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## World champions Sweden to play Britain for men's curling gold



Evelyn Hockstein / Reuters

Skip Bruce Mouat of Britain in action during the men's semi-final on Thursday at National Aquatics Center, Beijing.

**By Hritika Sharma**  
Reuters

BEIJING — Sweden topped Canada on Thursday to advance to a third successive Olympic men's curling final and will attempt to claim gold for the first time in the event against Britain, who denied the United States the opportunity to defend their crown.

Sweden successfully navigated their way out of a tactical and defensive battle to prevail 5-3 after Canada were unable to use the hammer to their advantage and fluffed their lines on the final stone at the National Aquatics Centre.

The U.S. team stunned favorites Sweden in the 2018 final to win the country's first curling gold, but their flair and flamboyance was trumped by the understated precision of Britain, who roared in delight

after sealing an 8-4 win.

"The yell that I gave out ... I think people back in Scotland might have heard it," Britain skip Bruce Mouat said.

"I'm really struggling to sum it up. We've worked so hard for this ... I guess you saw from our reaction there that it was just pure elation."

Britain have yet to pick up any medals at the Beijing Games, but Thursday's win guaranteed at least a silver, ending concerns that the nation's athletes might go home without a podium finish for the first time since 1992.

They will vie for the Olympic crown on Saturday against Niklas Edin's Sweden, who beat them in last year's world championship final for their third consecutive title.

"These young guns play a little too well for my taste," said the 36-year-old Edin, who will

look to complete his Olympic medal collection by adding gold to his silver and bronze.

"It's going to come down to a shot here and there. We're going to try to beat them with experience ... We'll see what prevails in the end," he added.

Canada's mixed doubles team, who won the inaugural gold in 2018, did not make last week's playoffs while the women's team were knocked out earlier on Thursday, leaving Brad Gushue's rink as the country's only hope of securing a curling medal in Beijing.

"We want to get on that podium. It means a lot to us," said Gushue, who will take on John Shuster's United States in the bronze medal match on Friday.

"We haven't had our best week ... and if we can walk away with a bronze medal, I think we can be pretty proud of ourselves for hanging in there."

### PREP BOYS HOCKEY



Photos by Jed Carlson / Superior Telegram

Superior goalie Trevor Soderlund (33) blanks Tomah/Sparta's Charlie Joyce (20) on a breakaway in the second period of the Spartans' playoff game Tuesday at Wessman Arena in Superior.

## MARCHING ON

### Soderlund stays focused; Spartans advance

**By Jon Nowacki**  
Duluth News Tribune

**Superior**

Superior senior goalie Trevor Soderlund has played hockey long enough to know that even in a lopsided contest, anything can happen.

No alarm clock needed here; Soderlund is always up and ready to go when the Spartans are playing.

"You just have to focus and not wander off at all, because as soon as you do that, that's when those shots will come," Soderlund said. "That's why you always have to be ready."

Soderlund made 11 saves for his third shutout of the season and four players scored goals in leading seventh-seeded Superior to a 4-0 victory

over 10th-seeded Tomah/Sparta in the first round of the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association Division 1 boys hockey playoffs Tuesday, Feb. 15, at Wessman Arena.

"I'll take every shutout I can get," Soderlund said.

Superior (8-16-1), which had a 41-11 advantage in shots, advanced to the regional at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17, at second-seeded Eau Claire Memorial (19-2-1) and Soderlund said he will be ready to go. Results of the game were not available at the Telegram's deadline.

"I just got to do my job and let my teammates do theirs," Soderlund said. "We love the playoffs. It's a fresh start. So hopefully we can carry

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Superior's Robbie Powell (36) flattens Tomah/Sparta's Brennan Otten (6) in the second period of the Spartans' playoff game Tuesday at Wessman Arena in Superior.

## Tigers compete at state

### It's the 3rd straight trip for the team

**Editor's note:** This story first appeared in the Tuesday, Feb. 15, e-edition of the Telegram.

**By Maria Lockwood**  
Superior Telegram

MAPLE — For the third year in a row, the Tiger dance team earned a spot in the state competition, which took place Feb. 5.

Coach Anna Lundberg-Haskins said it felt good to return to in-person, big stage competition. Last year, participation took place virtually. The team videotaped their state routine in the Northwestern High School gym in

front of a group of parents and family members.

"It has been two years since the girls have seen the large stage of state so that can be intimidating, but they didn't let it rattle them. It was great to be back in person," Haskins said.

The athletes gave an amazing performance, the coach said.

"We did not take top place at state, but hands down they gave it everything they had and for sure left it all on the floor," Haskins said.

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Jed Carlson / Superior Telegram

The Northwestern Tiger danceline performs during halftime of a basketball game in Maple on Jan. 18. The Tigers performed recently at the state competition. Sophomore Lauren Love, second from left, also made it to state solo competition.

### PREP SPORTS

## Local wrestlers compete at sectionals Saturday

**Editor's note:** This story first appeared in the Tuesday, Feb. 15, e-edition of the Telegram.

MAPLE — Northwestern won the six-team Division 2 meet on its home mat with 193 points on Saturday, Feb. 12.

Seven wrestlers from Northwestern and three from Superior advanced as individuals out of regional meets.

The Tigers team competed in Division 2 team sectionals at Somerset on Tuesday, Feb. 15. They lost to Amery 78-3. Amery went on to beat West Salem/Bangor 54-19 to advance to the state tournament.

The individuals who placed in the top two in their D-2 brackets

will advance to individual sectionals on Saturday, Feb. 19, at Amery.

In Division 2 at Maple, five Tigers won their brackets: Logan Jones (106), Austin Defoe (126), Logan Trautt (138), Jesse Larson (160) and Ian Smith (182).

Superior was sixth in its Division 1 regional at New Richmond, but Connor Krueger won the 126-pound division, while Jason Thomas finished second at 145 and Joshua Johnson fourth at 152.

The top four individual wrestlers in Division 1 regionals continue to individual sectionals at Eau Claire North on Saturday.

In an email to the Telegram, Spartan coach Bob Coleman said he was proud of his team.

"Our guys are very young but have worked hard and improved over the year," he said.

WIAA Division 1 Regional at New Richmond Teams

1. River Falls 227.5, 2. Hudson 227.5, 3. Hudson 207.4, New Richmond 170, 5. Eau Claire North 96, 6. Superior 91, 7. Eau Claire Memorial 84, 8. Chippewa Falls 74.

Local Individuals

126 — 1st — Connor Krueger, S, def. David Hughes, CF (Dec 5-1); 145 — 2nd — Tommy Brown def. Carter Reichenberger, B, 138 — Logan Trautt, NW, def. Lucas Sirek, R (Fall 1-40); 160 — 1st — Jesse Larson, N def. Connor Melton, SP (Dec 10-8); 152 — 4th — Joshua Johnson, S, def. Connor Anderson, ECM (Inj.)

WIAA Division 2 Regional at New Richmond Teams

1. Northwestern 193, 2. Barron 176, 3. Hayward/Northwood 163, 4. Spooner/Webster 119, 5. Rice Lake 117, 6. Ashland 106.

Local Individuals

106 — 1st — Logan Jones, NW, def. Carter Roach, H (Dec 2-1); 113 — 2nd — Tommy Brown def. Carter Reichenberger, B, 138 — Logan Trautt, NW, def. Lucas Sirek, R (Fall 1-40); 160 — 1st — Jesse Larson, N def. Connor Melton, SP (Dec 10-8); 152 — 1st — Ian Smith, NW, def. Kaden Drost, R (Fall, 3:35); 220 — 2nd — Devon Walker, NW, def. Deangelo Sardino, H, (Dec 6-0)

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Northwestern's Ian Smith, right, sticks out his tongue as he pins Bloomer-Colfax' Brok McCann while standing up during their match at 195 pounds Jan. 6 in Superior. Smith earned a berth to Saturday's WIAA Division 2 individual wrestling sectionals.