

Jansen shoots for last chance at medal in Winter Olympics

ALBERTVILLE, France (AP) — Now that Dan Jansen's kept his feet, it's time for the next step: winning a medal. His last chance is Tuesday, when Jansen returns to the rink for the men's 1,000-meter speedskating. In three Olympic s, Jansen has won hearts and provoked tears, but never taken home a medal.

Medal Count			
Nation	G	S	B-T
Germany	8	8	5-21
Unified Team	7	4	6-17
Austria	4	6	6-16
Norway	6	4	3-13
France	3	4	1-8
Italy	1	3	3-7
United States	3	2	1-6
Finland	3	1	2-6
Japan	0	1	2-3
Netherlands	0	1	2-3
Canada	1	0	1-2
Switzerland	1	0	1-2
China	0	2	0-2
Czech	0	0	2-2
Sweden	0	0	2-2
Luxembourg	0	1	0-1

the 500 and finished fourth. Not great, but still a victory — after all, he finished. But for an athlete who once had a chance to claim gold and glory, it was a disappointment.

In 1988, Jansen was skating on a world record pace when he fell 400 meters from the finish line. Now, on the rough ice of Albertville's outdoor oval, Jansen won't be looking for a record — only a medal.

Two fourth place finishes in his strong event — the men's 500 — are the best he's done.

The worst is Olympic history. Jansen went to Calgary in 1988 expecting medals in both the 500 and the 1,000. Instead he found heartbreak and the ice, falling in both events after learning his 27-year-old sister had died of leukemia.

Jansen has since set the world record in the 500, and stands fourth in the World Cup 1,000 rankings.

He skated again Saturday in

"It hasn't been my strongest race," Jansen said. "The 500 is definitely my strongest race, but sure, if I skate a solid 1,000 and have a good last lap, there's medal possibilities. I have the speed to skate a good 1,000, and the strength. I've worked hard on endurance."

Jansen's hopes were bolstered Monday when Germany's Uwe-Jens Mey, a long-time rival and the winner of the gold in the 500, pulled out of the 1,000. Mey, 28, was scratched today from the race due to the flu.

Timberwolves slip by Houston in overtime

HOUSTON (AP) — Sam Mitchell scored all 13 of his points in the final 10 minutes of play to lead the Minnesota Timberwolves to a 124-122 overtime victory Monday night over the Houston Rockets at the Summit.

The Timberwolves, who were 0-32 when allowing 100 points or more before Monday's game, were led by Tony Campbell with 35 points and Doug West with 21.

It was only Minnesota's third victory in its last 17 games and its first victory ever over Houston at home.

Hakeem Olajuwon was Houston's top scorer with 35 points. Olajuwon hit 14-of-18 from the field and 7-of-8 from the free-throw line. Kenny Smith added 24 points and 11 assists and Otis Thorpe 21 points and 20 rebounds for the Rockets.

Houston led 105-96 with 4:53 left in regulation play before the Timberwolves scored 10 straight — six by Mitchell — for a 106-105 lead.

A basket by Mitchell, with 28 seconds left, put the Timberwolves ahead 112-109. But a 3-pointer by Smith with 20 seconds left sent the game into overtime.

Minnesota led 118-116 before a 3-pointer by Mitchell with two minutes left in overtime increased the Wolves' lead to 121-116.

After four points by Olajuwon cut the Minnesota lead to one, a 15-foot jumper by Mitchell with 10 seconds left gave the Timberwolves the 123-120 advantage.

After a basket by Thorpe and a free-throw by Minnesota's Scott Brooks, the Timberwolves led 124-122 with 12 seconds left.

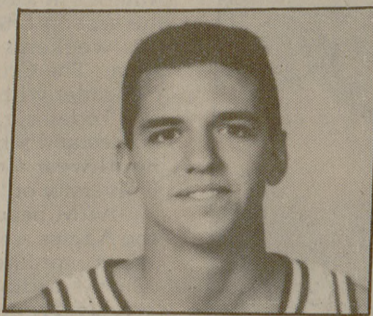
The Rockets went inside to Olajuwon, who missed a jumper, with Thorpe missing the rebound shot as the Timberwolves held on for the victory.

Houston opened the second half, outscoring the Timberwolves 18-2, to lead 79-55. During the scoring run, Minnesota coach Jimmy Rodgers was ejected from the game by official Tom Washington after two consecutive technical fouls.

Houston led 88-75 going into the fourth quarter. The Timberwolves chipped away at the Rockets lead until a basket by Campbell cut the Houston lead to 100-96.

Houston led 61-53 at the half and 35-29 after the first quarter.

Martin named to academic team



David Martin

The Battalion News Services

Texas A&M guard David Martin has been named to the GTE District VI Academic All-America Basketball Team, A&M head basketball coach Tony Barone said Monday.

Martin, a 5-foot-11 junior from Tyler, joins four other players selected by District VI members of the College Sports Information Di-

rectors of America. The District includes Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana and Mississippi.

Martin will graduate in May with a degree in biochemistry after only three years at A&M. He plans to attend medical school.

Martin has played in all 20 games this season and is averaging 3.5 points per game. He ranks second on the team in assists and in three-point accuracy.

SMU ups by Stetson

DELAND, Fla. (AP) — Brisker scored 25 points, led 12 over the final 14 minutes, and led Stetson to an 83-63 victory over Southern Methodist on Monday.

Brisker, the Hatters' leading scorer at 23.4 per game, had 12 from the foul line. Dones added 14 points and Ehlershoff and Tony Grier had 11 each for Stetson (9-14).

The Hatters led 42-34 at the time and saw an eight-point shrink to one, 48-47, with 10 go in the game. That was as SMU got during the second half.

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BASEBALL AMERICA TOP 25 POLL

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1	Miami	6-0	1
2	Wichita St.	0-0	2
3	Florida	8-1	3
4	Pepperdine	5-1	4
5	Florida St.	6-1	5
6	Okla. St.	3-1	6
7	Miss. St.	0-0	7
8	Stanford	7-3	8
9	Texas	8-1	9
10	N. D.	0-0	10
11	C.S.-Full.	3-2	11
12	LSU	3-0	12
13	L. Beach St.	3-4	13
14	Arizona	9-5	14
15	S. Carolina	3-0	15
16	Arizona St.	8-1	16
17	Hawaii	6-3	17
18	Clemson	2-0	18
19	Ohio St.	3-1	19
20	N. C. St.	6-0	20
21	USC	4-5	21
22	Indiana St.	0-0	22
23	Ga. Tech	5-0	23
24	Minnesota	2-1	24
25	Texas A&M	4-4	25



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