

BEIJING OLYMPICS

A sterling run on skis and skates

Thirty athletes with Minnesota ties went to Beijing with the same hopes as the 2,841 other competitors from 84 countries: turn in a peak performance and earn a medal. After 18 days of competition across three Olympic zones in northeast China, 10 women are bringing 11 medals — and suitcases full of memories — back to Minnesota. Hats off to Jessie Diggins and our collection of world-class hockey players.

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JESSIE DIGGINS CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING

Made history when she won bronze in freestyle sprint to become the first U.S. woman to win an Olympic cross-country skiing medal in an individual event, then did so again when she won silver in the 30-kilometer freestyle mass start to become the first non-European skier to medal in the event.



MEGAN BOZEK HOCKEY

Defenceman recorded three assists in seven games for Team USA, including two in an 8-0 win over Switzerland.



HANNAH BRANDT HOCKEY

Recorded six assists, one in a 4-1 semifinal win over Finland and another to set up the first U.S. goal in the gold medal game against Canada.



DANI CAMERANESEI HOCKEY

Had two goals and an assist in seven games; scored first U.S. goal against Canada in a 4-2 loss during the preliminary round.



AMANDA KESSEL HOCKEY

Three-time Olympian had her most productive Games and recorded a point in six games. She finished with three goals and five assists.



ABBEY MURPHY HOCKEY

Forward played in all seven games and posted a plus-2 rating; contributed an assist in a 5-0 victory over the Russian Olympic Committee.



KELLY PANNEK HOCKEY

Scored two goals, both against Switzerland, and added four assists for the U.S. in her second Olympic appearance.



MADDIE ROONEY HOCKEY

Started in a 5-2 win in pool play; Finland went on to win the bronze medal.



LEE STECKLEIN HOCKEY

Broke a 1-1 tie with a goal in a 4-1 win over the Czech Republic; recorded a plus-4 rating in her third Olympic appearance.



GRACE ZUMWINKLE HOCKEY

Scored her first goal in a 5-0 win over Russia and participated in all seven games and posted a plus-3 rating.