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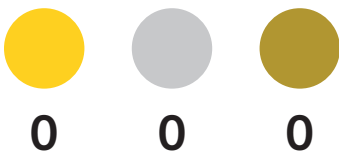
OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE U.S. DEAFLYMPIC TEAM AT THE 19TH WINTER DEAFLYMPICS

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19th Winter Deaflympics Declared Officially Open!

USA MEDAL TOTALS



MEDAL TABLE

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UNITED STATES	0	0	0	0
CANADA	0	0	0	0
RUSSIA	0	0	0	0
CZECH REPUBLIC	0	0	0	0
ITALY	0	0	0	0
FINLAND	0	0	0	0
SWEDEN	0	0	0	0
JAPAN	0	0	0	0

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

ALPINE SKIING

No events yesterday

CROSS-COUNTRY (XC) SKIING

No events yesterday

SNOWBOARD

No events yesterday

CURLING

December 11

USA 5 SUI 8

December 12

USA 2 UKR 11

ICE HOCKEY

No matches yesterday



Lauren Weibert wipes off her tears of joy after being selected as the USA flag bearer for the 19th Winter Deaflympics opening ceremony on Thursday Dec 12, 2019 in Sondrio, Italy. (Photo: Amelia Hamilton)

Lauren Weibert named Flag Bearer for the US Deaflympic Team.

Stacy Nowak

SONDRIO—Lauren Weibert was a unanimous selection as the USA flag bearer for the 2019 Winter Deaflympics. Regarded as one of the most popular and honorable players on Team USA, Lauren is appearing in her second Deaflympics.

From Breckenridge, Colorado, she is the USA's leading female snowboarder.

She stars for the USA women's snowboarding team in their efforts to sweep the medal podium in all three events: Boardercross, Big Air and Slopestyle. The defending Slopestyle Snowboarding gold medalist and Boardercross silver medalist, she had an outstanding showing at the Winter Deaflympics in Khanty-Mansiysk, Russia in 2015.

A soon-to-be college graduate, Lauren has an eternal smile on her face, and exemplifies the ideal

USA Deaflympic athlete, for the Deaflympics are not all about medals. Lauren shows sportsmanship, leadership, and character at all times.

When Lauren's name was announced as the USA flag bearer by USADSF President Danny Lacey and Executive Director Jameson Crane, the USA delegation erupted in yells and shouts as she was enveloped in hugs. Congratulations, Lauren! ■

USA Curling Stumbles on the Ice to Ukraine and Switzerland to Open Round-Robin Play

Stacy Nowak

MADESIMO—Curling has often been described as “Chess on Ice”. A game of strategy and skill, it requires focus and determination. USA Curling team lacked none of either, but it didn’t show up on the scoreboard, as the USA fell to Switzerland, 5-8 on Wednesday, and to Ukraine, 2-12 on Thursday.

The International Committee of Sports for the Deaf (ICSD) decided to increase the maximum number of teams from ten to twelve. The curling team started play before the Opening Ceremony and games will be played every day of the Deaflympics, making it the only sport to have competition on every day of the Deaflympics.

Led by Coach Joey Bata of Minnesota, the curling squad has a Minnesota feel to it, with 3 players hailing from the state of 10,000 Lakes -- Herman Fuechtmann, David Nathanson, and Calvin Rausch. John Knetzger of Wisconsin and Keith Mischo of Utah round out the team. USA Curling plays Italy at 9am and Canada at 7pm today.



The USA Curling team discusses strategy during a stop in play. (Photo: Amelia Hamilton)



US Deaflympian of the Day: Calvin Rausch (Curling)

Every day, USADSF celebrates a USA Deaflympic star. For December 12, the star is Calvin Rausch. A 4-time Deaflympian and a silver medalist (2007), Calvin is an outstanding team leader. He has been very consistent on the ice for the USA Curling team here in Italy. He throws the third set of curling rocks for the team and has demonstrated excellent sportsmanship and spirit. Keep on curling, Calvin!

TODAY'S EVENTS

CURLING

9:00 USA vs Italy

ALPINE SKIING

10:00 Downhill
Novoselov, Wollers, Williams

SNOWBOARD

11:00 Parallel Giant
Slalom

CHESS

14:00 Blitz
Stewart, Bridges, Petrov, Glasser

CURLING

19:00 USA vs Canada

HOCKEY

19:00 USA vs Finland

WEATHER REPORT

CHIAVENNA

Snow High 36 Low 24

MADESIMO

Snow High 26 Low 16

SANTA CATERINA DI VALFURVA

Snow High 27 Low 15

FAST FACTS

There is a total of 42 USA Athletes for the 19th Winter Deaflympics.

The youngest athlete was born in 2004.

The oldest athlete was born in 1958.