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Red Gerard Takes 1st Gold in Slopestyle



Red Gerard won the gold medal in slopestyle snowboarding Sunday at the 2018 Olympic Winter Games at Phoenix Snow Park in Pyeongchang-gun, South Korea. (Getty Images - Clive Rose)

By U.S. Ski & Snowboard - February 10, 2018

Red Gerard (Silverthorne, Colo.) stomped the run of his life to win Team USA's first gold medal of the 2018 Olympic Winter Games Sunday in slopestyle snowboarding. "I'm just insanely excited right now," said Gerard, who is the youngest Olympic snowboarding gold medalist ever. "I can't believe it all worked out. I just wanted to land a run. After falling on my second run, I was really excited for the third run."

Sitting well out of medal contention after crashing out on his first two of three runs, Gerard absolutely nailed his third run with a score of 87.16 and withstood a stout challenge from Canada's Max Parrot, whose third and final run score of 86.00 was good enough for silver. Parrot's teammate, Mark McMorris, tallied an 85.20 on his second run for his second consecutive Olympic bronze medal.

"When that score came up my jaw dropped," Gerard said. "I was like 'this isn't real'. I would have been happy to just land a run, but to land a run and win, it's crazy."

Gerard's gold medal was the second consecutive Olympic slopestyle snowboarding gold for Team USA, dating back to the 2014 Games when Sage Kotsenburg won. Jamie Anderson also won the women's slopestyle's snowboarding event at the 2014 Games, which was the sport's slopestyle Olympic debut. Anderson will defend her

gold when the women's competition begins with qualifying Sunday afternoon.

Results Snowboard - Men's Slopestyle Phoenix Snow Park – PreongChang Halfpipe

	Phoenix	s Snow Pa	ark – Pyeon	gChang H	Ialfpipe		
Number of Competito	Number of NOCs: 16 Sunday February 11, 2018						
	NOC	Run-1	Sections (40%)	Overall (60%)	Score (100%)	Best Score	Race Points
GERARD Redmond	USA	Run 1	28.80	14.53	43.33	87.16	1000.
		Run 2	30.40	16.00	46.40		
		Run 3	48.50	38.66	87.16		
PARROT Max	CAN	Run 1	32.20	12.93	45.13	86.00	800.
		Run 2	34.55	14.93	49.48		
		Run 3	50.00	36.00	86.00		
McMORRIS Mark	CAN	Run 1	45.30	30.00	75.30	85.20	600.
		Run 2	47.20	38.00	85.20		
	Run 3	41.35	19.33	60.68			



American Redmond Gerard takes to the air on his way to winning the gold medal in the men's slopestyle snowboarding event at the Pyeongchang Winter Olympics

Gold at Last: U.S.A Women Beat Canada In Epic Shootout

The United States erased the horrors of past Olympics with a 3-2 shootout win against Canada to capture the women's hockey gold medal.

Jocelyne Lamoureux-Davidson pulled off an incredible deke in the sixth round, while Maddie Rooney closed the door on Meghan Agosta as the U.S. won gold for the first time since the '98 Nagano Games.



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Mikaela Shiffrin Wins Gold, on 2nd Run In Giant Slalom



United States's Mikaela Shiffrin competes in alpine ski, Women's Olympic Giant Slalom. Mikaela Shiffrin edged out Ragnhild Mowinckel and Federica Brignone to claim gold in the Pyeongchang Olympics.



USA's Mikaela Shiffrin, takes Gold in Giant Slalom in Pyeongchang Olympics

PYEONGCHANG, South Korea — As the late, great Tom Petty said, the waiting is the hardest part.

Mikaela Shiffrin made it look — almost — easy.

Confronted with weather-related delays that pushed back the start of her 2018 Winter Games. the American ski star captured the keen mental edge it takes to ski on the edge, but not beyond, to win Olympic gold in the women's giant slalom.

In Sochi, an 18-year-old Shiffrin won gold in slalom but finished fifth in GS. She vowed to become No. 1 in GS, too.

Turning 23 next month, she is now a two-time Olympic champion, winner of a first medal for the United States in women's giant slalom since Julia Mancuso's Torino 2006 gold. Shiffrin is also just the sixth woman in Olympic history to win gold in both the slalom and giant slalom, joining the likes of Andrea Mead-Lawrence of the United States and Croatia's Janica Kostelić.

"To come here and do that today — was incredible," Shiffrin said.

More incredible, perhaps: Shiffrin is just getting started here in PyeongChang. She skis the slalom on Friday.

Norway's Ragnhild Mowinckel took silver, 39-hundredths behind Shiffrin. Italy's Federica Brignone got bronze, 46-hundredths back. For all the success of Norway's men's alpine team — the Attacking Vikings are a thing, and Axel Lund Svindal Kjetl Jansrud went 1-2 on Thursday in the Olympic downhill about 25 miles away — Mowinckel's silver is the first women's alpine medal for Norway since 1936, when Laila Schou Nilsen took bronze in the combined.

OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES 2018 PYEONGCHANG, South Korea LADIES' GIANT SLALOM OFFICIAL RESULTS

	Nation	Run #1	Run #2	Total	Diff.
SHIFFRIN Mikaela	USA	1:10.82	1:09.20	2:20.02	0.00
MOWINCKEL Ragnhild	NOR	1:11.17	1:09.24	2:20.41	+0.39
BRIGNONE Federica	ITA	1:10.91	1:09.5 7	2:20.48	+0.46
REBENSBURG Viktoria	GER	1:11.45	1:09.15	2:20.60	+0.58
BASSINO Marta	ITA	1:11.19	1:09.50	2:20.69	+0.67
HANSDOTTER Frida	SWE	1:11.32	1:09.73	2:21.05	+1.03
WORLEY Tessa	FRA	1:12.06	1:09.00	2:21.06	+1.04
MOELGG Manuela	ITA	1:10.62	1:10.58	2:21.20	+1.18
HOLDENER Wendy	SUI	1:11.92	1:09.35	2:21.27	+1.25
HECTOR Sara	SWE	1:11.22	1:10.31	2:21.53	+1.51
GOGGIA Sofia	ITA	1:11.64	1:10.16	2:21.80	+1.78
VEITH Anna	AUT	1:12.43	1:09.67	2:22.10	+2.08
VLHOVA Petra	SVK	1:11.71	1:10.42	2:22.13	+2.11



ShaunWhite Reclaims Halfpipe Gold



Shaun White smile after winning his third Olympic Halfpipe Gold Medal at Phoenix Snow Park (Getty Images _ David Ramos)



Winter Olympics 2018: Shaun White becomes first snowboarder to win three golds (Getty Images)

By U.S. Ski & Snowboard

Shaun White (Carlsbad, Calif.) collected his third career Olympic gold medal, winning the halfpipe snowboarding at the 2018 Olympic Winter Games.

White added PyeongChang gold to his Torino 2006 and Vancouver 2010 gold medal collection. In addition, his victory was the 100th Olympic gold medal won by Team USA in Olympic Winter Games history. Team USA has also swept all four snowboard gold medals awarded this far at the 2018 Olympic Winter Games, adding White's title to both Red Gerard and Jamie Anderson's slopestyle victories, and Chloe Kim's halfpipe victory.

The leader after the first run with a score of 94.25, White was displaced by Japan's Ayumu Hirano, who upped the ante with a second run of 95.25. That set up the drama of White's final run, which he nailed, soaring to a 97.75 to win his third Olympic gold medal.

Hirano held on for the silver medal, while Scotty James of Australia made his first run score of 92.00 stand up for the bronze medal.

Ben Ferguson (Bend. Ore.) finished fourth, while Chase Josey (Hailey, Idaho) was sixth and Jake Pates (Eagle, Colo.) eighth.

Results Snowboard - Men's Halfpipe

Phoenix Snow Park – PyeongChang Halfpipe								
Number of Competit						•		
	NOC	Run-1	J1 J2	J3 J4	J5 J6	Score	Best Score	Points
WHITE Shaun	USA	Run 1	90 94	95 94	94 95	94.25	97.75	1000.
		Run 2	55 55	52 58	55 55	55.00		
		Run 3	99 98	98 98	96 97	97.75		
HIRANO Ayumu	JPN	Run 1	37 38	38 36	30 30	35.25	95.25	800.
		Run 2	95 95	96 95	95 96	95.25		
		Run 3	46 48	42 45	39 40	43.25		
JAMES Scotty	AUS	Run 1	92 92	92 92	93 92	92.00	92.00	600.
		Run 2	80 81	80 83	88 83	81.75		
		Run 3	42 40	40 41	40 38	40.25		
FERGUSON Ben	USA	Run 1	43 42	42 46	45 42	43.00	90.75	500.
		Run 2	83 83	82 82	86 87	83.50		
		Run 3	89 91	91 91	91 90	90.75		
BURGENER Patrick	SUI	Run 1	85 82	83 84	84 85	84.00	89.75	450.
		Run 2	50 46	52 56	52 50	51.00		
		Run 3	88 90	90 90	90 89	89.75		
JOSEY Chase	USA	Run 1	87 88	88 88	87 88	87.75	88.00	400.
		Run 2	52 53	55 52	50 52	52.25		
		Run 3	87 87	89 89	89 87	88.00		
KATAYAMA Raibu	JPN	Run 1	89 85	86 86	85 86	85.75	87.00	360.
		Run 2	31 25	26 18	25 24	25.00		
		Run 3	87 86	87 88	88 85	87.00		
PATES Jake	USA	Run 1	45 44	45 50	50 48	47.00	82.25	320.
		Run 2	81 79	80 85	84 84	82.25		
		Run 3	32 26	26 25	27 29	27.00		

Downhill Bronze For Lindsey Vonn



Racing in her final Olympic downhill race, fourtime Olympian Lindsey Vonn (Vail, Colo.) won the bronze medal, leading three Americans into the top-seven Wednesday at the 2018 Olympic Winter Games at the Jeongseon Alpine Centre.

"This is hard for me – I have so many emotions – this is my last Olympic downhill race in my career," said Vonn after winning her third career Olympic medal. "I am sad this is my last Olympics, I want to keep racing and I would love to be in the next Olympics, but I don't

think my body can take it.

"I wanted to win for my grandfather, but I think he would still be happy with bronze," Vonn added. "That is what counts. My family is proud of me - I am proud of me - and today, bronze feels like gold."

Competing in her second Olympic Winter Games, Alice McKennis (Glenwood Springs, Colo.) came out of the 14th start position to finish fifth, while Breezy Johnson (Victor, Idaho), who was competing in her first Olympics, finished seventh. Two-time Olympian Laurenne Ross (Bend, Ore.) was 15th.

"Lindsey is one of the greatest of all time, it's an honor to have competed alongside her and been her teammate for the last nine years," McKennis said. "I've seen everything she's gone through and her perseverance has been inspiring. That perseverance has helped me through my own struggles. She is going to leave a huge legacy behind."

Italy's Sofia Goggia, who along with Vonn was one of the pre-race favorites after winning both the super-G and downhill test events on the Jeongseon Downhill course last season, laid down the gold medal run coming out of the fifth start position. Vonn, starting seventh, picked up time on the lower portion of the course, but came up almost a half-second short of Goggia's goldmedal time, slotting in second at 0.49-seconds back.

Vonn held onto the silver-medal position until Norway's Ragnhild Mowinckel, starting bib 19, took a shot at Goggia's winning time, coming up just 0.09 second short to take the silver and knock Vonn into the bronze medal position. For Mowinckel, it was her second silver medal of the PyeongChang Games after finishing second to Mikaela Shiffrin (Eagle-Vail, Colo.) in the giant slalom.

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Chloe Kim Gold - Arielle Bronze



Gold medalist Chloe Kim and bronze medalist Arielle Gold celebrate following the halfpipe final at the 2018 Olympic Winter Games (Getty Images - Clive Rose)



Modal Trigger Kim flips during the women's snowboarding halfpipe final (Getty Images)

Chloe Kim (Torrance, Calif.) made her long-awaited Olympic halfpipe debut and rode away with a gold medal. On her first run of the three-run final, Kim opened up with a 93.75 to take the lead over China's Jiayu Lui, who scored an 89.75 on her second run to give her silver. On her third-run victory lap, Kim nailed back-to-back 1080s – the first in Olympic history – to score a 98.25.

Arielle Gold (Steamboat Springs, Colo.) nailed her final run to take the bronze medal with a score of 85.75, bumping three-time Olympic medalist Kelly Clark (Mt. Snow, Vt.) into fourth with a score of 83.50.

With the gold medal in her pocket, Kim still wanted more out of her third and final run. "I knew I wouldn't be satisfied taking the gold and knowing that I hadn't put down my best," she said. "That third run was for me - to put down the best run I could do."

Kim, whose Korean roots had made her a national sport hero, was visibly moved by the accomplishment. "Standing on the podium was insane - just realizing how far I've come as a person and an athlete," she said.

Gold battled relentlessly all day - landing her runs and improving each time. "Coming in I knew I was going to need to land that run to be on the podium," she said. "I was committed to it all three runs. I felt pretty relaxed going into the third run. I knew I could let loose and do everything I could."

Her medal came with irony as it was earned at the expense of her mentor, Clark. "It was a bittersweet position to be in knowing it was between Kelly (Clark) and I for the bronze medal," said Gold. "She's someone I've looked up to ever since I started snow-boarding - even more so when I got to spend time with her over the years and have gotten to know the kind of person she is. She's been a huge support system for me emotionally when things get challenging and I'm grateful to have her here for this experience."

Maddie Mastro (Wrightwood, Calif.), who finished 12th after sliding out on all three of her runs going for a 1080, a trick she pulled off for the first time in competition at last month's X Games, echoed Gold.

"Kelly Clark has been an amazing inspiration to the whole sport of women's snowboarding and it's incredible how much she has pushed to progress the sport," said Mastro. "The longevity of her career is another thing to look up to and be inspired by. We all respect her a lot."

Clark put herself squarely into the medal hunt but fell just short in the end. "All the ladies are riding at a very high level today," she said. "That last run was definitely my best run of the day. So much of the time the Olympics can be something that you can survive and just make it through. Today I was calling the shots and was in the driver's seat. I enjoyed myself, managed myself well and rode well. I think it's so easy to measure

success by winning a medal, but for me this was an extremely successful day in the midst of it."

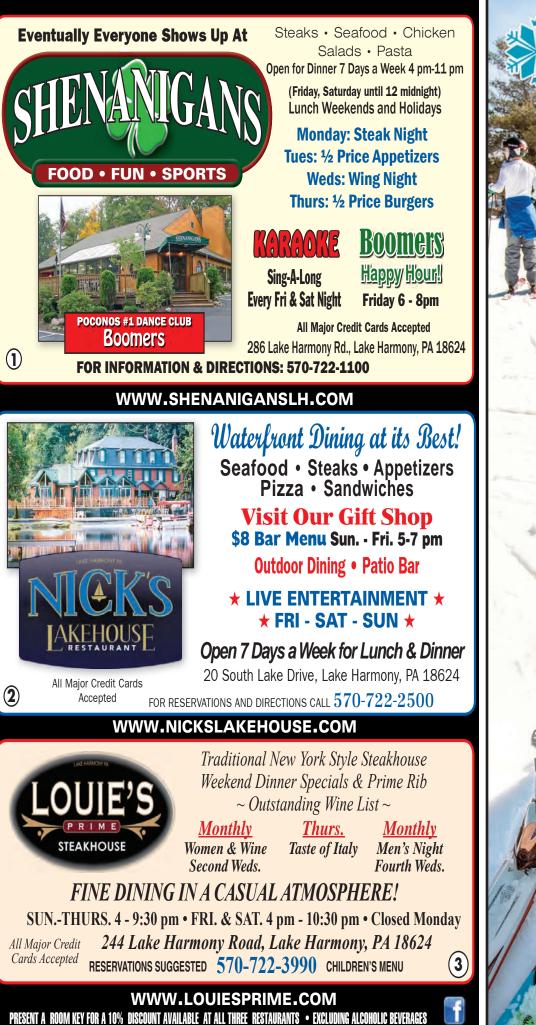
The Olympic champion and three-time medalist reflected back on the impact of her career and its legacy. "Not many athletes get to stick around long enough to see what their legacy will look like," she said. "This U.S. women's team is an incredible group of talented young women and I'm so proud of them. I think my Olympic career could end today, but theirs is just getting started."

Team USA women's halfpipe riders have earned double-podium finishes in each of the last four Olympic Winter Games and have claimed 10 of the 18 medals awarded since the event made its debut at the Olympic Winter Games Nagano 1998. Kim's gold marked the 99th Team USA gold medal in Olympic Winter Games history and was the 99th medal won by ski and snowboard athletes since the Winter Games began in 1924

Results Snowboard - Ladies' Halfpipe

Phoenix Snow Park – PyeongChang Halfpipe								
Number of Compet	titors: 24,	Numbe	er of NOCs: 10	Tuesday February 13, 2018				
	NOC	Run-1	J1 J2 J3 J4 J5 J6	Score	Best Score	Points		
KIM Chloe	USA	Run 1	93 90 94 96 94 94	93.75	98.25	1000.		
		Run 2	42 43 43 40 41 40	41.50				
		Run 3	98 98 98 99 99 98	98.25				
LIU Jiayu	CHN	Run 1	85 85 86 87 86 84	85.50	89.75	800.		
		Run 2	89 88 90 92 90 90	89.75				
		Run 3	44 49 47 50 50 52	49.00				
GOLD Arielle	USA	Run 1	10 10 12 10 12 10	10.50	85.75	600.		
		Run 2	75 73 76 78 74 74	74.75				
		Run 3	84 85 85 89 85 88	85.75				
CLARK Kelly	USA	Run 1	79 76 74 75 76 78	76.25	83.50	500.		
		Run 2	81 80 80 84 82 86	81.75				
		Run 3	82 82 83 87 84 85	83.50				
CAI Xuetong	CHN	Run 1	19 20 20 27 22 20	20.50	76.50	450.		
		Run 2	41 35 40 41 43 46	41.25				
		Run 3	76 73 72 83 81 76	76.50				

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Jamie Anderson Wins D Slopestyle Gold H





Jamie Anderson of the United States poses for a photo with an American flag after winning gold in the ladies' snowboard slopestyle final on day three of the 2018 Winter Olympics at Phoenix Snow Park in Pyeongchang, South Korea, Monday. Photo by Matthew Healey/UPI | License Photo

Anderson Christens Big Air With Silver

Jamie Anderson (South Lake Tahoe, Calif.) won her second medal of the 2018 Olympic Winter Games, picking up the silver medal in the inaugural snowboard big air event at the Alpensia Ski Jumping Center.

With the top two scores out of three jumps used to determine the final rankings, Anderson led the field early with a pair of clean jumps for a total of 177.25. Challengers were lurking close behind, with Austria's Anna Gasser hitting two clean runs for a 174.50, as well as New Zealand's Zoi Sadowski Synnott, the only other rider besides Anderson to post a 90-plus score in the first two runs with her 92.00 second run and a 157.50 total after two trips off the kicker.

Entering the final jump with two solid scores in the bank, Anderson sat down on the landing of her final run – a double 1080 - leaving the door open for Gasser. The last rider down the hill, Gasser nailed her run to pick up a 96.00 and surpass Anderson to take the gold, scoring 185.00 to Anderson's 177.25. Synnott's two-run score gave her the bronze medal.

Julia Marino (Westport, Conn.) was 10th and Jessika Jenson (Rigby, Idaho) 11th as both struggled to land their first jumps.

Diggins, Randall Win Historic Olympic Gold



Jessie Diggins and Kikkan Randall celebrate winning gold during the women's cross country team sprint at Alpensia Cross-Country Centre (Getty Images - Nils Petter Nilsson)

Kikkan Randall (Anchorage, Alaska) and Jessie Diggins (Afton, Minn.) won the team sprint to give the United States its first-ever women's Olympic gold medal in cross country skiing.

"It's a dream come true," Randall said. "I got to see in 2013 when we won the World Championships that a team gold is worth far more than any individual accolade. What really kept me going over the last four year was trying to contribute towards a team medal here, and to do it here and get to go with Jessie one more time, it's amazing."

"This team brings out the absolute best in me and we had so many people working so hard to give us this opportunity," Diggins said. "Kikkan and I both knew our jobs, and we both did them well today. That feeling of being able to cross the line and have Kikkan tackle me was the coolest thing ever."

In the chaos of the finish, Diggins laughed when admitting she had to ask Kikkan what had just happened. Kikkan told her they had won!

Team USA easily advanced through the early rounds, and after winning the semifinal, Randall and Diggins only seemed to get faster.

"I actually felt better every round today," Randall said. "I felt strong in the semifinal, I was actually trying to conserve some energy, so in the final, I felt strong and stronger."

Coming into the finals, both knew they had a job to do, and were determined to not only win a medal but win the race outright.

"Being so close to the medals this week so many times this week, I knew I was in good shape and I knew it could happen," Diggins said. "I just felt unstoppable. I'm in the best shape of my life.

"A medal is not enough anymore, I wanted to win this stuff," Diggins added. "I'm going to give this absolutely everything I can and play a tactical, smart race and see how it pans out. At that point, you've got nothing to lose."

In the six-lap final, Randall set the early pace with Team Norway and Team Olympic Athletes from Russia right with her, tagging off to Diggins in fourth position, who then moved into third on the second exchange.

"Lap one I was skiing a little more conservative ... so lap two I really started pushing the pace and trying to tire out some of the more pure sprinters," said Diggins, who set a blistering pace matched only by Norway and Sweden. Following the final exchange, Diggins pushed the pace even further before playing a supreme tactical game down the stretch.

"Then on lap three I just went for it, and then purposely hung back a little bit because I wanted to come into the downhill third to be able to get the draft and get a slingshot into a really good position," added Diggins, who out-sprinted Sweden's Stina Nilsson for the gold by 0.19 seconds. "Then around that final corner, I felt kind of like I was coiling a spring and letting it go, giving it everything that I had and digging as deep as I could and leaving it all out there." JACKFROSTNATIONAL.COM

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Vonn Goes Back-To-Back For 81st World Cup Victory



Lindsey Vonn skied to her 81st-career FIS Ski World Cup victory in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany. (Getty Images/Agence Zoom - Hans Bezard)

By U.S. Ski & Snowboard - February, 4 2018

Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany – Lindsey Vonn (Vail, Colo.) is ready for the 2018 Olympic Winter Games after picking up her 81st-career FIS Ski World Cup victory – her second-straight downhill win and third of the season – Sunday in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany.

"I have so much confidence right now in my skiing, mentally, and my equipment," Vonn said. "Everything is coming together better than I could have hoped or planned for. And now I go into Korea with a couple of wins under my belt and I'm just really looking forward to skiing the same way, or even better than I skied this weekend – full charge! No holding back. I'm going to lay it all out on the table and see what happens."

It was another good news, bad news day for the U.S. women as Breezy Johnson (Victor, Idaho) picked up her second-straight top-10 result in 8th; Laurenne Ross (Bend, Ore.) was 23rd; Alice McKennis (Glenwood Springs, Colo.) 29th and Alice Merryweather (Hingham, Mass.) in 31st. Stacey Cook (Mammoth Mountain, Calif.) was having a solid run until she hit a compression midway down the Kandahar track and slammed into the A-net at a high rate of speed. However, she did stand up briefly before being taken off the course in a sled as a precaution and is OK. In Saturday's race, Jackie Wiles (Portland, Ore.) suffered a left leg injury resulting from a crash. She will miss the upcoming Games and the rest of the season. Ross also crashed in Saturday's race.

In Sunday's full-length downhill race, Vonn absolutely nailed the top portion of the Kandahar track, leading at the first two intervals over Liechtenstein's Tina Weirather. But she fell off the pace in the middle portion of the course, only to come storming back on the bottom to move into the lead.

"Its kind of similar to Lake Louise where I know exactly what I have to do to win," Vonn said of the Kandahar track. "The bottom section is always critical. Almost every race I've raced here, the race is won or lost in the last 30-45 seconds.

"So I carried all my speed really well," Vonn continued. "I executed exactly the line that I'd hoped for and I was able to actually accelerate down to the finish."



Sofia Goggia of Italy (Left) Lindsey Vonn USA (Center) & TinaWeirather Liechtenstein celebrate their podium performance (Getty Images/Agence Zoom - Millo Moravski)

For the second consecutive day, Italy's Sofia Goggia finished second to Vonn. Weirather was third. Goggia continues to lead the overall World Cup downhill standings by 23 points over Vonn with one downhill remaining next month at the World Cup Finals in Are, Sweden.

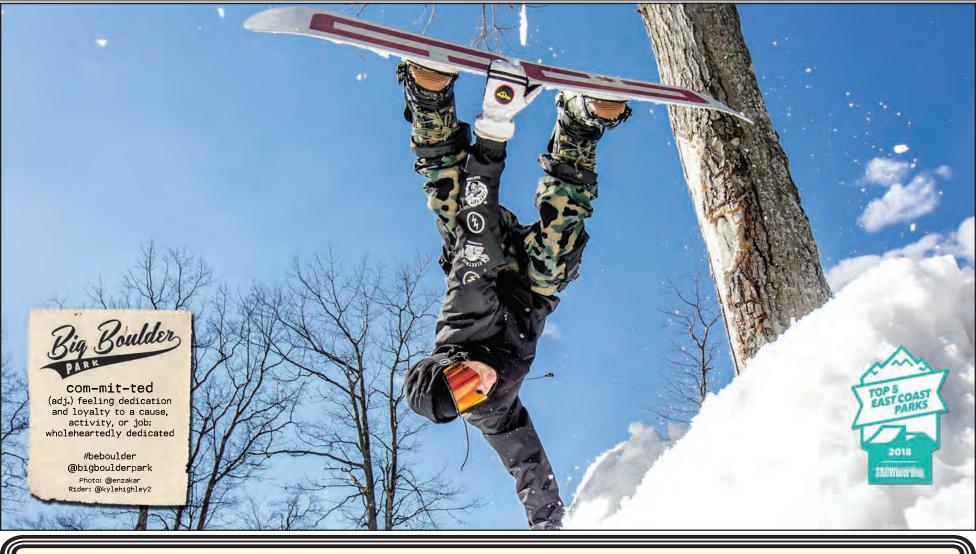
Mikaela Shiffrin (Eagle-Vail, Colo.) opted to sit out this weekend's speed events to train and rest up for the Olympic Winter Games. Shiffrin continues to lead the overall World Cup standings by 671 points over Switzerland's Wendy Holdener.

Up next, the 2018 Olympic Winer Games.

AUDI FIS SKI WORLD CUP 2017/18 GARMISCH-PARTENKIRCHEN (GER) 7th LADIES' DOWNHILL OFFICIAL RESULTS

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	Nation	Time	Diff.	Dist.	Points		
VONN Lindsey	USA	1:37.92			0.00		
GOGGIA Sofia	ITA	1:38.03	0.11	3.03	1.40		
WEIRATHER Tina	LIE	1:38.04	0.12	3.30	1.53		
VENIER Stephanie	AUT	1:38.29	0.37	10.16	4.72		
GISIN Michelle	SUI	1:38.49	0.57	15.63	7.28		
MOWINCKEL Ragnhild	NOR	1:38.57	0.65	17.80	8.30		
SCHMIDHOFER Nicole	AUT	1:38.79	0.87	23.78	11.11		
JOHNSON Breezy	USA	1:38.80	0.88	24.05	11.23		
REBENSBURG Viktoria	GER	1:38.89	0.97	26.48	12.38		
DELAGO Nicol	ITA	1:38.93	1.01	27.56	12.89		
SUTER Corinne	SUI	1:39.09	1.17	31.88	14.94		
FANCHINI Nadia	ITA	1:39.27	1.35	36.72	17.23		
FLURY Jasmine	SUI	1:39.35	1.43	38.86	18.25		
PFISTER Meike	GER	1:39.41	1.49	40.47	19.02		
VEITH Anna	AUT	1:39.46	1.54	41.81	19.66		

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