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The Winter Olympics came to Vancouver in February, and some of our very own fifth graders took on the challenge to report on it. Each student or team started at the beginning of the Olympics and followed a particular event all the way through for us.

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Men's Ski Jumping By Nick

Normal Hill - In the "Normal Hill" individual finals for ski jumping, Simon Ammann (Switzerland) took the gold with 276.5 total points. The silver medal went to Adam Lalysz (Poland) with 269.5 total points. The bronze medal went to Gregor Schlierenzauer (Austria) with 268 total points. On the normal hill, the athletes can ski as fast as 95 mph downhill and can fly up to 150 meters high off the jump! When they are in the air they are almost horizontal with their skis.

Large Hill – In the "Large Hill" final round, once again the gold went to Simon Ammann from Switzerland with 283.6 total points. The silver went to Adam Malysz from Poland with 269.4 total points, and Gregor Schlierenzauer with 262.2 total points.

Team Rounds – In the Team first round, 8 teams qualified for the final round. The top three teams for the first round were Austria, Germany, and Norway. Austria had 547.3 total points, Germany had 509.3 total points, and Norway had 504 total points. The four teams that did not qualify for the final round were France, the Russian Federation, the U.S., and Canada. In the Team final round, Austria took the gold with 1107.9 points. The silver went to Germany with 1035.8 points, and the bronze went to Norway with 1030.3 points. In the team ski jumping events, four people from each country participated, and those four scores are added up for the total.

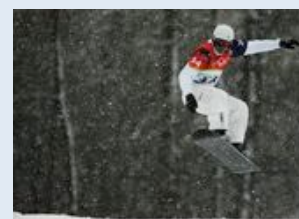
Men's Snowboard Cross By Erik

In qualifications, Alex Pullin from Australia placed first, and Seth Wescott did not do well. Team U.S.A's Graham Watanabe won second in qualifying but did not do well in the 1/8-finals. All 4 Team USA competitors made it to the quarter finals. Team USA's Seth Wescott, the defending gold medalist, placed first in the 1/8 finals and 1/4 finals. Team USA's Nate Holland came in first place in the semi-finals.

In the end, Seth Wescott won the gold for the second time in a row. Wescott was in the back the whole race. At the last stretch, he raced in front of the rest and won the gold medal! Mike Robertson from Team Canada won the silver medal, and Team France's Tony Ramoin won the bronze medal. Nate Holland came in fourth place in the gold medal round.

Women's Ice Hockey By Annie and Jessica




In the Women's Ice Hockey Preliminary rounds, Canada played Slovakia and won 18-0. Can you believe that, 18-0? Amazing! Then the very next day, the U.S. won 12-1 against China. North America was on a roll! Two days later, the U.S. won 13-0 against Russia. Again on February 17, Canada beat Sweden 13-1. On February 18, the U.S. won 6-0 against Finland. Six different people scored the goals! On February 22, the U.S. beat Sweden 9-1 in the semi-finals. That same day Canada beat Finland 5-0. Finland beat Sweden to win the bronze medal. Canada won the gold medal, and the U.S. won the silver.



Seth Wescott, USA

<http://www.nbcolympics.com/snowboarding/insidethissport/basic/newsid=264712.html>

Bobsleigh by Keon and Stefano

| 2006 |  Gold |  Silver |  Bronze | T |
|--------------------|--|--|--|---|
| Germany | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Switzerland | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| United States | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Russian Federation | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Italy | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Canada | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |

| 2010 |  Gold |  Silver |  Bronze | T |
|--------------------|--|--|--|---|
| Germany | 1 | 2 | 0 | 3 |
| Canada | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| United States | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| Russian Federation | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |

Source:
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The first winter Olympic 4-man bobsled competition was in 1924 in Chamoit, France. The first 2-man competition was in 1932. Women started in Salt Lake City, Utah 2002. Tracks are made of concrete and artificial ice. There is 1 long straight run and 15 curves. The total length is between 1,200 to 1,300 meters long. Sleighs are made from fiberglass or hard plastic with metal runners. The 4-man Bob sleigh max weight is 1,883.9 lbs. 2-man sleigh teams' max weight is 859.8 lbs. 2-woman sleigh teams' max weight is 749.6 lbs. 4-man sleds are 12.5 ft. long. 2-man sleds are 8.9 ft. long. A 2-man crew is made of a pilot and a brakeman. A 4-man crew is the same with 2 pushers, a pilot, and a brakeman.

Belgium driver Elfje Willemssen said that you hear horror stories about the track, but when you go down it fast and difficult, it's not terrifying. First to the finish. First to four gold medals, Germany's Andre Lange rarely loses-and never in the Olympics. Bobsled's best driver won the 2-man competition to become the winningest pilot in Olympic history.



All aboard the Night Train. Pilot Holcomb leads the famous Night Train squad to four shiny gold medals in four man bobsled. 'You can't do better' said Brian Shimer. (He won Bronze Medals in 2002) The year the Americans got silver medal in four man bobsled Todd Hays joining Shimer on that podium. Steve Holcomb said "you work so hard and when you finally get there it's like , "Well, now what? I don't know what to do."

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Bobsleigh Winners

4-Man

Gold-USA
Silver-Germany
Bronze-Canada

2-Man

Gold-Germany
Silver-Germany
Bronze-Russian Federation

Women's

Gold-Canada
Silver-Canada

Alpine Skiing – Men’s Slalom By Ronald

Super Combined Slalom – In Alpine Skiing Men’s Super Combined Slalom, the medalists were: Bode Miller from the USA got the gold with a time of 2:44.92, Ivica Kostelic from Croatia got the silver with a time of 2:45.25, and Silvan Zurbriggen from Switzerland got the bronze with a time of 2:45.32.

Men’s Giant Slalom –Carlo Janka from Switzerland won the gold with a time of 2:37.83, Kjetil Jansrud from Norway won the silver with a time of 2:38.22, and Lund Svindal from Norway won the bronze with a time of 2:38.44.

Men’s Slalom – Giualiano Razzoli of Italy had a convincing win in the Olympic Slalom, as Austria’s men’s team found themselves medal-less for the first time in 74 years. Razzoli’s total time was 1:39.32. Ivica Kostelic of Croatia won the silver with a total time of 1:39.48, and Andre Myhrer of Sweden won bronze with a total time of 1:39.76.

Alpine Skiing – Men’s Downhill By Sami and Francisco

Men’s Downhill – Defago Dider won the gold medal. Svindal Aksel Lund won the silver, and Bode Miller won the bronze medal. Miller had lost a medal from the 2003 Championships, so hopefully he won’t lose this one!

Men’s Ice Hockey By Jeff and Brian H.

In the preliminary rounds in Men’s Hockey, the United States won 3-1 against Switzerland. Canada scorched Norway 8-0. Russia won 8-2 against Latvia. In the play-off qualifications, the big winners were Switzerland, Canada, the Czech Republic, and Slovakia. The United States, Canada, Finland Slovakia won the quarter finals, and the United States and Canada won the semi-finals. In the final game, Canada scored 1 point by Jonathan Toews in the first period. In the second period, the U.S. scored 1 point by Ryan Kesler, and Corey Perry scored another point for Canada. In the third period, Zach Parise from the U.S. scored a goal, bringing the game to overtime. Sidney Crosby from Canada scored, and Canada beat the U.S. by one goal to win the gold. The U.S. won the silver, and Finland won the bronze medal.

Men’s Freestyle Skiing By Clarrisa and Jorge

Men’s Aerials - Alexei Grishin from Belarus won the gold with a total of 248.41 points, Jeret Peterson from the U.S. won the silver with 247.21 points, and Zhongqing Liu from China won the bronze with 242.53 points.

Men’s Moguls – Alexandre Bilodeau from Canada scored 26.75 points to win the gold, Australian Dale Begg-Smith won the silver with 26.58 points, and Bryon Wilson from the USA won bronze with 26.08 points.

Men’s Ski Cross – Michael Schmid from Switzerland brought home the gold, Andreas Matt from Austria won the silver, and Audun Groenvold from Norway won the bronze.

Congrats to all of the freestyle-skiing men!



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Ice Dance & Pairs Skating by Ellie and Sophia

Ice Dance - During the week starting February 19th much excitement was building at the Olympic ice dance competition in Canada. On February 19th (Compulsory Dance) Oksana Domnina and Maxim Shabalin representing Russia came in first with the score of 43.76. In 2nd place with a score of 42.74 representing Canada were Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir. In 3rd place with the score of 41.47 representing USA were Meryl Davis and Charlie White. Other USA ice dancers got 4th and 14th place. On February 21st (Original Ice Dance) Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir representing Canada with the score of 68.41 took first place. Representing USA, Meryl Davis and Charlie White came in second with the score of 67.08. In 3rd place with the score of 62.84 representing Russia were Oksana Domnina and Maxim Shabalin. The other USA skaters got 4th place and 11th place. On February 22nd (Free Dance) Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir representing Canada with the score of 110.42 took home the Gold. Taking home the Silver were Meryl Davis and Charlie White representing the USA with their score of 107.19. In 3rd with the Bronze were Oksana Domnina and Maxim Shabalin representing Russia with the score of 101.04. Other people from the USA got 4th and 11th place.

Pairs Figure Skating - On February 14th, the pairs short program was on at Pacific Coliseum. Xue Shen and Hongbo Zhao representing China were in first place with a score of 76.66. Alionia Savchenko and Robin Szolkowy representing Germany got second with a score of 75.96, and Yuko Kavaguti and Alexander Smirnov representing Japan came in 3rd place. United States got in 10th and 14th place. On February 15th, the pairs free program was again at Pacific Coliseum. The U.S. pairs who got ranked 10th place were Amanda Evora and Mark Ladwig. The pairs who got ranked 13th place were Caydee Denney and her partner Jeremy Barrett. Once again, China took home the gold and silver medal. Xue Shen and Hongbo Zhao representing China got the gold and Qing Pang and her partner Jian Tong got 2nd place for China. Taking the bronze medal were Alionia Savchenko and Robin Szolkowy, representing Germany. The U.S. pairs did not take home a medal.

Exhibition Gala - On the 27th of February, the exhibition gala was on. There was more variety of the USA skaters than usual. There were 5 skaters who performed from the USA. The exhibition gala does not get scored by any judges. It's like a fun thing to do with people around. 1st team that went on the ice representing the USA was Tanith Belbin and Benjamin Agosto, skating to the song Bleeding Love by Leona Lewis. 2nd skater to go up representing USA was Mirai Nagasu, skating to Faith by Jordan Sparks. The last skaters representing USA were Meryl Davis and Charlie White. They were dancing to Billie Jean by David Cook. We bet that all of these teams representing USA and all of the countries participating in ice dancing had to do so much work to win a medal. Hope you enjoyed it!!

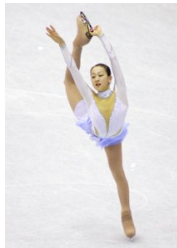


Meryl Davis & Charlie
White, USA

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Women's Figure Skating By Jackie and Nicole

Women's Figure Skating - In figure skating Kim Yu-Na from South Korea broke a figure skating record with a score of 228.56 and won the gold medal. Mao Asada from Japan won the silver with 205.50 points. A sad event occurred when Canadian Joannie Rochette's mother died three days before she had to compete. She pulled herself together enough to win a bronze medal with 202.65 points. When she finished skating, she blew a kiss up for her mom. Mirai Nagasu from the USA came in 4th place overall. Rachael Flatt for the U.S.A. won 7th place.



Mao Asada, Japan

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Kim Yu-Na, South Korea

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Joannie Rochette, Canada

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German Bobsleigh Team

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