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# 2017 Winter Universiade Team Canada overall recap & results: February 7

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ALMATY, Kazakhstan (U SPORTS) – Canada captured its first gold medal of the 28<sup>th</sup> Winter Universiade on Tuesday morning thanks to a convincing 8-3 victory over Russia in women's curling at Almaty Arena. The triumph came less than 24 hours after the red and white delegation's first podium finish of the FISU Games, a silver medal in women's hockey on Monday night.

Team Canada website: http://en.usports.ca/universiade/winter/2017/

Almaty 2017 website: https://almaty2017.com

Live streaming: www.livefisu.tv/

Results, Statistics & Standings: http://www.fisu.net/results/winter-universiade/winter-

universiade-2017-main-results

In other Canadian action on the 11<sup>th</sup> and penultimate day of competition at the biennial multisport event, the men's hockey team comprised of Ontario University Athletics all-stars will play for bronze on Wednesday after dropping a 4-1 semifinal decision to Russia, while **Jessica Paterson** of St. Albert, Alta., posted Canada's best-ever individual result in Universiade biathlon with an 11<sup>th</sup>-place finish in the women's 12.5-kilometre mass start.

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### **RESULTS FROM TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7**

### **ALPINE SKIING**

Men's Slalom

1. Richard Leitgeb, Austria, 1:55.16; 2. Bernhard Binderitsch, Austria, 1:56.44; Tobias Kogler, Austria, 1:56.57; 28. **Vincent Lajoie**, Montreal, Que., 2:02.01; DNF **Gabriel Mains**, Montreal,







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### **CROSS COUNTRY SKIING**

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### CURLING

Women's Final

CAN 022010012x-8 RUS 000100200x-3

Canada (9-2) wins 8-3 in 9 ends vs. Russia (7-4), claims second gold medal in women's curling since sport made Universiade debut in 2003 (Brittany Gregor, 2007) and fifth women's curling medal overall (2-3-0).







### **MEN'S HOCKEY**

Canada (4-1) loses 4-1 vs. Russia (5-0) in semifinal, advances to bronze-medal game, faces Kazakhstan (4-0) or Czech Republic (3-1) on Wednesday, February 8 at midnight EST (11 a.m. local).

### **About the Winter Universiade**

The Winter Universiade is a biennial international multi-sport event open to competitors who are at least 17 and less than 28 years of age as of January 1 in the year of the Games. Participants must be full-time students at a post-secondary institution (university, college, CEGEP) or have graduated from a post-secondary institution in the year preceding the event.

The Almaty Universiade will feature eight compulsory sports and four optional sports. Compulsory sports: alpine skiing, biathlon, ice hockey, curling, cross country skiing, short track speed skating, figure skating and snowboarding. Optional sports: ski jumping, nordic combined, freestyle skiing and long-track speed skating.

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Site web d'Équipe Canada: http://fr.usports.ca/universiade/winter/2017/

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Parmi les autres sports impliquant des Canadiens lors de la 11<sup>ème</sup> journée de compétition à l'événement multisports biennal, l'équipe masculine de hockey composée d'étoiles de Sports universitaires de l'Ontario bataillera pour le bronze mercredi suite à un revers de 4-1 en demifinale aux mains de la Russie, alors que **Jessica Paterson** de St. Albert, en Alberta, enregistrait la meilleure performance individuelle en biathlon dans l'histoire du Canada aux Universiades avec une 11<sup>ème</sup> place au 12,5 kilomètres féminin en départ groupé.

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### **CURLING**

Finale féminine

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### **HOCKEY MASCULIN**

Canada (4-01) perd 4-1 vs Russie (5-0) en demi-finale, passe au match pour le bronze, affronte le Kazakhstan (4-0) or la République tchèque (3-1) le mercredi 8 février à minuit HNE (11h locale).

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### À propos de l'Universiade d'hiver

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L'Universiade d'Almaty présentera huit sports obligatoires et quatre sports facultatifs. Sports obligatoires : ski alpin, biathlon, hockey sur glace, curling, ski de fond, patinage de vitesse courte piste, patinage artistique et snowboard. Sports facultatifs : saut en ski, combiné nordique, ski acrobatique et patinage de vitesse longue piste.

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