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# Golden goal: Double up

BEIJING — Four years after the Pyeongchang Winter Games, Minnesota's gold medal moments live on in video form. NBC has put them front and center in its promotional ads for the Beijing Olympics: John Shuster's fist pump at the curling venue, Jessie Diggins' mighty roar on the cross-country course, the U.S. women's hockey team flinging its sticks and gloves in mass celebration.

As much as Shuster cherishes the memory, those clips don't take him back to the past. They prod him to think about what lies ahead.

"I'm glad I'm part of that video," the Chisholm

Nine Minnesotans who have won it once seek the top Olympic prize again

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native said. "But it just makes me that much more excited to get a chance to go back again and go after that Olympic dream."

Only a select few will ever know the feeling of winning Olympic gold, as 12 athletes with Minnesota ties did at the 2018 Winter Games. Fewer still earn the opportunity to try again four years later.

Nine of those Minnesotans will get another shot beginning Friday, when the curtain officially rises on the Beijing Olympics. Shuster and teammate John Landsteiner of Duluth will defend their  
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