

MEDAL TABLE				
Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1. Norway	9	9	8	26
2. Germany	9	5	4	18
3. Netherlands	6	5	2	13
4. Canada	5	5	6	16
5. United States	5	3	2	10

Martin Fourcade celebrates (Pic courtesy: Xinhua)



Photo finish gives Fourcade gold

Pyeongchang
Martin Fourcade held on in a stunning finish for gold in the Winter Olympics men's biathlon 15km mass start.
The Frenchman, 29, had to settle for 15km silver at the past two Olympics, losing out to Norway's Emil Hegle Svendsen in a photo finish in 2014.
The pair had an identical time and the same happened again for Fourcade in Pyeongchang, when he lunged for the line with Germany's Simon Schempp.
But this time Fourcade secured gold, with Svendsen finishing in third.
Fourcade actually thought he had been denied the 15km gold yet again as he watched Schempp's ski cross the line before slamming one of his poles into the snow in frustration.
But the photo finish revealed he crossed millimetres ahead of the 29-year-old German, giving Fourcade his fourth Olympic gold after becoming the first man to defend the pursuit title earlier in these Games. (BBC)

Second gold for Hirscher

Pyeongchang
Austrian skiing great Marcel Hirscher claimed his second gold medal of the Winter Olympics in Pyeongchang with a sensational win in the giant slalom.
He finished 1.27 seconds ahead of Norway's Henrik Kristoffersen while Frenchman Alexis Pinturault took bronze.
The 28-year-old had never claimed an Olympic gold before winning the combined event on Tuesday.
He remains on course for a hat-trick of medals with Thursday's slalom to come.
"Now it pays off. The first Olympics, they were not so successful," said Hirscher, who missed out on gold at Vancouver in 2010 and Sochi four years ago.
"Gold in the combined was a big surprise. Today a lot of people, especially the media,

hoped and expected that I win another gold medal.
"Never expect something in professional sport. But my confidence and speed were high."
"He is just too good. He is in a different league," BBC Sport skiing commentator Matt Chilton said.
Hirscher carried a 0.67-second lead into the final run and in the end won in a time of two minutes 18.04 seconds.
He has won 55 World Cup races - the second-most of all time - and is now the reigning Olympic, World Cup and world champion in the giant slalom. (BBC)

Norway's Braaten bags gold

Pyeongchang
Great Britain's James Woods narrowly missed out on a medal in the men's ski slopestyle as Norway's Oystein Braaten won gold at the Winter Olympics.
Woods, 26, was in bronze medal position with five skiers remaining in the final run but was overtaken and came fourth.
Braaten won with a first-run score of 95.00, while Nick Goepper took silver and Canadian Alex Beaulieu-Marchand bronze, 1.4 points ahead of Woods.
"Fourth place is minging, it's so devastating," Woods said.
Had he finished in the top three it would have secured Britain's highest medal tally at a winter Games, beating the four medals won in 1924 and 2014.
The Briton looked set for a high score on his first run, only to fall on the final jump but held third place after run two with an impressive score of 91.00. (BBC)



Oystein Braaten

Marcel Hirscher celebrates (Pic courtesy: Xinhua)

(L to R) Team Norway's Didrik Tønne, Martin Johnsrud Sundby, Simen Hegstad Krueger and Johannes Hoesflot Klaebo



Klaebo leads Norway to skiing relay gold

Pyeongchang
Johannes Hoesflot Klaebo produced a cross country skiing masterclass as Norway won the men's 4x10km relay.
France and the Olympic Athletes of Russia led during the final leg before Klaebo moved Norway clear, less than 1km from the finish.
Klaebo eased home to win his

second gold in Pyeongchang and secure Norway's first men's relay gold since 2002.
Denis Spitsov, also 21, crossed 9.4 seconds behind to earn silver for the OAR while France won bronze.
As well as the Olympic sprint gold, Klaebo leads the World Cup's overall, sprint and under-23 standings.



Chinese athletes compete during women round robin event of curling against South Korea at 2018 PyeongChang Winter Olympic Games at Gangneung Curling Centre, Gangneung, South Korea, yesterday. China lost 5:12. (Pic courtesy: Xinhua)