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Day 1 Highlights from the ISU's World Cup Speed Skating in Salt Lake City

The U.S. collects five medals on the first day of World Cup racing

Team USA had a strong first day with five podium finishes in the ISU World Cup Speed Skating in Salt Lake City. The ISU World Cup in Salt Lake City is being held at the Utah Olympic Oval, which located in the township of Kearns, and is the second stop of the World Cup circuit.

One of the highlights was **Mitch Whitmore's** (Waukesha, Wisc.) American Record in the 500m (1), besting his own record by one-tenth of a second. Whitmore skated a 34.19, finishing second and only trailing Russia's Pavel Kulizhnikov, who for the second-straight week set a world record (33.98).

Other podium finishes for the United States were **Brittany Bowe** (Ocala, Fla.) and **Heather Bergsma** (High Point, N.C.), who went second and third, respectively in the 500m (1). **Joey Mantia** (Ocala, Fla.) and **Shani Davis** (Chicago, Ill) also finished second and third, respectively, in the 1500m.

The World Cup Salt Lake City is streamed live through [icenetwork](http://icenetwork.com) and will air on NBCSN on Nov. 27 as part of an hour-long special beginning at 8:30 p.m. MST.

Highlights from Day 1 (Nov. 20)

- **Brittany Bowe** and **Heather Bergsma** were paired up together in the 500m (1)...Bowe skated a personal-best 37.03 and Bergsma went 37.13, good for second and third, respectively.
- **Sugar Todd** surpassed her personal by .41 in the 500m...skated a 37.63 for an eighth place finish.
- **Mitch Whitmore's** 34.19 in the 500m (1) was an America Record, besting his previous mark set (34.29) on Nov. 15, 2013 in Salt Lake City...**it was his first World Cup medal of any kind.**
- For the second-straight week, **Joey Mantia** reached the podium (second) in the 1500m, skating a personal-best 1:42.45.
- **Shani Davis** collected his first World Cup medal of the season, skating a 1:42.90 and good for bronze.

Quote from Long Track Sprint Team Head Coach Matt Kooreman

- "Today was a great day for all of our skaters who raced. Seeing them set new personals for the second week in a row, shows you the time and commitment they've put into this season."
- "Mitch's [Whitmore] 500-meter was truly amazing. To start the way he did was incredible, but to have a 24.8 lap is phenomenal. It's a great feeling to see him stand on that podium for the first time after."

Quote from Mitch Whitmore

- "I was extremely excited at the beginning of the race – had to reel it back a bit. It's nice to be coming and skating at home, especially after the way the season has started so well for us."
- "To break any record, it feels really good. It's cool to know you have the fastest ever time for an American, and for it to be done at home makes it even better."

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

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