Day 2 Highlights from the ISU’s World Cup Speed Skating in Calgary

*Heather Bergsma and Brittany Bowe trade World Records in 1000m*

A lot of excitement happened in Calgary’s Olympic Oval on Saturday, the second day of racing at the ISU World Cup Speed Skating. Entering the day, only one woman has ever skated a 1:12 in the 1000m but by the end of the day the number grow to four, with two American's breaking the previous World Record.

In the eighth pairing of the 1000m, Brittany Bowe (Ocala, Fla.) skated a 1:12.54 to set the 1000m World Record, which belonged to her at 1:12.58 (Nov. 17, 2013). In the very next pairing, teammate Heather Bergsma (High Point, N.C.) opened the race in 17.63, then turned on the burners even more to cross the finish line in 1:12.51, to make it back-to-back World Records for the United States.

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**Highlights from Day 1 (Nov. 13)**

- Mitch Whitmore finished second in the Men's 1000m B Division, with a 1:08.43 skate.
- Bergsma and Bowe took the top two spots on the podium in the Women's 1000m…Bowe skated a then World Record time of 1:12.54 in the eighth pairing, while Bergsma then skated to a World Record with a 1:12.51 (old WR: Bowe on 11/17/13).
  - It was Bergsma's first single-distance world record
- Just missing the podium in the Men's 1000m, Joey Mantia went a personal-best 1:07.51.
- Team USA edged out Russia for second place in the Men's Team Sprint…the trio of Whitmore, Jonathan Garcia and Mantia skated 1:19.39 (Russia 1:19.59) for USA's first team medal of the season.
- **Note:** All skaters in the 1000m A Division wore black armbands as a tribute to the recent attacks in Paris, France.

Full results can be viewed [here](#).

The final day of the World Cup Speed Skating in Calgary will consist of the Mass Start, 1500m and the 500m (2). Racing is slated to begin at 12:30 p.m. local time, for the A Division.

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