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Day 3 Highlights from the ISU's World Cup Speed Skating in Calgary

Brittany Bowe breaks longest-standing women's world record

On the final day of racing at Calgary's Olympic Oval, **Brittany Bowe** (Ocala, Fla.) made history in the 1500m. Sunday's racing concluded the first stop of the ISU World Cup of Speed Skating.

Bowe, who was scheduled for the 10th and final pairing of the women's 1500m, watched teammate **Heather Bergsma** (High Point, N.C.) skate 1:52.27 in the ninth pairing to set the mark to beat. Bowe didn't just beat the mark, but she set a world record in the process turning in a 1:51.59 performance. The previous record belonged to Canada's Cindy Klassen for 10 years, when she set the mark (1:51.79) on Nov. 20, 2005 in Salt Lake City, Utah.

On Saturday, Bowe and Bergsma were in a similar situation for the 1000m, when Bowe skated a then-first place time – also a world record – and Bergsma in the very next pairing supplanted her for the top on the podium.

You can watch on-demand races from all ISU World Cup races on [icenetwork](#) (subscription required).

Highlights from Day 3 (Nov. 15)

- For the second-straight day, two Americans finished 1-2 on top of the podium in an event, as **Bowe** and **Bergsma** went first and second in the Women's 1500m.
- **Bowe's** World Record time of 1:51.59 broke the longest-standing women's world record, while also becoming the first American ever to hold the Women's 1500m world record.
 - Bowe's previous fastest 1500m skate was 1:52.45 on Nov. 16, 2013 in Salt Lake City.
- **Joey Mantia** collected his first medal of the 2015-16 World Cup circuit with a bronze in the Men's 1500m after skating a personal-best 1:42.48.
- **Bergsma** collected her second medal of the day and third of the weekend when she went 37.06 in the Women's 500m (2) for third place...**Bowe** finished fourth in 37.12.
- **Mitch Whitmore** finished in fifth place in the Men's 500m (2) after turning in a 34.33 skate...it was the fastest 500m by an American since Nov. 15, 2013 (Whitmore – 34.29 and Fredricks – 34.30).
- **Bergsma** finished fifth in the mass start (8:39.11), which will make its Olympic debut at the 2018 Winter Games.

Quote from Long Track Sprint Team Head Coach Matt Kooreman

- "It's always exciting to see Team USA on the podium, yet alone to finish first and second in an event. For the team to go home with seven total individual podium finishes and our first [sprint] team medal of the season, it says a lot about where we are at as a team and the talent we have from top to bottom."
- "As a coach, it's extremely gratifying to see any of your athletes skate a personal best or a world record. Watching Brittany [Bowe] shave nearly a second off of her personal best time and break a record that stood for 10 years speaks volumes of the dedication and time she devotes to becoming the best skater she can be."

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Quote from Brittany Bowe

- "Falling just short of the gold and world record in the 1000m definitely put some extra motivation in my body. I channeled a lot of that energy into good skating, good race tactics, and I knew I had to skate perfect to end up on top. To be able to get that world record is quite an honor."

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

The US Speedskating Long Track team will return to Salt Lake City for the second stop of the World Cup circuit on Nov. 20-22 at the Utah Olympic Oval. Tickets for the event are available at UtahOlympicLegacy.org.

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