

Speedskater Ohno becoming famous for wild finishes

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SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Love wild finishes? Then take heart: Apolo Anton Ohno still has two events left. The 19-year-old American crossed the finish line second in short-track speedskating's 1,500 meters Wednesday night. But he won the gold when the skater ahead of him was disqualified for an illegal block, turning a victory lap by the perceived winner into a fit of anger. "I just did my best, and I shined like a star," said Ohno, who on Saturday got up from a crash and stuck a skate over the finish line to win silver in the 1,000. Ohno's performance capped a day of fabulous finishes and one that produced the most medals (five) and most golds (three) for Americans at a Winter Olympics. The U.S. medal count is up to 26, double the previous record. The team has nine golds, three more

than ever. The collection is sure to grow Thursday with the U.S. women's hockey team in the finals against Canada. Also, three of the top four women's figure skaters going into the free skate finale are Americans. Jimmy Shea started the memorable moments Wednesday by winning the skeleton in a ride he insisted was watched over by his late grandfather, an Olympic champion. Tristan Gale and Lea Ann Parsley followed by finishing 1-2 in the women's event and Jennifer Rodriguez added a bronze in women's speedskating. Foreigners also made their mark with unheralded Belarus stunning unbeaten Sweden in men's hockey, Norway's Ole Einar Bjoerndalen becoming only the third person to win four gold medals at a Winter Olympics and German speedskater Anni Friesinger winning the 1,500 meters in

world-record time. The first medal to be awarded Thursday is in Nordic combined. Other finals include men's slalom, women's cross-country relay and women's curling. Curling and hockey also have bronze-medal games. — SKELETON: Jack Shea would've loved this. His son, Jim, was beside the starting line, smiling as he watched his son Jimmy plow headfirst down the bobsled chute in a skeleton sled and overcome a narrow deficit to catch the leader with a blazing finish. "I think his Gramp was there giving him that little extra push," said Jim Shea Sr., who competed in three cross-country events at the 1964 Innsbruck Games. The Sheas are America's first three-generation Olympic family and the second with two generations of gold winners. Jack, who won two speed-

skating events at the 1932 Lake Placid Games, died in a traffic accident last month at 91. Skeleton returned to the Olympics after a 54-year absence largely with Jimmy Shea's help, and a women's version was added for the first time. Gale gave it a red, white and blue tinge — from her hair to the letters on her cheek. — HOCKEY: The 22nd anniversary of the United States' miraculous hockey victory over Russia will be celebrated with another U.S.-Russia game. Once again, it will be an Olympics semifinal on American ice. The U.S. team beat Germany 5-0 and Russia beat the Czech Republic 1-0, avenging a loss in the 1998 gold medal game, to set up Friday's rematch of a pool-round game that ended in a 2-2 tie. On the other side of the bracket was an upset that ranks with the "Miracle

on Ice" shocker in 1980. Belarus beat undefeated Sweden 4-3 in a quarterfinal on a 70-foot shot by Vladimir Kopat that bounced off goalie Tommy Salo's head and landed in the net with 2:24 remaining. "It is a miracle for us," winning goalie Andrei Mezin said. — WOMEN'S SLALOM: Janica Kostelic is making it hard for her big brother to keep up. Kostelic won the slalom for her second gold and third medal of the games. Her brother, Ivica, will compete in the slalom Saturday, hoping to make them the first siblings to win Alpine skiing medals at the same Olympics in 22 years. Laure Pequegnot of France was second and Anja Paerson of Sweden won the bronze. The U.S. women's Alpine team again was nowhere in contention and most likely will not medal for the first time since 1988.

— MEN'S BIATHLON: Speedskater Eric Heiden in 1980. Speedskater Lydia Skoblikova in 1964. And now, following his team's victory in the 30-kilometer relay, Bjoerndalen in 2002. Those are the only Winter Olympians to have won four medals in one games, with Heiden setting the overall record with five. Three-time defending Olympic champion Germany won the silver and France took the bronze. — SPEEDSKATING: By failing to medal in two events in which she was favored, Friesinger was close to going home known more for her glamour than athletic prowess. That changed in 3 3/4 laps. The victory gives Friesinger a gold medal to go along with the Celtic flame tattoo above her navel, which is especially visible in the erotic pictures of her in German magazines.

Nuggets in trade talks

DENVER (AP) — The Denver Nuggets are in trade talks with one last team to unload point guard Nick Van Exel before Thursday's deadline, Van Exel said Wednesday. Van Exel said talks were focused on how to restructure the last two years of his contract. He is scheduled to earn \$26.5 million in the final two years, covering the 2004-05 and 2005-06 seasons. Van Exel refused to name the team in negotiations with the Nuggets. "To the team that I would go to, I would take off a lot of money. I would be willing to take off 50 percent of that

money." Van Exel said the Nuggets nearly had a deal with the Boston Celtics but he said he vetoed it because they would not pay what he wanted. The Celtics instead completed a five-player trade with the Phoenix Suns on Wednesday. "It was just basically impossible for me to do that deal," Van Exel said. Earlier Wednesday, Nuggets general manager Kiki Vandeweghe said the team was working around the clock to trade Van Exel. "The phone lines are burning," Vandeweghe said. "I think I'm in the same clothes I've been in for a week."

Woods loses in first round

CARLSBAD, Calif. (AP) — On a day of shockers in the opening round of the Match Play Championship, none was bigger than Tiger Woods heading to the clubhouse to clean out his locker after a stunning loss to Peter O'Malley.

Soon after Woods tipped his cap and shook hands with O'Malley, Phil Mickelson watched as John Cook rolled in a 35-foot birdie putt on the 16th hole to send Lefty home early for the third tournament in a row.

bowling results

Wednesday Morning Coffee League
Jan. 30
Brady Bunch over BEMs 3-1
McClung's Appliance over Lonny's Quality Auto 3-1
WOF over Mr. Jim's 3-1
High individual game: Georgia Pancake-200
High individual series: Glenna Jarmin-535
High team game: Mr. Jim's-499

Feb. 6
WOF over Lonny's Quality Auto Body 4-0
Mr. Jim's ober BEMs 2 1/2-1 1/2
McClung's Appliance over Brady Bunch 3-1
High individual game: Lori Anthor-212
High individual series: Lori Anthor-589
High team game: Mr. Jim's-532
High team series: WOF-1533

Standings: Brady Bunch 51, 41; McClung's Appliance 50 1/2, 41 1/2; BEMs 50 1/2, 41 1/2, Lonny's Quality Auto Body 45 1/2, 46 1/2; WOF 40, 52; Mr. Jim's 38 1/2, 53 1/2.

Hoot 'N Holler Mixed League
Feb. 11
Budweiser over Just 4 Bowlers 3-1
Rasures split Truck & Tractor 2-2
Motor Doctor over Luci's Aquarium 3-1
Pirates Electric over Western Insurance 3-1
Kear's Quality Liquor over Lonny's Quality Auto 4-0
Fitzgibbons over Accounting & Tax 3-1

Women's high game: Nancy Kear-223
Women's high series: Kara Smith-560
Men's high game: Todd Cunningham-233
Men's high series: Todd Cunningham-634
Team high game: Pirates Electric-852
Team high series: Truck & Tractor-2,428

Standings: Kears Quality Liquor 4,0; Budweiser 3, 1; Pirates Electric 3, 1; Motor Doctor 3, 1; Fitzgibbons 3, 1.

Wednesday Night Men's Scratch Classic League
Feb. 13
Basgall Construction over Weber Kennels 11 1/2-8 1/2
ProLine over Western Kansas Valley 11-9
Sigco over Fitzgibbons 13-7
L&M Steel Bowladium Lanes 11-9

High individual game: Darren Hickson-246
High individual series: Darren Hickson-898
High team game: Fitzgibbons-628
High team series: Sigco-2,223

Standings: ProLine 85 1/2, 54 1/2; Bowladium Lanes 83 1/2, 56 1/2; L&M Steel 80, 60; Sigco 76, 64; Weber Kennels 68 1/2, 71 1/2; Basgall Construction 67, 73; Western Kansas Valley 52, 88; Fitzgibbons 47 1/2, 92 1/2

Wednesday Night Mixed League
Feb. 13
Gamblers split Guzzlin Socializers 2-2
Konorado Coop split Shear Dimensions 2-2
Mueller Grain over Blossom Shoppe 4-0
D&G Clan split Mudslingers 2-2
Goodland Sheetmetal over Phillips Brothers 3-1
Kickers over Phantoms 4-0

Women's high game: Elsie Matthews-186
Women's high series: Marilyn Snethen-537
Men's high game: Phil Helzer-268
Men's high series: Phil Helzer-620
Team high game: Gamblers-855
Team high series: Guzzlin Socializers-2412

Standings: Kanorado Coop 68, 32; Mueller Grain 62 1/2, 37 1/2; Gamblers 62, 38; Guzzlin Socializers 57, 43; Shear Dimensions 56, 44.

Happy Our Bowling Report
Feb. 14
Rasure Lumber over Pocket Rockets 3 to 1
Konorado COOP over KMA 4 to 0
Wheatridge Farms over blind team 4 to 0
Bowladium Lanes over B&B Electric 4 to 0
High individual game: Harold Gillihan-283

High individual series: Harold Gillihan-733
High team game: Bowladium Lanes 853
High team series: Team Kanorado COOP 2468
Standings: Bowladium Lanes 4, 0; Kanorado COOP 4, 0; Wheatridge Farms 4, 0

Thursday Night Mixed
Feb. 14
SunAmerica over The Blind Team 4-0
Mex & Company over McDonald's 3-1
The Grannies & The Gramps over Charlie's Angels 3-1
Weis Oil over Our Team 3-1
Goodland Development Corp. over Half Fast Four 3-1

Women's high game: Suzie Butts/Mary Callahan-198
Women's high series: Suzie Butts-519

Men's high game: Steve Colby-216
Men's high series: Dave Hovis-554
Team high game: Half Fast Four-838
Team high series: Goodland Development Corp-2378

Standings: SunAmerica 4, 0; The Grannies & The Gramps 3, 1; Mex & Company 3, 1.

Hoot 'N Holler Mixed League
Feb. 18
Accounting & Tax over Motor Doctor 4-0
Kear's Quality Liquor over Just 4 Bowlers 3-1
Fitzgibbons split Western Insurance 2-2
Rasures over Lonny's Quality Auto 3 1/2-1/2
Pirates Electric over Truck & Tractor 3-1
Luci's Aquarium over Budweiser 4-0


Women's high game: Margaret Russell-229
Women's high series: Margaret Russell-595
Men's high game: Darren Hickson-269
Men's high series: Darren Hickson-714
Team high game: Fitzgibbons-909
Team high series: Fitzgibbons-2,586

Standings: Kears Quality Liquor 7, 1; Pirates Electric 6, 2; Rasure Lumber 5 1/2, 2 1/2

Wednesday Night Men's Scratch Classic League
Feb. 20
Weber Kennels over Basgall Construction 13-7
Fitzgibbons over Western Kansas Valley 11-9
ProLine over Bowladium Laanes 11-9
L&M Steel over Sigco 15-5

High individual game: Phil Helzer-258
High individual series: Jerry Anthor-892
High team game: ProLine-666
High team series: ProLine-2434

Standings: ProLine 96 1/2, 85 1/2; L&M Steel 95, 65; Bowladium Lanes 92 1/2, 67 1/2; Weber Kennels 81 1/2, 78 1/2; Sigco 81, 79; Basgall Construction 74, 86; Western Kansas Valley 61, 99; Fitzgibbons 58 1/2, 101 1/2

Better move fast


Bobby Miller grabbed as many dollar bills as he could in 48 seconds during the FCCLA money grab Tuesday at Max Jones Fieldhouse.

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Buzzer-beater misses; Kansas State wins

MANHATTAN, Kan. (AP) — Colorado guard Blair Wilson's buzzer beater didn't go in, but it was still enough to make Kansas State coach Jim Wooldridge grimace. Wilson, who made 5-of-10 3-pointers, missed the shot and Kansas State survived with a 66-64 win over Colorado on Wednesday night. "I was thinking 'oh, my gosh'," said Wooldridge of the shot. "Of all the people to have the shot it was him. I think everything he shoots goes in." Colorado scored 10 points in the final 40 seconds to nearly pull off the

win, but Matt Siebrandt hit a free throw with 12 seconds remaining to force Wilson's shot. "We were down only two points and we probably should have tried to get the ball closer to the basket," said Colorado coach Ricardo Patton. "We didn't do that and it came down to a forced three at the end." Pervis Pasco scored 18 points and Nick Williams added 14 as Kansas State (11-13, 5-8 Big 12) beat Colorado (13-11, 4-9) for the first time since 1999. Wilson scored 19 points and David Harrison had 14 for Colorado.

Kansas State has won five of its last six at home, while Colorado is 0-7 in conference road games. "When you get down to the tail end of the season, all games become big games," said Wooldridge. "We're still fighting and still above water." The Wildcats overcame a seven-point halftime deficit to tie the game at 39 with 14:44 remaining. The lead went back-and-forth four times before Colorado took a 53-48 lead with 6:03 left.

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