Day 3 Highlights from the ISU’s World Cup Heerenveen and Shanghai

Joey Mantia collects second career World Cup gold medal

US Speedskating wrapped up the ISU World Cups in Shanghai, China, and Heerenveen, The Netherlands, this morning. Team USA finished Sunday with three overall medals, including two gold medals.

Joey Mantia (Ocala, Fla.) won his second career World Cup gold medal, skating a 1:44.26 in the men’s 1500m. In four 1500m World Cup races this season, he has placed in all of them and currently leads the overall standings for the distance at 320 points.

On the women’s side of the 1500m, Heather Bergsma (High Point, N.C.) took home the gold in 1:55.29. She edged out pairing partner and U.S. teammate Brittany Bowe (Ocala, Fla.) who won the silver in 1:55.44. It was the seventh consecutive World Cup that the two teammates finished first and second in the 1500m.

Complete results for World Cup Hereenveen can be viewed here. To view the results from World Cup Shanghai, click here.

Heerenveen (Long Track) Highlights from Day 3 (Dec. 13)

• Heather Bergsma’s gold in the 1500m (1:55.29) was her second gold medal in the distance this season…she is tied for first with Brittany Bowe at 360 points in the overall standings.
• Bergsma added a silver medal in the 500m (2), skating a 37.87, just three-hundredths of a second off of China’s Jing Yu (37.84)...she has medaled in six of the eight 500m World Cup races this season, including four-straight...her 560 total points are second-most.
• With Bergsma and Bowe finishing 1-2 in the 1500m, it marked the seventh consecutive time the teammates have occupied the top-two spots of the women’s 1500m World Cup races (last non-Bowe/Bergsma 1-2 finish: Dec. 7, 2014 in Berlin).
• Joey Mantia won his second career World Cup gold with a 1:44.26 in the men’s 1500m...his other gold medal came on Dec. 8, 2013 in Berlin...it was his fourth consecutive podium finish in the men’s 1500m, and he currently leads the 1500m overall point table with 320.
• Mantia became the first U.S. male to win a World Cup gold since March 9, 2014 when Brian Hansen won the 1500m in Inzell, Germany.
• Jeffrey Swider-Peltz won the men’s 1500m B Division in 1:48.71.

Shanghai (Short Track) Highlights from Day 3 (Dec. 13)

• Aaron Tran advanced the B Finals of the 1500m (2) on Sunday...he finished in fourth.
• Cole Krueger was knocked out of the 1500m (2) semifinals.
• Chris Creveling and John-Henry Krueger did not advance out of the men’s 500m quarterfinals.

The ISU World Cup Speed Skating will resume in Stavanger, Norway on Jan. 29-31, 2016. The ISU World Cup Speed Skating Short Track resumes on Feb. 5-7, 2016 in Dresden, Germany.

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