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# Team USA happy, disappointed at 1-1

CALGARY, Alberta (AP) — The U.S. hockey team is right where it expected to be, if not where it wants to be, in the Winter Olympics.

"We figured to be one-and-one at this point," said Public Relations Director Mike Schroeder as the U.S. team prepared to play the second-seeded Soviet Union Wednesday night. "Looking at the schedule long-range, it appears now that West Germany will be our most important game."

That game will be Sunday and it could determine whether the Americans reach the six-team medal round.

The U.S. team began Olympic play with a 10-6 victory over Austria last Saturday as expected, and lost to Czechoslovakia 7-5 Monday night, which was also expected. The Czechoslovaks are seeded third in the Olympics, and the United States is No. 7.

If form follows in this tournament, the Americans should lose to the second-seeded Soviets Wednesday night and beat No. 10 Norway on Friday night.

That would give them a 2-2 record and force them to beat No. 6 West Germany to have any chance for a place in the medal round. The West Germans are 2-0 so far after a surprising victory over Czechoslovakia on opening day and a win over Norway.

But even if the Americans defeat West Germany next Sunday, nothing is guaranteed for them under the complicated Olympic system. The top three teams in each pool advance after the five-game round robin, but one of the determining factors could be the score of the U.S.-West Germany game. At this point,

the Americans have to beat the West Germans by two goals.

The American players have taken note of all the games that have gone against them in this tournament.

"The Swiss weren't supposed to beat the Finns and the Germans weren't supposed to beat the Czechs," said Corey Millen, the scoring leader of the U.S. team. "Hockey's a funny game."

And the Polish team wasn't supposed to give Canada a tough time before losing 1-0 and tying top-seeded Sweden 1-1, either.

"There's a lot of parity in this tournament," said Art Berglund, the general manager of the U.S. team. "People don't realize how many good hockey teams there are in this year's Olympics. They can all skate well."

Like many of the American players, goaltender Mike Richter figured his team would be 1-1 after the first two games. But when the Americans jumped to an early 3-0 lead against the Czechs Monday night, he wasn't thinking "1-1" anymore. Then, he was thinking "2-0."

"Any time you're up with a lead like that (3-0 after 6:08 of the first period), it really hurts to lose it," Richter said.

If he was upset by the loss, U.S. Coach Dave Peterson didn't show it. Asked how the team would react against the Soviets after such a "crushing" loss, Peterson responded sharply.

"It's not crushing," he said. "Those are your words, not mine. It was really only a one-goal loss (to the Czechs). They got an empty-net goal at the end. It was a disappointing loss because we lost the lead, but not the end of the world. We'll be back."

# Swiss skier headed for 2nd gold of week

MOUNT ALLAN, Alberta (AP) — Switzerland's peerless Pirmin Zurbriggen took a major step toward his second gold medal of the Winter Olympics Tuesday by winning the downhill portion of the men's combined by almost half a second.

Results of the downhill will be coupled with slalom results Wednesday to determine a combined champion.

The combined is returning to the Olympics after a 40-year absence. The competition, including separate downhill and slalom races, has been contested in the World Alpine Championships since 1982.

Zurbriggen, who overtook teammate Peter Mueller to win the regular men's downhill on Monday, was timed in 1:46.90 in the combined race. It was held on the same course as Monday's race but was shortened by moving the start down the hill by about 200 yards.

Franck Piccard of France, the bronze medalist in the regular downhill, was second in 1:47.38, and Felix Belczyk of Canada was third in 1:48.24.

Steven Lee of Australia was tentatively listed in third place at 1:47.39, but he was later disqualified for missing a gate.

Luxembourg's Marc Girardelli, one of the favorites for the combined title, did not start the downhill. The official reason for his absence was given as a sore elbow stemming from an injury in a downhill fall at Leukerbad, Switzerland, last month. Girardelli said his elbow was still causing him problems when he pushes off at the starting gate.

But the headstrong, sometimes petulant Girardelli may have had another reason for not racing. He reportedly is embroiled in a dispute with his ski manufacturer over preparation of his equipment for Monday's downhill.

His withdrawal may have given Zurbriggen clear sailing for the combined gold medal. Among World Cup competitors this season, only Zurbriggen and Girardelli have finished in the top five in both a downhill and slalom.

Girardelli does plan to ski in the super giant slalom on Sunday.

Three Austrians and a West German appear to have the only shots at denying Zurbriggen another gold medal. Hubert Strolz was fifth in the downhill, Guenther Mader was 11th and Bernhard Gstrein was 15th. The three Austrians all are strong in slalom, which is Zurbriggen's weakest event.

# US wins bronze in figure skating

CALGARY, Alberta (AP) — Ekaterina Gordeeva and Sergei Grinkov of the Soviet Union won the gold medal in pairs figure skating Tuesday night, while the United States won its first medal of the Winter Olympics when Jill Watson and Peter Oppegard took the bronze.

Second place went to defending gold medalists Elena Valova and Oleg Vasiliev of the Soviet Union.

While the Soviets continued their strong showing in these Games, Americans had little to cheer about before Watson and Oppegard skated to their world ranking and won their bronze medal.

Further emphasizing the Americans' newly found depth in pairs, Gillian Wachsman and Todd Waggoner wound up fifth.

Gordeeva, the sprightly 16-year-old who has entranced crowds throughout the world the last two years, and Grinkov clearly were the class of the competition. Their jumps, lifts and spins were perfect. Gordeeva's landings on every jump were as light as a feather and the sellout crowd rose and gave them a thunderous ovation when they completed their long program.

Gordeeva and Grinkov, 20, were first with all nine judges in both the short and long program. Skating to music by Chopin and Mendelson, they received 14 5.9 marks and four 5.8s out of a perfect 6.0.

Valova and Vasiliev, skating for the first time together this year after she was sidelined with ligament damage in her ankle, finished second with every judge. Vasiliev touched down on side-by-side triple toe loops, but the rest of their program — to "The Final Countdown" by the rock group Europe and "Snowstorm" from the Bolshoi Theater — was clean.

Watson, 24 of Bloomington, Ind., and Oppegard, 28, Knoxville, Tenn., came in third in the 1987 worlds. They might have moved up to second here with a stronger free-style performance.

But Watson fell on her double axel jump and did only a single flip while Oppegard did the planned double flip late in the program. They also skated slowly.

Still, they held onto third place. Wachsman, 21, Riverside, Conn., and Waggoner, 22, Schaumburg, Ill., went last and also could have moved up. But they slipped on some of their footwork and she touched down on a double axel. Wachsman also landed on two feet on another jump.

That allowed Soviets Larisa Selezneva and Oleg Makarov, who were seventh in the short program, to surge to fourth despite a fall of their own.

Kim and Wayne Seybold of Marion, Ind., finished 10th.

# Winter Games are not made for Team US

As some of you may have heard by now, Team USA is doing so hot.

Apparently, the good of of A just isn't cut out for the ter Games.

The 15th Winter Olympic Games are now five days old and a smaller-than-usual U.S. squad fraught with dissension, controversy and tragedy somehow along with a whopping count of one.

But, hey, look at the side: The United States had a 30 finish in the downhill sking — 26th to be exact, good for the coveted luminescent medal.

In 1984 in Sarajevo, Yugoslavia, brass Bill Johnson of United States had his name and then promptly zipped down that hill to capture the gold of the true bright spot Team USA. But what does for an encore in '88? He make the team.

So now we have to put up stoic Pirmin Zurbriggen, Peter Mueller, who both of the competition. The stubbornness of Switzerland is a way to an unprecedented gold medal performance.

The U.S. hockey team, showing early promise against Austria, has shown what people feared would be a weak defense. The Americans choked in the third period against Czechoslovakia Tuesday, allowing four goals after leading 3-1 going into the final period. The result was a 7-5 loss going into tonight's match against the Purple People Eaters of Olympic world, the dreaded Soviet Union.

Sure, the United States tougher than expected against the Czechs, but it should have won. And if the U.S. hockey team stumbles against the Soviets shot at a medal would be unlikely. The team, after a loss against Norway, would face Germany — who upset the Czechs in first-round action Tuesday.

The U.S. team has the fortune of being in Pool B of hockey competition, a group includes Czechoslovakia, Germany and the Soviet Union.

Personally, I think it's a pity those treacherous Canadians. The host team (sounds suspicious to me), plays in Pool A with gernauts like France, Switzerland and Poland. The French sure were impressive with an 11-2 loss to Sweden Saturday.

Oh sure, you say, Pool A includes top-seeded Sweden. Deal. The Canadians, loaded with National Hockey League talent, will wipe 'em out.

I say wait until the 1992 Winter Games, when we'll get NBA stars like Michael Jordan and Dominique Wilkins on the free-throw line and home against anyone who dare challenge Team USA. The 1988 Games at Seoul, Korea ought to be enough college stars like Indiana's Smart and UNLV's Geraldino shooting those long jumpers.

But back to the Winter Games. The U.S. speed skating team also had trouble. The United States' No. 1 hope for the Dan Jansen, had to skate his sister Jane Beres died a tragedy that hung over the team that day was magnified when Sen fell during the 500-meter run, forcing him to withdraw. Thursday's 1000-meter race another medal shot.

Team members seem to have set over Coach Mike Galbraith's methods of selecting the team. Dan Cruikshank, who had qualified for the team, was replaced as a starter and had filed an appeal with the U.S. States Olympic Committee.

Similar gripes are being voiced by the U.S. bobsledding team. Some members are angry with Willie Gault of the Chicago made the team as an alternate. Apparently it doesn't matter Gault is a World Class skater and that his speed could help the team.

There is hope for the Olympic team, however. Boitano has an excellent medal, probably the silver, in ure skating, and hopefully can bounce back Thursday to win the gold he deserves.

Other than that, sorry Games and bring on the ball team.



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