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Welcome to the Beijing 2022 Winter Olympic Games overview.

This year's games are being held in Beijing from the 4th to the 20th of February. During this two-week period, over 300 medals will be awarded across 15 sports and 109 events. Some sports included in this year's Olympics are: snowboarding, figure skating, freestyle skiing, ice hockey, curling, and many more.

Ester Ledecká was the first to win a gold medal for the Czech Republic. She participated in the snowboard parallel giant slalom, finishing in first place and over 2.5 seconds earlier than her competition, Ramona Theresia Hofmeister from Germany.

The second medal won for the Czech Republic this year was by Martina Sáblíková. On Thursday, Sáblíková won the bronze in the women's 5000m speed skating.

Lastly, this Saturday, the Czech Republic defeated Russia in the men's Olympic hockey tournament. Russia lost 6-5 to the Czech team in a very heated and stressful match. Up until the end of the tournament, the two teams were tied 5-5, this meant that overtime was needed to decide the winner. In the last 30 seconds, Lukas Sulak was able to score a power-play goal, giving the win to the Czech team.



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Ester Ledecká (1,2) and
Martina Sáblíková (3)

Concerns & Controversies



We've all spent the past week cheering Czech athletes and teams as they put their best forward in the Beijing competitions, but a lot of that excitement might have overshadowed the tension from behind the scenes. China has been the subject of various controversies, especially concerning human rights issues and the potential environmental impact of the games, resulting in increasing global denunciation.



Critics have raised concerns with regard to the outdoor venues of the games, which require large amounts of snow to be transported at substantial costs and with uncertain environmental consequences. Furthermore, some of the venues are located near the Songshan National Nature Reserve and the impact of the construction and artificial snow covering parts of the mountains is unknown.

The mass detention of between one and two million Uyghurs and other Turkic minority ethnic groups in China's western Xinjiang region is another major controversy. China attempted to divert attention from these human rights abuses by selecting a cross-country skier of Uyghur origin to take part in the cauldron lighting ceremony during the opening of the games. Some say that the media coverage of the Olympics is being used for the purpose of so-called 'sports-washing', by which sporting events are used to distract from humanitarian issues. Uyghur and Tibetan activists have been encouraging athletes to use the spotlight as a platform to speak out and bring attention to human rights.



10 countries put into action a diplomatic boycott to express their disapproval, barring all government officials from traveling to Beijing but still allowing athletes to compete, and plenty of other countries have confirmed that they won't be sending representatives either, including the Czech Republic (though not as part of the ban). The US, one of the countries that carried out the boycott, stated that China's mistreatment of the Uyghur people is what led them to take these actions.

JASMINE SURI

Valieva Doping Scandal

(BBC)



15-year-old skating prodigy Kamila Valieva has been under the global spotlight after failing a drugs test that she took in December. The results came back on February the 8th, showing that she tested positive for trimetazidine, a drug used to treat angina attacks. However, it is on the banned list as it has been proven it can improve physical efficiency. This stirred controversy as the results were reported a day after she helped the gold team win, but before the medal ceremony took place. Subsequently, a hearing with the Court of Arbitration of Sport took place on Sunday, and the results concluded that Valieva will be able to compete, due to "exceptional circumstances". The Court of Arbitration of Sport mentioned age and issues surrounding the timing of the test results as reasoning for its ruling. However, The World Anti-Doping Agency stated it was "disappointed" with the ruling, as many critics question why an athlete who has failed a drug test should be allowed to compete. Thanks to this, Valieva is free to compete on Tuesday, in the womens' individual skating, where she is a favorite for gold.

Check out more info [HERE](#)

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Gender Equality in Sports



It is an unfortunate truth that women's sports are often seen as inferior to men's. It can be seen when comparing the viewership of events, or even structural imbalances in wages. Feeding this inequality seems to be the perception that the thrill of doing a sport is somehow more masculine than feminine— that men enjoy sports more naturally than women. Today, we ask star female athletes from our own highschool about why they do their sport, and how boys influence their sportsmanship.

Rhia Monks (Gr. 12): "I would say the hard part about starting a new sport and being a beginner and how that is a bit more stigmatized as a girl. I feel like we are constantly told that we can never be as good at a sport than guys are which really diminishes young girls confidence to try new activities."

Sojo Ethridge (Gr. 9): "In sports, a predominantly male-dominated industry and profession, being a female can be quite difficult sometimes. Not because you're necessarily worse than them but because they see you as such. In co-Ed sport classes such as team sports people often pass much less to girls..."

Stella Kuttner (Gr. 10): "A miscommunication could be that girls are always slower but I guess sometimes we are faster."

Ayla Eicher (Gr. 12): "I often get told pilates is very easy to do or considered "exercise for girls" but for some reason every time I convince a male to try and do it with me they can't even last for a half."



ALISA KROTOV

NOTE: Crafty Caravan event set to take place this Thursday indefinitely postponed

To Watch or Not to Watch

In this week's issue, we have addressed the topics most related to the Olympics. This year, they seemed to have struck many conversations about ethics, updates and fundamental sports principles. Although the Olympics are an event in which all countries come together to enjoy various sports activities, this years' games seemed to have more controversy than any in the past. If we watch, does it mean we are supporting the values that have been set by China and agree with the treatment they're providing? And if we don't, does that mean we're punishing the athletes who are blameless?



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