Warrenton's first player named to the first team since Mady Hanna (2011 and 2012).

It's the seventh time that a Warrenton coach has been named as

a league Coach of the Year, with Hoepfl joining Don Lampi (1993, 1994) and John Mattila (1998, 1999, 2009, 2010).

No Warrenton players were selected to the 26-player all-league boys' team. Player of the Year was De La Salle senior Emmanuel Reiley, and Coach of the Year was De La Salle's James Broadous. The league champion Knights had six players named all-league.

For complete teams, see Scoreboard.



AP Photo/Kirsty Wigglesworth

United States' Jessica Diggins, left, and Kikkan Randall celebrate after winning the gold medal in women's team sprint freestyle cross-country skiing.

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# US women win 1st Olympic cross-country medal

By STEVE REED

Associated Press

PYEONGCHANG, South Korea — As she headed up the steepest, most grueling hill of her life in third place, Jessica Diggins thought to herself just winning an Olympic medal was no longer good enough.

She wanted more. She wanted gold. Diggins dug deep, remembering all the years of training she had put in, and of all her teammates waiting for her at the finish line to bring home the United States' first medal ever in women's cross-country skiing — and then she let loose.

Diggins reached the peak of the hill in third place but sped past Norway's Maiken Caspersen Falla on the last big, winding downhill. She rounded the final corner and took dead aim at Sweden's Stina Nilsson on the final 100-meter homestretch.

The crowd in the grandstand was on its

feet sensing history, and at that moment Diggins said she felt "unstoppable."

"Around that final corner I felt like I was uncoiling a spring and letting it go," Diggins said. "Giving it everything I had, digging as deep as I could and putting it all out there. When your team is counting on you, you don't give up ever."

Diggins certainly didn't give up. She blew by Nilsson in a blur to capture gold in the team sprint, bringing the United States its first gold medal ever in cross-country skiing.

As she crossed the line she collapsed in exhaustion as teammate Kikkan Randall tackled her in the snow. Randall lay on top of a crying Diggins shaking her ski jacket in pure excitement and utter joy.

"That feeling of being able to cross the line and have Kikkan tackle me was the coolest thing ever," Diggins said.

It was fitting Randall was her partner on

the two-woman team. She has been through all of the tough times, competing with the American cross-country ski team since the 2002 Salt Lake City Games. She said it was also fitting that the American women won their first medal in a team event.

"I got to see in 2013 when we won the world championships ... that team gold is worth far more than any individual accolade," the 35-year-old Randall said. "What really kept me going over the last four years was trying to contribute toward a team medal. To do it with Jessie one more time is just amazing."

So move over Bill Koch, you have company — finally.

Koch was the only other American to win a medal in cross-country, taking home silver at the 1976 Innsbruck Games.

Diggins and Randall ended that 42-year drought and surely gave a huge boost to all of the young cross-country skiers back home in the United States.

# Goggia beats Vonn; Bjoergen sets Winter Games medals mark

By DENNIS WASZAK JR.

Associated Press

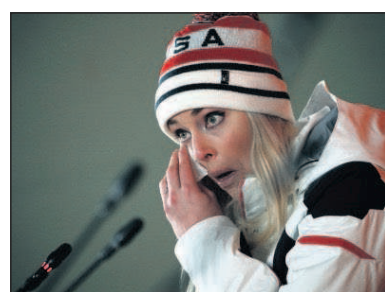
PYEONGCHANG, South Korea — Sofia Goggia refused to let Lindsey Vonn catch her. Or, anyone else.

The Italian skier won the women's downhill Wednesday, holding off Ragnhild Mowinckel of Norway by 0.09 seconds and Vonn by 0.47 seconds.

"I was really focused — I moved like a samurai," Goggia said. "Usually, I'm really chaotic, but I wanted to take in every little detail, every particular in the morning. I believed in myself. And then what counts, counts."

Speaking of counting, Marit Bjoergen has had to do plenty of it during her Olympic career. She became the most-decorated Winter Olympian of all time with 14 career medals, getting the latest when Norway won the bronze in the women's team sprint in cross-country skiing.

"When you're still an athlete you just have focus on other races," Bjoergen said. "I think I'll need to have time to myself and look behind me



AP Photo/Christophe Ena

**Lindsey Vonn wipes her face while speaking at a press conference after winning the bronze medal in the women's downhill.**

and look how I've been able to do this. It's still hard to understand it when I'm standing here."

While Bjoergen's milestone was the highlight, the United States' victory in the event was its first Olympic gold in women's cross-country skiing.

Norway won the men's sprint, giving the country its 13th cross-country medal at the games to tie an Olympic record, and added gold in the men's speedskating team pursuit with a win over South Korea in the final. Japan

beat defending champion the Netherlands in an Olympic record to win the women's team pursuit, and the U.S. women picked up bronze.

Mariama Jamanka won the women's bobsled, giving Germany its fifth gold medal in eight sliding events so far at Pyeongchang.

Meanwhile, the Russian athletes are still sitting at zero in the gold medals column. But that number could change soon.

Teen figure skaters Alina Zagitova and Evgenia Medvedeva were in first and second place, respectively, in the women's short program after earning the highest scores ever. That leaves them both in good position to come up with gold heading into the free skate Friday.

"I was very happy when I saw the score, but I did not expect it," said the 15-year-old Zagitova, who had 82.92 points. "Now my name will be connected to that record."

Brady Leman of Canada won the men's skicross, beating Marc Bischofberger of Switzerland in a wild final — after some scary elimination rounds during which a handful of

crashes forced several men to leave the course on medical sleds.

Finland won the bronze in women's hockey with a 3-2 victory over the Russian team. The gold-medal game between the United States and Canada is Thursday.

At Jeongseon Alpine Center, Goggia was behind on the leaderboard at the top, but sped up near the bottom of the hill. It was enough to keep Vonn just out of reach when she raced two spots later.

"I gave it all today, skied a great race," Vonn said. "Sofia just skied better than I did."

Meanwhile, the 33-year-old Vonn likely completed her final Olympic downhill race. She will compete in the combined, along with American teammate Mikaela Shiffrin, and that will be her last race in Pyeongchang. "It's sad," Vonn said. "It's my last downhill. I wish I could keep going. I'm having so much fun and I love what I do, but my body just can't take another four years. But I'm proud to be competing for my country, giving it all and proud to come away with a medal."