



# USSPEEDSKATING EVENT COVERAGE

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## **Bergsma and Bowe Double Podium as World Single Distances Championships Conclude**

The World Single Distances Championships concluded today from Kolomna, Russia, as **Heather Bergsma** (High Point, N.C.) and **Brittany Bowe** (Ocala, Fla.) reached the podium in the women's 1500m.

The two U.S. teammates were paired together in the second to last wave with Bowe on the inner lane and Bergsma on the outer. Before the start gun went off, they knew the time to beat – 1:53.92 – which belonged to Jorien ter Mors of the Netherlands.

Straight out of the gate, Bergsma took a slight edge over Bowe and ter Mors by skating a 24.78 opener (300m). Bergsma and Bowe were sitting in first and second, respectively, heading into the final lap but weren't able to match ter Mors blistering 30.0-second final lap. Bergsma crossed the line at 1:54.67 and Bowe finished in 1:55.09, good for the silver and bronze.

For full results, visit the ISU Results page [here](#).

### **Highlights from Feb. 14**

- **Heather Bergsma** and **Brittany Bowe** finished second and third, respectively, in the women's 1500m...it was their second double podium at World Single Distances Championships and 13th of the 2015-16 ISU season.
- **Bowe** finished the World Single Distances with three medals (silver, 2 bronze), which was most individual medals among all competitors...she now has seven career WSD medals.
- **Mitch Whitmore** finished ninth in the men's 500m (70.018) after skating a 35:05 and 34.96, both were eighth among the respective races...the ninth place is his best career finish at World Single Distances.

### **U.S. Results**

#### **Men's 500m x2**

9. Mitch Whitmore 70.018 (35.05/34.96)

#### **Women's 1500m**

2. Heather Bergsma 1:54.67

3. Brittany Bowe 1:55.09

#### **Mass Start Men**

12. Joey Mantia

15. KC Boutiette

#### **Mass Start Women**

13. Heather Bergsma

17. Paige Schwartzburg

To watch the World Single Distances Championships on demand, visit [icenet.com](http://icenet.com). NBCSN will broadcast an hour highlight show on March 2 beginning at 12:00 a.m. EST.

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