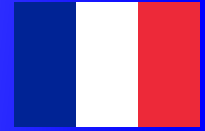




# OLYMPIC GAMES



**ALBERTVILLE**  
February 08 - 23, 1992



## France for the 5th time

The 1992 Winter Olympics, officially known as the XVI Olympic Winter Games (French: *Les XVes Jeux olympiques d'hiver*), were held from 8 to 23 February 1992 in Albertville, France. They were the last Winter Olympics to be held the same year as the Summer Olympics, and the first where the Winter Paralympics were held at the same site. Albertville was selected as host in 1986, beating Sofia, Falun, Lillehammer, Cortina d'Ampezzo, Anchorage and Berchtesgaden. The games were the third Winter Olympics held in France, after Chamonix in 1924 and Grenoble in 1968, and the fifth Olympics overall in the country.

Only some of the skating and the opening and closing ceremonies took place in Albertville, while the rest of the events took place in the villages of Courchevel, La Plagne, Les Arcs, Les Menuires, Les Saisies, Méribel, Pralognan-la-Vanoise, Tignes and Val d'Isère. Sixty-four nations with 1,801 athletes participated in the games, including the Unified Team which represented non-Baltic former Soviet republics. Germany participated as a unified team, while five newly independent European countries debuted, as did six "warm-weather" countries. Short track speed skating, moguls and women's biathlon made their debut as an Olympic sport. The games were the last Winter Games until 2014 to have demonstration sports, consisting of curling, aerials, ski ballet and speed skiing. It was the last Olympics to have an outdoor speed skating rink. The games were succeeded by the 1992 Winter Paralympics from 25 March to 1 April.

Norwegians won every male cross-country skiing race, with Bjørn Dæhlie and Vegard Ulvang both collecting three gold. Ski jumper Toni Nieminen, 16, became the youngest

male gold medalist of a Winter Olympic event. Petra Kronberger won both the combined event and the slalom, while Bonnie Blair won both the 500 m and 1000 m speed skating events and Gunda Niemann took both of the longest races. Kim Kihoon earned gold medals in both men's short track events. Ye Qiaobo of China won the country's first medal in the Winter Olympics, a silver in women's 500 metres speed skating. Annelise Coberger of New Zealand won the southern hemisphere's first Winter Olympic medal—a silver in the women's slalom. Nicolas Bochatay was killed during a training session. Germany won the most medals and the most gold.



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## SPORTS

**There were 57 events in 6 sports (12 disciplines):**

- \*ALPINE SKIING (10 events)
- \*BIATHLON (6 events)
- \*BOBSLEIGH (2 events)
- \*CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING (10 events)
- \*FIGURE SKATING (4 events)
- \*FREESTYLE SKIING (moguls skiing) (2 events)
- \*ICE HOCKEY (1 event)
- \*LUGE (3 events)
- \*NORDIC COMBINED (2 events)
- \*SKI JUMPING (3 events)
- \*SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING (4 events)
- \*SPEED SKATING (10 events)

*DEMONSTRATION SPORTS:*

- \*CURLING
- \*FREESTYLE SKIING (*ski ballet, aerials*)
- \*SPEED SKIING

## HIGHLIGHTS:

- Freestyle skiing event of moguls and short-track speedskating made their debuts as medal disciplines, as did women's biathlon.
- Norwegian skiers won every male cross-country skiing race. Bjørn Dæhlie and Vegard Ulvang each won three gold medals.
- Speedskater Bonnie Blair won both the 500 and 1,000 m events; Gunda Niemann took both of the longest races.
- Ski jumper Toni Nieminen, 16, became the youngest male gold medalist of a Winter Olympic event.
- Italian alpine skier Alberto Tomba won the Giant Slalom for the second time in a row.
- Austrian alpine skier Petra Kronberger won both the combined event and the slalom.
- Kim Kihoon earned gold medals in both men's short-track inaugural events at this Olympics.
- Ye Qiaobo of China won the country's first medal in the Winter Olympics, a silver in women's 500 metres speed skating (she added another silver in 1000 metres).
- Annelise Coberger of New Zealand wins the southern hemisphere's first Winter Olympic medal—a silver in the women's slalom.
- Kristi Yamaguchi of the United States and Midori Ito of Japan became the first persons of Asian descent to win Olympic medals in figure skating.
- Midori Ito becomes the first woman to land a triple axel in Olympic competition.
- The Swiss speed skier Nicolas Bochatay died on the morning of the speed skiing finals, when he collided with a snow grooming vehicle while skiing on a public slope outside the racing area.



## Venues

VENUE	SPORTS
L'anneau de vitesse	Speed skating
La halle de glace Olympique	Figure skating / Short track speed skating
La Plagne	Bobsleigh / Luge
Les Arcs	Speed skiing
Les Menuires	Alpine skiing
Les Saisies	Biathlon / Cross-country skiing
Méribel	Alpine skiing
Méribel Ice Palace	Ice hockey
Patinoire olympique de Pralognan-la-Vanoise	Curling
Théâtre des Cérémonies	Ceremonies (opening & closing)
Tignes	Freestyle skiing
Tremplin du Praz	Nordic combined / Ski jumping
Val-d'Isère	Alpine skiing

A total of 64 nations sent athletes to compete in these Games. With the collapse of the Soviet Union, six states formed a Unified Team, while the Baltic States of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania had their own teams. Croatia and Slovenia, who were making their first appearance at the Winter Olympics, competed as independent nations after leaving Yugoslavia. The UN sanctions against Yugoslavia that saw them miss the 1992 Summer Olympics had yet to come into effect. The German team won most medals in the games, with a total of 10 gold medals, 10 silver and 6 bronze. It was the first time since the 1936 Winter Olympics that Germany competed with a unified team after the reunification.

Making their debuts were Algeria, Bermuda, Brazil, Honduras, Ireland and Swaziland (as well as the previously mentioned Croatia and Slovenia). It would also be the only appearance for both Honduras and Swaziland in Winter Olympics to date.

NATION	NATION	NATION
ALGERIA	GERMANY	NETHERLANDS
ANDORRA	GREAT BRITAIN	NETHERLANDS ANTILLES
ARGENTINA	GREECE	NEW ZEALAND
AUSTRALIA	HONDURAS	NORWAY
AUSTRIA	HUNGARY	PHILIPPINES
BELGIUM	ICELAND	POLAND
BERMUDA	INDIA	PUERTO RICO
BOLIVIA	IRELAND	ROMANIA
BRAZIL	ITALY	SAN MARINO
BULGARIA	JAMAICA	SENEGAL
CANADA	JAPAN	SLOVENIA
CHILE	NORTH KOREA	SPAIN
CHINA	SOUTH KOREA	SWAZILAND
COSTA RICA	LATVIA	SWEDEN
CROATIA	LEBANON	SWITZERLAND
CROATIA	LIECHTENSTEIN	CHINESE TAIPEI
CYPRUS	LITHUANIA	TURKEY
CZECHOSLOVAKIA	LUXEMBOURG	UNIFIED TEAM*
DENMARK	MEXICO	UNITED STATES
ESTONIA	MONACO	VIRGIN ISLANDS
FINLAND	MONGOLIA	YUGOSLAVIA
FRANCE	MOROCCO	

\*a joint team consisting of 6 former Soviet republics: Russia, Ukraine, Kazakhstan, Belarus, Uzbekistan and Armenia

# POLISH PARTICIPATION

## RESULTS:

There were 53 competitors (41 men and 12 women) in 9 sports

### ALPINE SKIING:

- \*Jakub Malczewski – DNF (Super-G); 52 (giant slalom); DNF (slalom)
- \*Marcin Szafranski – DNF (Super-G); 46 (giant slalom); DNF (slalom); 26 (combined)
- \*Ewa Zagata – 29 (giant slalom); DNF (slalom)

### BIATHLON:

- \*Jan Wojtas – 56 (10km)
- \*Krzysztof Sosna – 46 (10km); 60 (20km)
- \*Jan Ziemanin – 29 (10km); 32 (20km)
- \*Zbigniew Filip – 16 (10km); 72 (20km)
- \*Dariusz Kozłowski – 58 (20km)
- \*Dariusz Kozłowski, Jan Ziemanin, Jan Wojtas, Krzysztof Sosna – 9 (4x7,5km)
- \*Krystyna Liberda – 60 (7.5km); 59 (15km)
- \*Zofia Kiełpińska – 50 (7.5km); 62 (15km)
- \*Agata Suszka – 46 (7.5km); 46 (15km)
- \*Halina Pitoń – 40 (7.5km); 20 (7.5km)
- \*Zofia Kiełpińska, Agata Suszka, Halina Pitoń – 14 (3x7.5km)

### CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING:

- \*Wiesław Cempa – 63 (10km); 48 (15km); 52 (30km); 32 (50km)
- \*Andrzej Piotrowski – 57 (10km); 47 (15km); 61 (30km); 48 (50km)
- \*Halina Nowak-Guńka – 55 (5km); 44 (10km); 25 (30km)
- \*Małgorzata Ruchała – 40 (5km); 34 (15km); 24 (30km)
- \*Bernadetta Bocek-Piotrowska – 36 (5km); 27 (10km); 24 (15km); 23 (30km)
- \*Dorota Kwaśny – 24 (5km); 21 (10km); 35 (15km)
- \*Katarzyna Popieluch – 38 (15km); DNF (30km)
- \*Małgorzata Ruchała, Dorota Kwaśny, Bernadetta Bocek-Piotrowska, Halina Nowak-Guńka – 10 (4x5km)

### FIGURE SKATING:

- \*Grzegorz Filipowska – 11 (men)
- \*Zuzanna Szwed – 19 (women)

### ICE HOCKEY:

- \*Gabriel Samolej, Marek Batkiewicz, Mariusz Kieca, Kazimierz Jurek, Henryk Gruth, Rafał Sroka, Robert Szopiński, Dariusz Garbocz, Marek Cholewa, Jerzy Sobera, Andrzej Kądziołka, Krzysztof Kuzniecowa, Andrzej Świstak, Mariusz Puzio, Janusz Hajnos, Mirosław Tomasik, Waldemar Klisiak, Dariusz Płatek, Janusz Adamiec, Krzysztof Bujar, Mariusz Czerkawski, Wojciech Tkacz, Sławomir Wieloch – 11 (*Sweden 2:7, Finland 1:9, Italy 1:7, USA 0:3, Germany 0:4, Switzerland 2:7, Italy 4:1*)

### LUGE:

- \*Leszek Szarejko, Adrian Przechewka – 20 (doubles)

### NORDIC COMBINED:

- \*Stefan Habas – 25
- \***Stanisław Ustupski – 8**

### SKI JUMPING:

- \*Zbigniew Klimowski – 49 (large hill)

### SPEED SKATING:

- \*Paweł Abratkiewicz – 31 (500m); 28 (1000m)
- \*Paweł Jaroszek – 32 (1000m); 16 (1500m)
- \*Jaromir Radke – 16 (5000m); 14 (10000m)
- \*Ewa Wasilewska – 18 (1000m); 14 (1500m); 24 (3000m)



# Medal count

RANK	NATION	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	TOTAL
1.	GERMANY	10	10	6	26
2.	UNIFIED TEAM	9	6	8	23
3.	NORWAY	9	6	5	20
4.	AUSTRIA	6	7	8	21
5.	UNITED STATES	5	4	2	11
6.	ITALY	4	6	4	14
7.	FRANCE	3	5	1	9
8.	FINLAND	3	1	3	7
9.	CANADA	2	3	2	7
10.	SOUTH KOREA	2	1	1	4
11.	JAPAN	1	2	4	7
12.	NETHERLANDS	1	1	2	4
13.	SWEDEN	1	0	3	4
14.	SWITZERLAND	1	0	2	3
15.	CHINA	0	3	0	3
16.	LUXEMBOURG	0	2	0	2
17.	NEW ZEALAND	0	1	0	1
18.	CZECHOSLOVAKIA	0	0	3	3
19.	NORTH KOREA	0	0	1	1
	SPAIN	0	0	1	1
		57	58	56	171

## MAJOR STARS

**ALBERTO TOMBA (Italy)** – alpine skiing – gold and silver (total in olympics: 3-2-0)

**Marc GIRARDELLI (Luxembourg)** – alpine skiing – two silver medals (first and only winter medals for Luxembourg)

**Petra KRONBERGER (Austria)** – alpine skiing – two gold medals

**Mark KIRCHNER (Germany)** – biathlon – two golds and one silver

**Vegard ULVANG (Norway)** – cross-country skiing - three golds and one silver

**Bjørn DÆHLIE (Norway)** – cross-country skiing – three golds and one silver

**Lyubov YEGOROVA (Unified Team)** – cross-country skiing – three golds and two silvers

**Raisa SMETANINA (Unified Team)** – cross-country skiing – one gold medal (total: 4-5-1)

**KIM Ki-hoon (South Korea)** – short track speed skating – two gold medals

**Bonnie BLAIR (United States)** – speed skating – two gold medals (total: 3-0-1)

### Gunda NIEMANN-STIRNEMANN

(Germany) – speed skating – two golds and one silver



DÆHLIE and ULVANG



Lyubov YEGOROVA