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Jackson and Bowe are the USA's golden girls as Kim (KOR) holds on for glory and home hero Bródka (POL) makes up for lost time in Poland

Two stars from Florida dominated the Women's competition on the second day of the ISU World Cup Speed Skating in Tomaszów Mazowiecki on Saturday. [Erin Jackson](#) (USA) won her second gold medal in the 500m and [Brittany Bowe](#) (USA) added a 1000m gold, while in the Men's competition [Min-Seok Kim](#) (KOR) grabbed his career first World Cup win in the 1500m and [Masahito Obayashi](#) (JPN) won the Mass Start. [Zbigniew Bródka](#) (POL) made the home crowd happy by claiming bronze behind Obayashi after a two-year break.

Thriving under pressure

"(I felt) pressure in a good way," Erin Jackson said after following up her maiden World Cup gold with a back-to-back win in the 500m on Saturday.

"When the pressure is not there I get a little too relaxed sometimes. With the added pressure (after Friday's victory), I think it helps me skate my best."

The 28-year-old former inline skater was paired with [Nao Kodaira](#) (JPN).

"It's something special to be able to skate side by side with her, someone I've looked up to since I started in the sport."

Jackson's admiration did not stand in the way of her ambition, however. The American opened in 10.37 seconds, taking an early lead over the Olympic Champion. Kodaira started from the outer lane but was not able to catch up on the backstretch."

With a final time of 37.55s, Jackson shaved another six hundredths off the track record she had set on Friday.

Teammate Bowe, who came 10th in the 500m, was impressed: "With Erin's situation, she's still learning how to skate. She's had some remarkable strides throughout training."

Kodaira was 0.04s slower than she had been on Friday and finished in 37.78s to take the bronze medal.

[Angelina Golikova](#) (RUS) again had the fastest opener of the field in 10.34s. Adding a 27.28s full lap, she clocked 37.63s to take silver after Friday's fourth place.

"Yesterday I was more nervous because it was the first start at the World Cup (this season)," she said.

Brilliant Bowe still reigns in 1000m

Brittany Bowe carried on where she had left off last season - winning World Cup races. The 32-year-old American was the only one to skate under one minute and 15 seconds in 1:14.78, breaking her own 2019 track record by 0.60s.

“(I’m) really excited to be back,” Bowe said.

“I had a great summer and fall of training and I’m excited to get back out here racing with the whole world competing. So, it’s really nice to start that one on a win.

“We’ve prided ourselves on not trying to do anything different but we look at each year but in totality of a quad and we just continue to build from year to year.”

Bowe had a difficult backstretch with [Daria Kachanova](#) (RUS) coming from the inner corner.

“It was close. I’ll have to go back and look at the video but I know I was yelling at her coming out of the corner to make sure she knew I was there.

“It could have been a disaster but I had to keep going full steam ahead. Thankfully there wasn’t a collision.”

Kachanova held back and avoided interfering with Bowe’s race. It cost her a good result, finishing 11th in 1:17.04.

After the race Kachanova apologized to Bowe.

“I said ‘that’s racing’,” Bowe said. “I just yelled because I wanted to make sure. It was probably as close as it could have been without interference.”

Japan’s [Miho Takagi](#) (1:15.38) and [Nao Kodaira](#) (1:15.71) took silver and bronze.

Canada wins Team Pursuit

Canada’s [Valérie Maltais](#), [Ivanie Blondin](#) and [Isabelle Weidemann](#) finished the day on a high note, winning the Women’s Team Pursuit in 3:00.28.

Olympic Champions Japan ([Miho Takagi](#), [Misaki Oshigiri](#), [Ayano Sato](#)), who missed all international competition last season, came second in 3:01.51 and the Netherlands ([Ireen Wüst](#), [Antoinette de Jong](#), [Irene Schouten](#)) took bronze in 3:02.69.

Despite winning, Weidemann said Canada’s race was far from perfect:

“There’s a lot we want to continue improving on. I don’t think it was our best race. We made some mistakes.

“We were a little bit scambly. It was our first one in a long time. So it was just figuring it out again.

“But it was a really great first one and I think we’re excited to keep building off of it.”

Kim wins close 1500m

Min-Seok Kim (KOR) finished his 1500m race in one minute, 46.15 seconds, 0.39s slower than the track record [Thomas Krol](#) (NED) set in 2019.

With all the big guns yet to come no one expected Kim’s time to hold. But none of his rivals managed to beat the 2019 Four Continents Champion although Ning Zhongyan came close, finishing only 0.03s adrift.

The Chinese silver medal winner was happy to start the season on a high.

“Since Covid-19, about 20 months, I haven’t been racing at international level,” he said. “This is the first competition and I just want to find my style again. I really love to be back on the road again.

“It feels great to be on the podium and it looks good for the future World Cups.”

Those World Cups are a stepping stone for Ning this season.

“We’ve got the Olympics in my home country. From now on there is only 80 days left. So we will do all we can to perform well in Beijing.”

[Joey Mantia](#) (USA) took 1500m bronze in 1:46.38 and the American was glad to be in the mix for the medals again.

“I always thought that I have the ability. This year I focus heavily on the specifics and it’s coming together so I have all the tools now to win.”

Dutchmen [Thomas Krol](#) and [Kjeld Nuis](#) (NED) dominated the 1500m over the past couple of years but they were fighting each other out of the medals.

Getting into the final backstretch they were level, with Nuis having priority coming from the outer lane. Both were hesitant, Krol made room for Nuis but the damage was done already. Nuis took sixth place in 1:47.06, while Krol finished 16th in 1:48.58.

“Those guys are pretty uncomfortable,” Mantia said. “I don’t know if it’s coming in later, they didn’t look themselves.

“I don't really pay too much attention to who I'm beating and you know, it's irrelevant at this point. I'm just happy that I'm on the podium and skating well for myself.”

Being on the podium, Mantia followed in the footsteps of fellow Floridians [Bowe](#) and [Jackson](#).

“They're powerhouses. Erin's killing it in the 500m, Brittany in the 1000m and we'll see her tomorrow in the 1500. I expect good things.

“I'm just trying to keep up with them. I'm old, trying to do my thing and trying to make Florida proud like they are.”

Obayashi takes maiden win in Mass Start

The men's Mass Start race was unusual. [Masahito Obayashi](#) (JPN), [Ruslan Zakharov](#) (RUS) and [Zbigniew Bródka](#) (POL) set up an early escape and caught up with the pack again, which led to some confusion among the skaters.

When the dust had settled, Obayashi came out on top to win his career first World Cup medal. Zakharov grabbed silver, also winning his first World Cup medal, while Bródka seized bronze.

Bródka had retired from Speed Skating in 2019 only to come back for one final Olympic campaign.

“It's Beijing,” the 37-year-old explained. “I skated my first World Junior Championships in Short Track in Beijing back in 2003, so with the Olympic Games in Beijing next year I have to come back one more time.”

Although the pinnacle of his career was Olympic gold in the 1500m at the Sochi Games in 2014, Bródka thinks his best chance for an Olympic medal next year is in the Mass Start.

“That's better for me now, I've got a better chance to go to the podium. In the 1500m there's more people with podium chances.”

500m Women

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1000m Women

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Team Pursuit Women

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1500m Men

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Mass Start Men

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Skaters can earn points at each competition, and the Skater who has the most points on a given distance at the end of the Series is the World Cup winner of that distance. The World Cup Competitions held from November to December serve as qualifying events for entry quotas at the ISU European, World Single Distances, World Sprint and World Allround Speed Skating.