Steve Jones Steals the Show

Five Nittany Lions in double figures elevate Penn State Harrisburg pass Lancaster Bible Wednesday February 3rd, 92-78.

On the first possession of the game Kenton Alston (Steelton, PA/Steelton-Highspire) set the tone for the entire night blocking a Kyle Keltner shot showing the hosting Chargers why the blue and white lead the North Eastern Athletic Conference (NEAC) in block shots.

Penn State Harrisburg finished off Lancaster Bible by forcing the Chargers into 30 turnovers, who also lead the NEAC in turnover margin. Steve Jones (Harrisburg, PA/Harrisburg) paced the defensive charge with a school-record 10 steals.

The blue and white were able to hold the Chargers to just 40.6 percent from the field. This victory caps off the Nittany Lions' 13th victory on the season, holding the third best record in the NEAC.

Jones led all scorers with 27 points on 12-for-23 shooting, adding 10 steals and six rebounds. Jordan Gatchell (Manheim, PA/Manheim) tailed 15 points and seven rebounds with three steals. Alston finished with 13 points, seven rebounds and three blocks. Brian Ongeri (Hershey, PA/Hershey) and Nick Liddell (Lewisberry, PA/Red Land) both contributed 12 and 11 points respectively.

Kevin Keltner led Lancaster Bible with 20 points, seven rebounds and seven assists. Carl Edwards led all rebounders with 18 adding 16 points and three blocks in the losing effort.

The Nittany Lions (13-6) hosted Delaware Valley College Feb 8 to face-off against the 10-9 Aggies. Tip-off is scheduled for 7:00 PM.

Story courtesy of Penn State Harrisburg Intercollegiate Athletics Department.

Olympic officials decide against major changes to luge track after athlete's fatal crash

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Fast and frightening, yes. Responsible for the death of a luger, no.

Olympic officials decided late Friday night against any major changes in the track or any delays in competition and even doubled up on the schedule in the wake of the horrifying accident that claimed the life of a 21-year-old luger from the republic of Georgia.

They said they would raise the wall where the slider flew off the track and make an unspecified "change in the ice profile" — but only as a preventative measure "to avoid that such an extremely exceptional accident could occur again."

Within sight of the finish line, Nodar Kumaritashvili crashed coming out of the 16th turn and slammed into an unpadded steel pole while traveling nearly 90 mph. Despite frantic attempts by paramedics to save his life, he died at a trauma center.

The International Luge Federation and Vancouver Olympic officials said their investigation showed that the crash was the result of human error and that "there was no indication that the accident was caused by deficiencies in the track."

Olympic updates from the Associated Press

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U.S. finishes Day 1 atop medal list; helped by Kearney's gold, Ohno's US-record-tying 6th

Apolo Anton Ohno glided around the ice Saturday night with a U.S. flag tucked under an arm, flashing a handful of fingers plus one.

That makes six, his new career medal count that matches Bonnie Blair for the most by a Winter Olympian from the United States

This one was a silver in the 1,500 meters, and it typified the wild world of short-track speedskating. Ohno was fourth going into the last turn when two of the three Koreans in front of him wiped out, giving him a clear stretch to the finish line behind Lee Jung-su of South Korea.

It also paved the way to bronze for J.R. Celski, just five months after the blade of his right skate sliced his left thigh to the bone during a crash at the U.S. short track championships.

Ohno and Celski put the United States on the medal stand for the first time at the Vancouver Games. Then Hannah Kearney won the women's moguls to put an American on the top step for the first time. Teammate Shannon Bahrke earned bronze, so the United States ended the day with four medals and an early lead in the overall chase.

Hannah Kearney wins women's moguls for first U.S. gold medal in 2010 Games.

U.S. ski star Lindsey Vonn, her Olympics a question, may test injured shin in training run

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Before the Olympics even start, Lindsey Vonn has gone from a favorite to win multiple medals to a question mark of how many, if any, races she'll even ski.

Because of a badly bruised and swollen right shin, Vonn might wind up sitting out a race or two before healing enough to be able to participate in later events, said Thomas Vonn, a former U.S. Olympic skier who acts as a coach and adviser to his wife.

"It is entirely possible that she could race in all five events and be fine. It is possible, for sure. I would be very, very surprised if she didn't race in anything," he said Wednesday.

Her status may become clearer after a training run Thursday, when the two-time reigning overall World Cup champion could test her shin — if the pain isn't too intense.

"Tomorrow I will try and ski for the first time since my crash, hopefully I can do it," Vonn said on her Twitter account Wednesday.

Vonn, 25, revealed Wednesday that she hurt her shin during a slalom training run in Austria last week. The injury is so painful that it's a struggle to slip on a ski boot in her hotel, let alone ski down a slope.

A crash, a glitch and a protest: Day One of Olympics is nothing close to what Canada envisioned

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The first day of the Winter Games didn't turn out as everyone hoped, or as anyone planned.

A wicked crash claimed a life before competition could even begin. Hundreds of protesters forced a detour in the torch relay. And the moment Canada spent seven years building toward — the lighting of the Olympic cauldron — was tarnished by a technical glitch.

With hours to go before the opening ceremony, a luger from the nation of Georgia was killed after he lost control of his sled on the infamously fast track at Whistler and crashed into a steel pole.

The death of Nodar Kumaritashvili hung over the usually festive first day of the games. Inside BC Place Stadium, the ceremony was punctuated by somber pauses, sorrowful speeches and flags lowered to half-staff. The 21-year-old slider's grief-stricken teammates marched with black armbands and scarves.

Then, at the climax of the three-hour show, with four torch-bearing Canadian sports heroes in the spotlight, a technical error ruined the symmetry. One of four pillars designed to rise from the stadium floor and form the Olympic cauldron malfunctioned, leaving speedskater Catriona LeMay Doan unable to join in the lighting.

Bodie Miller takes bronze, Lindsey Vonn sharp in training run as skiing begins at Olympics

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Alpine skiing finally got going at the Vancouver Olympics on Monday, and Bode Miller and Lindsey Vonn wasted no time showing why they're the most decorated Americans to schuss down the slopes.

Under drip-free skies and cold-enough temperatures, Miller was among the first down Blackcomb Mountain, and among the fastest. He broke into a big ol' grin at the end of his run, which put him in first place at the time. It held up for bronze, a huge step toward making up for the mess he made four years ago in Turin.

"I was psyched," Miller said. "I skied hard."

Vonn, meanwhile, had the fastest time through the upper section of the course in a downhill training run. That's a good indication the days of delays have helped her bruised right shin, and that she's still the woman to beat — especially in downhill, her best event. It's scheduled for Wednesday.