

# Tusculum Completes First Day Of LMU Spring Kickoff

FLEMING ISLAND, S.C. — The Tusculum men's golf team is currently 39-over par after day one action of the Lincoln Memorial Spring Kickoff Intercollegiate which is being held at the Fleming Island Golf Club.

Tusculum posted a first round score of 308 (+24) and are 15 over par for its second round with two players needing to complete two holes while three Pioneers

have one hole to complete before play was suspended due to darkness. The second round will be completed Tuesday morning with the final round slated to begin afterwards.

Lander is currently in the lead at 10-under par as a team and have an eight stroke lead over Young Harris (-2). Queens his third at even par followed by Lincoln Memorial (+1), Carson-Newman (+4), Coker

(+5), Flagler (+6), North Greenville (+7), Mount Olive (+8), Wingate (+10), Southern Wesleyan (+11), King (+22), Belmont Abbey (+23), Cape Fear (+27), Catawba (+29), Tusculum and Shorter (+55).

Tusculum's David Whinery is currently at +8 as he posted a four-over par 75 in the first round and is +4 with two holes left on his second 18. Anthony Bolden shot 73 in the first round and is +7 in his second

round for +9 and has one hole left. Brandon Alexander is +12 while Liam Sweeney sits at +13 for the tournament. Bennett Noe rounds out the TC golfers with +19 as he posted an 86, but has improved in his second round and is +4 with one hole remaining.

LMU's Dan Bradbury and James Bartlett of Lander are each at -4 for the tournament and share the lead.

# What To Watch From Pyeongchang — Day 4

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PYEONGCHANG, South Korea (AP) — Looking for some Olympics sizzle with your tacos on Tuesday? We've got just the thing. Here are some highlights to look for from Pyeongchang. All times Eastern.

## FIGURE SKATING

Prime time in North America means marquee events and Tuesday is no exception. The pairs skating short program starts at 8 p.m. Fittingly, it will be Valentine's Day in Korea when the pairs take the ice: Americans Alexa Scimeca-Knierim and Chris Knierim are married in "real life."

The short program lasts 2 minutes, 50 seconds. For the uninitiated, scoring is complicated, but basically skaters get two sets of scores for their two routines: a technical score and one that is more about presentation. The short program acts as a qualifier, eliminating the lowest performers from competition. Watch for the elements that are unique to pairs skating, including lifts, throw jumps and the leap of faith called a death spiral.

## SNOWBOARDING

Men's halfpipe runs start at 8:30 p.m., with the final set for 9:30 p.m. U.S. star Shaun White is set to stun after scoring 100 points at the World Cup in January. He is a two-time Olympic champion and is definitely the one to beat, but Japan's Ayumu Hirano and Australia's Scotty James are in the hunt.

Watch for back-to-back 1260-degree jumps — that's 3.5 revolutions off the 22-foot-high halfpipe wall. Judging is subjective, based on height, technique and degree of difficulty.



Lim Hyojun, right, of South Korea leads Sjinke Knegt of the Netherlands on his way to winning the men's 1500 meters short-track speedskating final in the Gangneung Ice Arena at the 2018 Winter Olympics in Gangneung, South Korea on Saturday.

## SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING

Heats will run for much of the 5 a.m. hour, with the women's 500-meter final set to start at 7:07 a.m. Instead of the staid elegance of long track skating, short track more resembles roller derby. The helmets and pads are dead giveaways that crashes come with the territory. South Korea dominates in the sport, so watch for home fans to fill the stands with raucous cheers. Also, watch for the way racers jockey for position while trying to stay upright and not get disqualified for blocking.

Maame Biney has made history as the first black woman to make a U.S. short track Olympic team. Only 17, she came to the U.S. from Ghana at age 6. She is

known for her electric smile and explosive speed off the starting line.

## ALPINE SKIING

U.S. star Mikaela Shiffrin, the reigning overall World Cup champion, will finally make her Pyeongchang debut with the slalom at 8:15 p.m. She famously said in Sochi that she wanted to leave Korea with gold medals in all five alpine events, but she has yet to confirm if she will compete for all of them.

In alpine, there are no tricks to watch — the clock is the only judge. Look for the skiers to make tight turns around poles, which is different than giant slalom with fewer and wider turns. The medal race is

set for 11:45 p.m.

The men will also ski Tuesday, finishing the slalom portion of the combined race at 1 a.m.

## HOCKEY

Women's preliminary games continue. The U.S., which rallied to beat Finland 3-1 on Monday, will face the Russians at 7:10 a.m. before taking on their biggest rival Canada later in the week. The dominant Canadians have won the last four Olympic golds.

## CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING

Sprint classic will run much of the day, with the women's qualifying run at 3:30 a.m. and the men's at 4:05 a.m. Quarterfinals start at 6 a.m. and the finals are set to start at 7:25 a.m. and 7:34 a.m. Racers go all out in these short distances.

## CURLING

The first gold medal game in mixed doubles curling will be played at 6:05 a.m. between Canada and Switzerland. Watch for the way the players shout instructions at each other as they try to place their stones closest to the center while blocking their opponents.

Traditional single-sex play will get underway with the men's round-robin session one at 7:05 p.m.

## SPEEDSKATING

The men's 1,500-meter medal race starts at 6 a.m. The Dutch are dominant in this event and it shows in the stands. Their enthusiastic fans sport signature orange coats, hats ... even pants! A brass band comes too, decked in traditional clogs. Watch for the clap skates, which separate from the heel, keeping the blade in contact with the ice longer.

# After Triple Axel At Olympics, Nagasu Has More In Store

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GANGNEUNG, South Korea (AP) — The wonderful thing about the inspiring — shall we call it Olympian? — story of Mirai Nagasu is that it's not over.

Not even close.

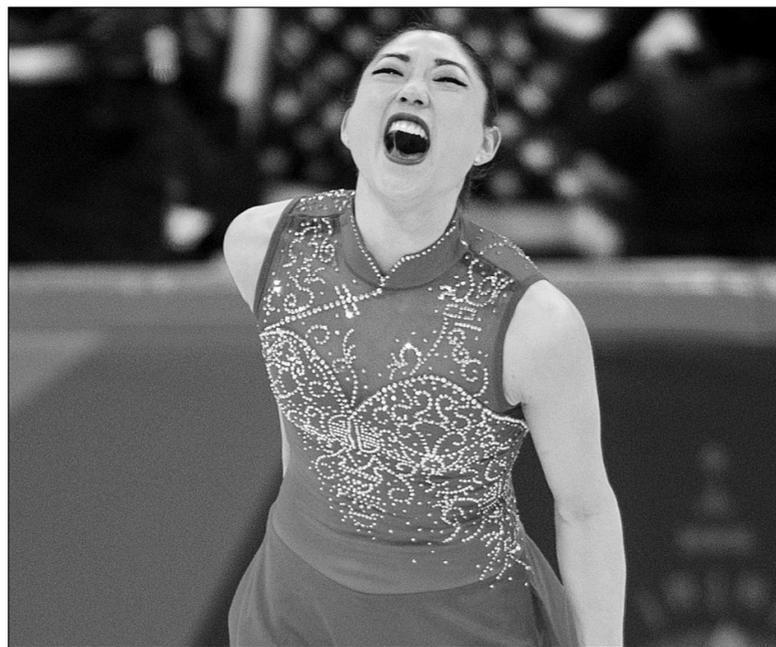
Nagasu has gone from teenage wunderkind and U.S. champion to fourth-place finisher at the Vancouver Olympics to passed over and nearly forgotten. And now, a Pyeongchang Games bronze medalist with, she vows, more to come.

"It has a really special meaning to it because it feels like I've come full circle," the 24-year-old Nagasu said after not only helping the Americans to a team bronze, but becoming the first U.S. woman to land a triple axel in the Olympics.

"It was really heartbreaking not to be named to the team in Sochi," she added of being bumped for the more internationally accomplished Ashley Wagner by a federation panel four years ago. "But it was something not meant to be. I think that experience changed me as a skater. I took a step back and realized some things are not worth obsessing. I wanted to be on another Olympic team, but it took time to evolve myself as a person and a skater."

That evolution, which included a slump in which Nagasu finished 10th at nationals in 2015, has been overseen by renowned coach Tom Zakrajsek, who believes the best is yet to come. Quite possibly next week in the individual women's event.

"Mirai is ready to lay everything down and send some awesome shots in the singles events and we'll see how the chips fall," said Zakrajsek, who began working with her four months after she was left off the 2014 Olympic squad. "Ice is slippery, you know, and anything can happen. There's a whole history of Americans not



Mirai Nagasu of the United States celebrates after her performance in the ladies single skating free skating in the Gangneung Ice Arena at the 2018 Winter Olympics in Gangneung, South Korea on Monday.

being expected to be on the podium, like Paul Wylie, Sarah Hughes. We are working for the podium and she will put it all out there."

Which means, of course, trying the triple axel in both the short program and the free skate. It's not quite a secret weapon, but it's something no other top-level woman has in her arsenal.

And, perhaps most importantly, the axel Nagasu hit in the team competition was

pure, the best of her life. Something to build on.

"It's just one jump in the program," she said, "but at the same time, it's really cool for me because I am one of the few that has the ability to land it. It is a newer jump for me, so I do work on it a little more than other jumps. But I probably work on it the same amount as the salchow because even in the Vancouver Olympics that was not a jump in my pro-

gram, so I've really grown."

Another sign of how Nagasu has grown is what she did after nailing the triple axel that only Japan's Midori Ito and Mao Asada, noted jumpers, had managed. Many in the crowd or watching elsewhere wondered if Nagasu would be so thrilled by hitting it that she would lose concentration in the rest of the program.

Instead, she was spot-on from beginning to end.

"She didn't just land it, she spiked it," Zakrajsek said. "And that gave her confidence, and everything she did will give her confidence going forward. In people's minds, maybe they look at her differently for the singles event."

Although she is the second-ranked U.S. skater behind relative newcomer Bradie Tennell, Nagasu seems the most likely challenge to reach the podium. Tennell and 2017 U.S. champ Karen Chen could be more of a threat in 2024 in Beijing. For Nagasu, the time is now.

"It's definitely a very different experience, I'm much older," she noted over being at a second Olympics. "I think eight years ago, I feel like I was too young to really enjoy every moment of it. And four years ago I was crying with Adam Rippon because we both didn't make the team."

"I was very upset for a really long time, but you know, I changed myself and really, really became a better skater. ... It was like a conscious decision to make a comeback even though I hadn't taken a break or anything, and to have overcome that little bit of a slump is not something a lot of skaters have the perseverance to get through."

"So I'm really proud of not just overcoming that part of my life, but also doing it in the public. It sends a strong message that it is possible."

# Smith, Thompson Headline Women's Hoops Hall Of Fame Class

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STORRS, Conn. (AP) — Katie Smith, Tina Thompson and Chamique Holdsclaw headline the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame class for 2018 announced Monday.

The three former WNBA stars were eligible for the first time.

Joining them in the seven-member class are former Colorado coach Ceal Barry, longtime assistants Chris Dailey and Mickie DeMoss and longtime New Jersey high school and college coach Rose Marie Battaglia. Dailey and DeMoss are the first two assistant coaches to get into the Hall.

The group will be enshrined on June 9 at the Hall of Fame in Knoxville, Tennessee.

Smith was a three-time Olympic gold

medalist, former Ohio State star, and led the Detroit Shock to two WNBA championships in 2006 and 2008. She's fifth on the WNBA's all-time scoring list.

"I am humbled and honored to be chosen as a member of such a prestigious group of athletes who have given their all for this game we love," Smith said. "Basketball has taken me from Logan, Ohio to places I never would have dreamed. I am grateful to everyone who has touched my life through this sport."

Thompson won four consecutive championships with the Houston Comets after getting drafted first in the inaugural 1997 WNBA draft. She was the league's No. 1 all-time scorer until being passed by Diana Taurasi last year.

"I am extremely honored to be inducted into the Women's Basketball Hall of

Fame. It is a true privilege to have my name reside in the home where so many of the greats of our game are housed," said Thompson, who played at Southern California. "As a young girl, little did I know how good old-fashioned hard work and passion would affect my life in such a grand way. Fabulous indeed."

Holdsclaw was the all-time leading scorer and rebounder at Tennessee and led the Lady Vols to three straight NCAA championships from 1996-98.

Dailey has been at UConn since Geno Auriemma took over in 1985. She's helped the team win 11 national championships and over 1,000 games. DeMoss has won over 800 games as an assistant at Tennessee and LSU.

"I think that it's a reflection just on being able to acknowledge the contributions

of everyone, whether it's a high school coach, a player or a college coach. It's an honor to be the first (assistant) and to go in with Mickie DeMoss, I think that's fitting," Dailey said. "You know we've battled each other for a long time and we're good friend and it just seems like it's a fitting move."

Barry won over 500 games at Colorado and Cincinnati and was Big Eight Coach of the Year four times.

Battaglia coached for 38 years in New Jersey and an inductee of the state's Hall of Fame. She won 702 games.

The Women's Basketball Hall of Fame also will honor the Women's Professional Basketball League, which operated from 1979-81 in the U.S., as part of the "Trailblazers of the Game" display at the Hall of Fame.