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There are so many famous names and events that have made Torino and Piemonte great throughout history that it is difficult to rank them. Let's limit ourselves to what is also at the heart of the Torino 2025 FISU Games: sport and education.

After all, this is the third time that the FISU World University Games Winter will be held in these latitudes; in 1966 they were held in Sestriere and in 2007, immediately after the Olympic Games, in Torino. But that's not all: the first capital of Italy (1861-65) has also hosted the Summer Games twice, in 1970 and 1999, and that was the first ever Universiade.

Torino and Piemonte, with their inexhaustible natural and infrastructural resources, host top-level sporting events year after year: the Alpine Ski World Cup and the Giro d'Italia come to Sestriere regularly, the ATP tennis finals are held in Turin, not to mention the top football clubs Juventus and AC Torino: top-level sport everywhere, and the FISU Games, with 2500 participants, top the list!

But did you know that there are over 110,000 stu-

dents in Torino - that's more than ten percent of the city's total population? Did you know that the neurologist Rita Levi Montalcini won the Nobel Prize for Medicine in 1986, that the mathematician Giuseppe Lagrange, the writers Cesare Pavese, Umberto Eco, Prima Levi, the singer-songwriters Paolo Conte and Umberto Tozzi, the first President of the Republic Luigi Einaudi are native from Piemonte?

And the many student athletes who are present in Piedmont, and also at these FISU Games, are following in the footsteps of the greats of the past: cyclist Fausto Coppi, footballers Giampiero Boniperti and Gianni Rivera, or alpine skier Piero Gros, for example. They were all born here.

Oh, happy Piemonte - Land of Sport, Land of Universities!

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TORINO 2025 FISU GAMES: CULTURE & ENVIRONMENT

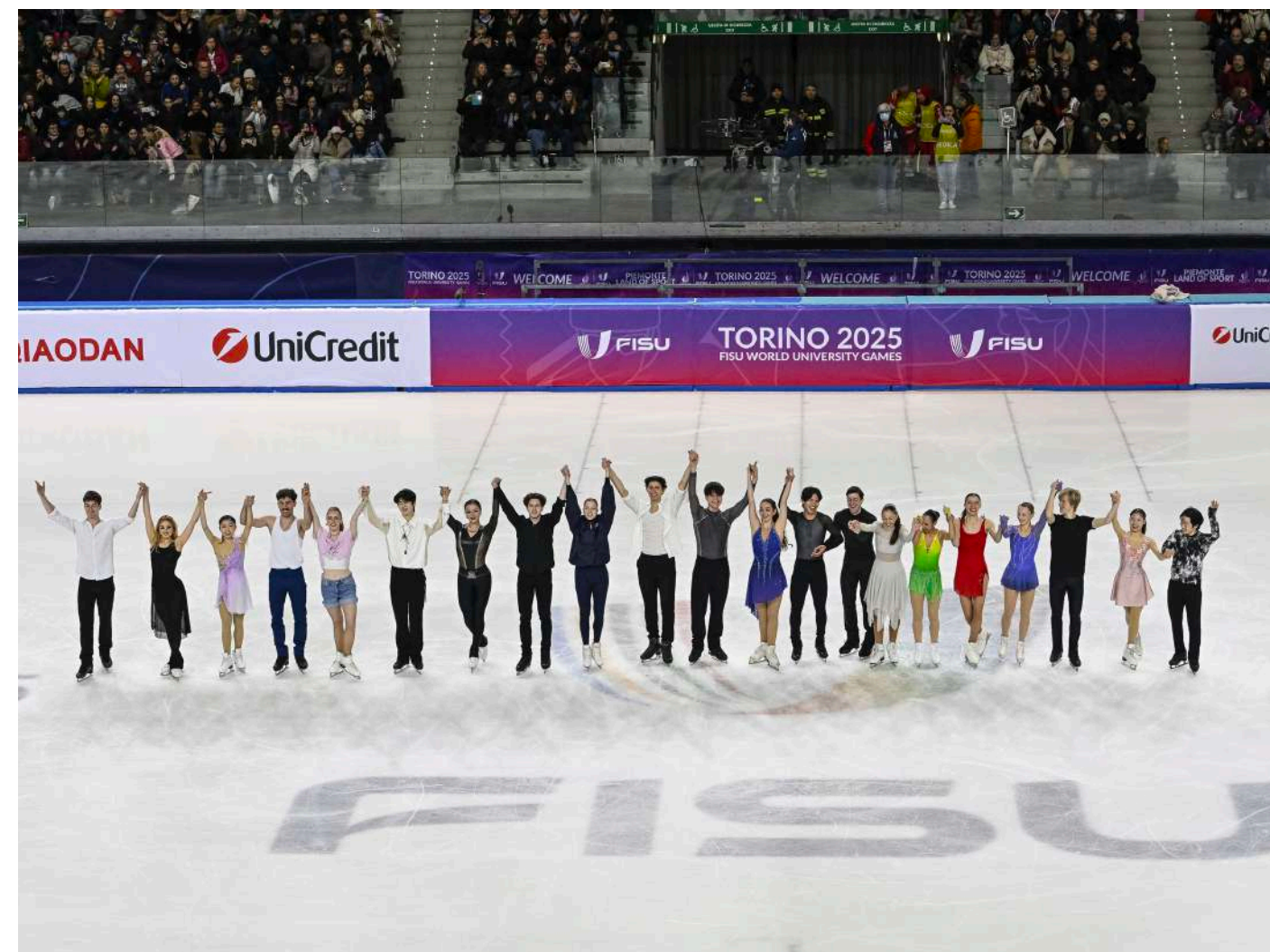
MUSIC, DANCE AND SKATING FOR A SHOW OF PURE EMOTION

Torino, 19 January – A Sunday of music and magic thanks to the skaters competing at the Torino 2025 FISU World University Games, who literally made the audience dream by ‘flying’ on the marvellous Palavela ice rink.

The Exhibition Gala that took place on 19 January saw ice dance winners of the Torino 2025 FISU Games **Sofia Val** and **Asaf Kazimov** (gold medal for Spain) perform, alongside **Lou Terreaux** and **Noé**

Perron (silver medal for France, who staged a fun choreography to the notes of Barbie Girl by Aqua), **Giulia Isabella Paolino and Andrea Tuba** (bronze medallists for Italy), **Carlotta Argentieri and Francesco Riva** (who danced to the notes of Lady Gaga and Bruno Mars’ famous ‘Die with a smile’).

In the individual performances, **Yuma Kagiya** (men’s gold medallist for Japan), **Rion Sumiyoshi** (women’s gold medallist for Japan), **Mone Chiba**



(women’s silver medallist again for Japan), **Sofia Samodelkina** (bronze medallist for Kazakhstan), **Daniel Grassl** (men’s Italian silver medallist, who performed to the tune of Hozier’s Too Sweet) and Italians **Raffaele Zich** and **Corey Circelli**, among others, took to the floor. Among the other Italian athletes, **Lara Gutmann**, **Ginevra Lavinia Negrello** and **Martina Piredda** also performed.

There was also the traditional moment of glory for the little skaters of the local clubs who, between one

session and another of the Gala, took to the ice for a little performance together with ToTag, the mascot of the Torino 2025 FISU World University Games.

In the grand finale, all the skaters took to the rink, dancing on the ice to the notes of ‘One Vision’ by Queen. And finally, the surprise: the wonderful Carolina Kostner unexpectedly appeared last, who with her legendary grace made this incredible Gala even more exciting if possible.

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CURLING

Curling athletes are tireless! Round robin sessions continue in Torino Pala Tazzoli with ten matches for both men and women. Japan, China, United Kingdom, Republic of Korea and Canada came out winning in women's session 6 at 8 am. The men's seventh session was instead won by Norway, Republic of Korea, Italy, Switzerland and United States. The women's seventh session was won by Republic of Korea, Norway, Japan, China and United Kingdom. Finally, Sweden, United States, Republic of Korea, Canada and Switzerland won in men's session 8 at 8 pm. The first award ceremonies will be on January 22nd, when Pala Tazzoli will host women's and men's bronze medal games at 2 pm and 7 pm.

HOCKEY

Yesterday's hockey action saw thrilling victories in both the women's and men's categories. In the women's 7-8 and 5-6 placement games, the teams delivered an intense display of skill and determination. The women's teams from Chinese Taipei and United States secured hard-fought wins against their opponents, United Kingdom and Kazakhstan. In the men's competition, the play-off quarterfinals were spectacular. Four teams earned their spots in the semifinals after thrilling encounters. Ukraine, United States, Canada and Slovakia all secured well-deserved victories in their respective matches. Stay tuned for more action as the tournament continues!



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ICE HOCKEY IS GETTING CLOSER TO DE MEDALS

PINEROLO, January 19th 2025 - A day of verdicts at the Olympic Ice Stadium in Pinerolo hosting the men's ice hockey tournament of Torino 2025 FISU Games: the qualifying phase closed, today two decisive competitions valid for the quarter-finals were on track.

The first, between the **Czech Republic** (winner of the group A) and **Ukraine** (fourth in group B), was played in front of a warm and numerous audience (1,154 spectators, with a large representation of Czech fans) and rewarded Ukraine, at the end of a game of great competitive intensity and decided only

in overtime. **Illia Kryklya** (Ukraine) was injured in the first period when he was carried off on a stretcher after suffering a severe knock in a collision (the boy returned to the stadium before the end of the game).

Hilb Krivoschapkin (Ukraine's captain): "We were expecting such a strong and combative Czech Republic, who would have done anything to beat us, but we managed to show we were up to it: we were good at containing them and then hitting them when the time was right. If at the beginning of the competition we said to ourselves 'Let's go for the gold', since before this competition it is important to think game

by game. Step by step, until the final".

Danylo Makarenko (Ukraine): "I expect to beat the Czech Republic, there is great confidence in this team. Me, best on the pitch? I did everything I could with the hope that my teammates would score a lot of goals. For me this is the first time in Italy, I am very excited and happy to be here as well as proud to represent my country: these FISU Games have given me a unique opportunity, also allowing me to visit the cities of the Games and it was all very 'exciting'".

Vladimir Kremlacek (Czech Republic): "After a

very good qualifying round, this time we made too many stupid mistakes and we also lacked a bit of luck on the many shots on goal. We are sorry for this elimination, but this experience was exciting, especially thanks to our fans, who turned every game into a party, especially those with Canada and Kazakistan. Thanks to them everything was still fantastic!"

The day in Pinerolo continues with the other quarter-final match scheduled at 8 pm between Canada and Japan.



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Canada with 9-1 against Japan in Men's Semi-Finals

PINEROLO, 19 January 2025 - The Olympic Ice Stadium of Pinerolo has also issued its second verdict: after Ukraine in the afternoon game, the winner of the other quarter-final of the men's ice hockey tournament of the Torino 2025 FISU Games was Canada, who has therefore detached the pass for the semifinals that will take place on Tuesday 21 January at the Palatazzoli in Turin.

The public was again numerous (1,232 people) and full of enthusiasm despite a competition that was a real solo of the **Canadians who scored 9 times** with

7 different scorers: the mayor of Pinerolo Luca Salvai also returned to the stands, together with the mayor of the municipality of Campiglione Fenile, Luca Re. And many Canadians who once again accompanied the team in their fourth triumph of the tournament.

Quotes

Samuel Huo (Canada): 'Once again our fans were amazing and even in a game like this, always in control, they fired us up, urging us to play for them and for the emblem we wear on our chest. We played well

all three periods and in games like these it is not a given: now we can't wait to get back on the ice for the semi-final. The most exciting moment of these FISU Games for me? The opening ceremony, parading in front of so many people was great!'

Sasha Mutala (Canada): 'The misstep with the Czech Republic in the round served us to dwell on some of our mistakes and since then we haven't lost, the coaching staff has done a really good job in this regard. We are here for the gold medal, we came to these Games to win, although now we have to live it day by day, thinking about one match at a time.'

Noah Tomoda (Japan): 'Tonight we faced the best in the world, so despite the defeat it was a good experience: the first half was tough, then we regrouped a bit and even managed to score, giving our best

and never giving up. For me it was my first time in Italy and I think many Japanese have never had the opportunity to go overseas, so I would like to thank these FISU Games for that. And then I hope that this event will also be an opportunity to make hockey more popular in Japan.'

The matches of the two semi-finals were thus outlined:

Ukraine-Slovakia

United States-Canada

Tomorrow, 20 January, the last day of competition hosted in Pinerolo: the 9th/10th place final between Sweden and Poland (4.30 pm) and the 7th/8th place final between South Korea and Japan (8 pm) will be staged on the ice.



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COMPETITION REVIEW: CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING, MIXED TEAM SPRINT FREE



PRAGELATO PLAN, 19 January – The mixed team sprint final delivered high-paced excitement on a slower but well-groomed track after overnight snowfall. **Germany claimed gold** in a thrilling showdown that saw constant shifts in leadership and tight battles all the way to the finish.

GOLD FOR GERMANY WITH A STUNNING FINISH

Germany 1 with **Marius Bauer** and **Miriam Rei-**

snecker emerged victorious with a time of 22:46.41, holding off late challenges from the French and Polish teams. Despite being on podium positions in the earlier exchanges and briefly falling to 8th place at the last exchange, Marius Bauer mounted an incredible comeback in the final lap. His smooth skiing and tactical positioning in the last stretch sealed a hard-fought gold.

France 2 (**Félicie Chappaz** and **Hugo Serot**) delivered a strong performance, finishing just +2.95

seconds behind Germany at 22:49.36. Both athletes maintained consistent pacing and surged into contention during the final exchanges, moving up from 8th place at the 3rd exchange to challenge for the gold in the closing kilometers.

Poland 1 with double-gold medalist **Izabela Marcisz** and **Lukasz Gazurek** looked poised for gold after Marcisz sending her teammate first on the course at both the 3th and 5th exchanges, yet Gazurek couldn't quite hold the lead that Marcisz had secured, finishing at 22:51.50, just +5.09 seconds behind Germany. The fight for the bronze was closely contested, with their compatriots, **Poland 2**, crossing the line a

mere +0.18 seconds later at a photo finish decision.

FLASH QUOTES

Winner: Germany

Marius Bauer: I didn't overthink the final lap—I just gave it everything I had to get as close to the podium as possible. This victory means so much to us, and to me personally. Two years ago in Lake Placid, I made it to the final but finished fourth, and just two days ago, I only managed sixth place in the sprint final. To come out on top today with Miriam feels incredible and makes all the hard work worth it.



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Miriam Reisnecker: The conditions were so different today. With the fresh snow, the track was slower and more challenging, which made it difficult to push as hard as we normally do. It really required a different strategy—everyone focused on the downhill to maximize their speed. Winning this medal as a team means so much. Sure, an individual medal would have been amazing, but sharing this moment makes it even more special.

Second: France

Félicie Chappaz: I'm honestly quite surprised—I

didn't expect to perform well in this format, and I definitely didn't think I'd be leaving with a medal. It's such a cool feeling, and we're so happy! It's a great result for Team France. I think the key is not to overthink the weather—just push hard on your poles, give it your all, and see where it takes you. Today, it worked, and I couldn't be happier!

Hugo Serot: I'm really happy too. To be honest, I didn't expect this at all—I wasn't even supposed to be here! I was a replacement for a replacement, so to come away with a medal is just amazing. I'll admit I wasn't thrilled when I saw the snow this

morning—I'm not a fan of these conditions. But in the end, it turned out fine. There weren't any major surprises on the course, and at the end of the day, everyone's racing in the same conditions. You just have to focus and give it your best.

Third: Poland

Izabela Marcisz: Yesterday, we got some information about the snowfall expected today, so we were prepared for these conditions. Our skis were incredi-

ble, which made a big difference on this challenging course. The downhill sections here are really tough — like I said two days ago, they're very tactical — but we managed to handle it well, and I'm so proud of what we achieved. And of course I am happy about my third medal. This course is difficult, but it's also fantastic, and I'm especially thrilled for Lukasz. I'm incredibly proud of him and what we accomplished together.



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COMPETITION REVIEW: Giant Slalom Men



Bardonecchia - Melezet, Sunday 19 January – It was a snowy Sunday in Bardonecchia - Melezet, where 118 student-athletes gathered at the start of the Men's Giant Slalom competition. Conditions worsened a little after the start of the first run, challenging the athletes to find speed. Thankfully, the weather improved a little for the second run, allowing for better visibility. The Swiss team celebrated a double podium in the Men's Giant Slalom, but the top prize went to Spain's Aleix Aubert Serracanta, who claimed the gold medal.

The Giant Slalom has been a cornerstone of alpine

skiing at the FISU World University Games since its inception. Alpine skiing debuted at the first Winter Universiade in Chamonix, France, in 1960, featuring events such as the Slalom Special, Giant Slalom, and Downhill. Today, alpine skiing remains one of the most popular disciplines, with over 300 athletes from 50 countries competing, highlighting its appeal and significance within the FISU Games.

QUOTES

1st: Aleix AUBERT SERRACANTA, ESP

'It feels incredible to become first here. I'm super happy! This has been an amazing experience, and

to finish it with a gold medal is beyond perfect. The conditions were tough. People might think this course is easy, but going fast on this slope is anything but simple. I'm delighted that I managed a strong first run and survived the second.'

'The atmosphere here has been amazing, especially in the village. All kinds of sports are represented, and I've met so many people. It's exciting and joyful, and I can't wait to come back.'

'Balancing my studies and sport isn't easy, but so far, I think I'm doing a pretty good job. I hope to keep managing both well, and I'm aiming to compete in the FISU Games again in two years. The races here have

been fantastic, with excellent organization, it's been a great experience. After this I'll be preparing for the European Cup, and I'm hopeful it will go well.'

2nd: Loïc CHABLE, SUI

'I had a lot of fun today, and I'm really happy with my performance, especially in the second run. I made some mistakes in the first run, but overall, I'm pleased with the results and proud to finish among the top three.'

'Winning a medal four days ago gave me a lot of confidence. It felt like all my games were going to be successful, so today's race was like a bonus. I'm happy to have another medal to take home.'



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‘Tomorrow, I’ll compete in the team event and then in the Slalom. It’s my last year, as I’ll be too old for the next FISU Games, but I’m grateful to have participated in two editions—it’s been an amazing experience. I live in the United States, so I don’t get to see my team very often. It’s been great to reconnect here, speak German together, and share this experience. Taking this medal back to the U.S. is exciting, and I hope it inspires my team there.’
‘Competing on this kind of stage, with so much attention and recognition, is something we’re not used

to. It really adds value to our efforts and results, and that makes it all the more rewarding.’
3rd: Nick SPOERRI, SUI
‘It feels amazing to walk away with a medal, it was my goal, and I’m so happy I achieved it. The course was challenging for me; it was really fast, and the second run was a bit bumpy. But in the end, I’m pleased with the result.’
‘This is my first medal at a university games, so it’s really special to win one and have a strong race behind me. This is also my first and last FISU Games,

which makes the medal even more meaningful.’
‘The FISU Games are such a big event, and it’s been incredible to share this experience with athletes from so many different disciplines. The atmosphere has been amazing, both within our team and with other athletes. It’s truly been a fantastic experience.’

PREVIEW Monday 20 January: Excitement Builds for the Mixed Team Parallel Competition at FISU Games

Monday, 20 January, promises to be an exciting and dynamic day at the FISU Games as athletes gear up for the Mixed Team Parallel Competition. This unique event features teams of four team mates per nation (two women and two men). They will be racing head-to-head in a parallel format using Giant

Slalom gates and panels. The knockout structure of this event is as follows:

- 16 teams start in pairs.
- The top 8 advance to the quarterfinals.
- The top 4 proceed to the semifinals.
- The winners of the semifinals race for gold, while the losers compete for bronze.

The competition promises high-stakes drama, as even falls are accounted for. The first skier to reach the finish line after a fall is declared the winner of the leg. If neither competitor finishes, the leg winner is determined by who skied the furthest. With its fast-paced action and the camaraderie of mixed teams, the Mixed Team Parallel Competition is a can’t-miss highlight of the FISU Games.



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COMPETITION REVIEW: SKI ORIENTEERING, SPRINT FINALS

PRAGELATO PLAN, 19 January – The debut of **ski orienteering** at the **32nd FISU World University Games Winter** brought a unique blend of speed, strategy, and navigation to the snow-covered trails. The men's and women's sprint finals delivered thrilling contests, with athletes showcasing their ability to combine skiing prowess with sharp decision-making under pressure.

MEN'S SPRINT FINAL

Norway's **Teodor Mo Hjeldseth** emerged victorious in the men's race, clocking 12:52 to secure the gold medal. Hjeldseth showed remarkable composure and tactical precision, particularly in the second half of the race, where he overtook early leader **Josef Nagy**

(CZE) and maintained his lead to the finish.

Jonatan Stahl (SWE) claimed silver, finishing just +2 seconds behind Hjeldseth with a time of 12:54. Stahl's steady progression throughout the course, coupled with a strong final split, ensured his place on the podium.

Josef Nagy (CZE) took bronze with a time of 13:03, falling +11 seconds behind the winner. Nagy started strongly, leading at the first checkpoint, but struggled to maintain his pace in the later stages.

WOMEN'S SPRINT FINAL

In the women's race, **Amanda Yli-Futka** (FIN) dominated the competition with a commanding performance, crossing the finish line in 12:39 to take gold.

Yli-Futka set the pace from the very start, holding the lead at every checkpoint and finishing 36 seconds ahead of her closest rival.

Norway's **Idunn Strand** secured the silver medal in 13:15, overcoming a slow start that placed her 11th at the first checkpoint. Her strong navigation and speed in the latter part of the course helped her recover significant ground.

The bronze medal went to **Delia Giezendanner** (SUI), who finished in 13:22, +43 seconds behind Yli-Futka. Giezendanner's fast start kept her in contention, but she lost time in the second half of the course.

FLASH QUOTES MEN

Winner: Teodor Mo Hjeldseth (NOR)

It feels amazing. I'm really satisfied and so happy—I didn't expect this to happen! Jonatan has beaten me 10 out of 10 times this year, so to come out on top today feels incredible. I'm not planning any big celebrations; I'll just go home, drink some Coca-Cola, and enjoy the gold. After the Games, my focus will shift to preparing for the World Cup in roller skiing and the European Championship in Finland. Thank you!

Second: Jonatan Stahl (SWE)

I have mixed feelings about today—it was a good



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race overall, but I made one small mistake that probably cost me about five seconds. Still, I'm happy with the medal and proud of my performance. There was a lot of loose snow on the course today, which helped in some ways because you could see where others had gone. But at the same time, it made the skiing tougher and more challenging physically.

FLASH QUOTES WOMEN

Winner: Amanda Yli-Futka (Finland)

Today's race was amazing, and I'm so happy with my performance. I really liked the track and the weather conditions—it all came together perfectly. I'm thrilled to have been able to take the win today!

Second: Idunn Strand (Norway):

Thank you—it feels amazing! I feel like my race was very controlled. I started carefully to stay ahead in orienteering and avoid mistakes, and once I felt more comfortable, I was able to push harder and focus on my skiing. I think I managed to slow down at the right moments to make good decisions when things got tricky and then speed up when it was easier. That was my plan, and it worked out perfectly. This is my first medal in an international race, so I'm incredibly happy.

Third: Delia Giezendanner (Switzerland):

I made some small mistakes during the race, but nothing major. The terrain here is quite similar to what we're used to in Switzerland, so it suited me really well. Overall, I'm happy with my performance.



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While the cross country and ski orienteering skiers take a much needed break, the biathlon competition continues tomorrow at Pragelato-Ruà with the pursuit races, promising high-stakes action as athletes chase victory in this thrilling format.

The day begins at 10:05 with the Men's 12.5 km Pursuit, where athletes will take to the course in a staggered start based on their times from the sprint race.

This means the winner of the sprint will start first, with others following according to their time gaps, creating a true “catch-me-if-you-can” scenario.

At 13:05, it's the women's turn to tackle the pursuit format over 10 km. The staggered start ensures that every second counts as athletes fight to close the gaps or defend their positions. With four shooting rounds and challenging ski loops, strategy and composure will be just as important as speed.

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Ski mountaineering closes in Sestriere with first Italian medal and a double French triumph

By Marco Papetti



Two French golds, the first Italian medal, and Margot Revinel's en-plein. This is the balance of the last day of **ski mountaineering** in Sestriere, which ended on Sunday, January 19, with the men's and women's vertical races on the Kandahar Giovanni Alberto Agnelli Olympic slope, in the Vialattea ski area. Nearly two kilometers to be covered uphill, with 315 meters of elevation gain: triumphing in both categories were two French skiers, **Rémi Cantan** for the men's and **Margot Revinel** for the women's, but there is glory for Italy as well, thanks to the bronze medal won by **Noemi Junod**, the only athlete of the Italian delega-

tion to stand on the podium of ski mountaineering at the Fisu Games 2025. A historic medal, because it is also the first ever won by Italy in this discipline at the Universiade, since it was in Turin that ski mountaineering made its debut among the official sports of the Winter University Olympic Games. Finally, Margot Revinel's gold was also historic, her third consecutive after those won in the previous sprint and mixed relay races.

For the 22-year-old French skier, from the Institut national des sciences appliquées in Lyon, there is the satisfaction of having won three golds out

of three in the first ever Fisu races in ski mountaineering. "I did not expect to bring home three golds in these Fisu Games, because in every race something can happen", Revinel said. "I am happy with my performance today, I controlled the race and gave what I could. By 16:01.5 was the time it took the French skier to climb the 2.2-kilometer vertical race, a result that placed her ahead of Spain's **Maria Ordonez Cobacho** (16:04.3) and Italy's Noemi Junod (16:16.8).

Three golds for Revinel, but also three silvers for Ordonez Cobacho, always on the second step of the podium in all Fisu 2025 ski mountaineering races: "In lieu of winning three silvers always behind Margot, I would have had nothing against winning a gold as well," she joked. "But, joking aside, I did a good race in weather conditions - snowfall, fog - that I love, and I am very happy with second place".

For Italian Noemi Junod, the bronze medal she won in the January 19 vertical is worth a lot: "I really wanted to participate in this race: I couldn't participate in the others, but the summit is my specialty," she said. "I'm happy because it was a wonderful experience and I'm glad I was able to bring home a medal. A result that allows her to dream big, as next year ski mountaineering will make its debut at the 2026 Winter Olympics, and Junod is currently part of the Italian national team that will participate in the Ismf 2025 World Championships, March 2-9 in Morgins, Switzerland, which are also valid for qualifying for Milan and Cortina. "My gaze goes ahead, to next year's Olympics: there will be time and I will think about it," Junod said.

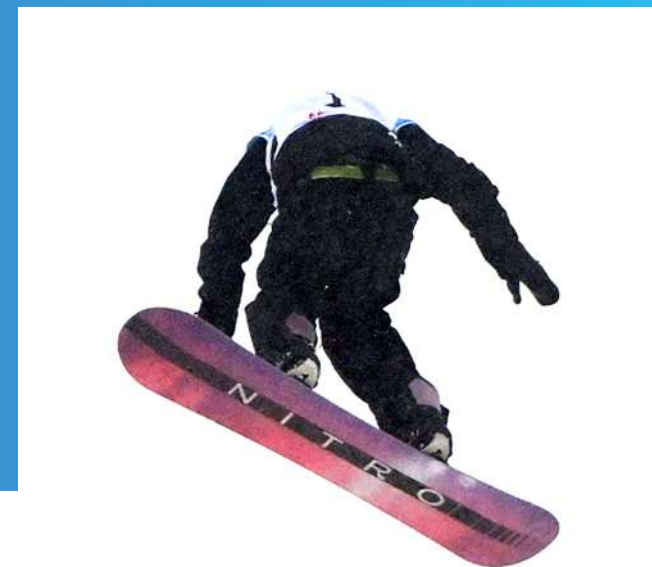
In the men's vertical race, the gold instead went to **Remi Cantan** (13:22.5 the time of his

ascent): "I am very happy with my race: although I didn't get off to a very strong start, I managed to find myself always in front. I knew I was in good shape, but you always have to win a gold first. I am happy that France did so well at these races, we are the best national team in Ski Mountaineering!" Silver medal for Germany's **Felix Tobias Gramelsberger**, already a bronze winner in the sprint race on January 16, and bronze medal for France's **Elliott Robin Saje**.

After the races, held on the slopes of the Alpette and Sises mountains in Sestriere, the mayor of Sestriere, **Gianni Poncet**, awarded the athletes on the stage of the Medal Plaza in Sestriere. "Sestriere is back on the Universiade circuit after the edition hosted back in 1966," he said, "The night ski mountaineering competitions were truly impressive and put 50 athletes representing 13 nations committed to the Col along the slopes of Mount Sises and Alpette to the test. As a municipal administration we are really satisfied with the debut of Ski Mountaineering in Sestriere, a success achieved thanks to great teamwork." Thus ended the historic first week of ski mountaineering competitions at the Winter University Games, "Thank you Sestriere, thank you FISU, to sports director Ubaldo Prucker and thank you Vialattea. Especially to the Vialattea sports director, Gualtiero Brasso, and to all the staff of the race office who did their best to help us in the preparation and realization of the tracks here in Sestriere in a very special location, made even more magical by the night races," commented Damiano Lenzi, competition manager of the ski mountaineering races of the FISU Winter Games Torino 2025.



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COMPETITION REVIEW: Snowboard Big Air Finals Day (W/M)

Bardonecchia - Sellette, 19 January-Finals Day in Snowboard Big Air: A Delayed Start Amid Challenging Conditions.

While yesterday's training day saw perfect weather conditions, today proved to be far less forgiving. The dense morning fog lifted, but heavy snowfall continued to blanket the slopes, adding a layer of uncertainty to the day.

Originally scheduled for 13:00, the competition start time was pushed back to 13:30 to allow for final preparations. According to the start list, Canada's Amy McCarthy kicked off the women's category, while France's Mathis AUTHIER wearing bib number 8 was first to jump in the men's competition.

Holly Smith, GBR won Silver today but fell in her second run. She said, 'I'm happy, I am really happy. Considering a couple of days ago I was like Oh My



God is this the end of my season I was really sore, I'd been to hospital and was scared but coming out of the week I've been able to compete and get a medal, so am super happy.

My first run I did good and landed it but I wasn't very happy with it, but I put it down, but then I fell on the second run. It was snowing, it was a bit slow, I didn't go fast enough and fell on my second run. I was a bit gutted I fell on the second run, but I come away with a medal.

Asked what she will do after the medal ceremony tonight at Palazzo delle Feste she said, "Sleep! Hot bath, early night and in my bed tucked in."

I've got all the Scottish team supporting me and friends from home who snowboard and ski and got my mum and dad watching back home. I spoke to them already and they are very happy."

Chris Purdie the Head of the GB Delegation said, "I am absolutely delighted for Holly achieving silver in the Big Air today - she has been a real pleasure to work with and we, as a whole delegation, are thrilled that her hard work has resulted in a medal. We are incredibly proud of her"

Bronze medallist Amy MCCARTHY, CAN, said "I feel good after winning a bronze medal. I'm happy I was able to up my scores from yesterday since I was

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sitting in fourth and I was able to uplift by one place, so I'm happy."

"I didn't find the weather conditions a problem; I'm kind of used to it. I have bad conditions a lot in my competitions at home so it wasn't really a big obstacle for me, it was more just to see what I could do with the weather being the way it was."

"I did a back 3 like a back 360. Yesterday I did that for both of my runs, and I ended up falling on both. So, I was honestly just happy to be able to land it on my first run down. Then run two, I tried to go for a grab and clean it up a little bit, and I went a little crazy in the air, so I didn't improve my score but I'm just happy I was able to land on my feet today."

"I definitely think I will celebrate, especially since I'm

done competing now, I'll probably have a little bit of fun tonight. But nothing too crazy because I have to wake up early and drive to Milan tomorrow morning."

In the men's competition, Gold medallist Ryoji FUJIYA, JPN who placed fourth yesterday but comes away from this competition with a gold medal said he went from feeling very low after yesterday's run to the top of the world today. Due to the weather, there were long delays with the start of their training and postponement of the competition for half an hour due to poor visibility.

Asked if he had to change his strategy and whether it was stressful FUJIYA said, "My strategy was to try to do my best trick in the first run. My local slope in Japan is very similar to Bardonecchia weather wise.



So, it was no problem for me"

Noe PETIT, FRA, silver medallist said, "This is so nice. Before this week I did not get any medals in my career. In one week, I got two medals in two different competitions. It is so nice for me. I am so happy. I found the conditions so cool because when we pulled up this morning, we were not sure about the competition. But the weather got better and better. We had more and more visibility. Finally, the conditions were not so bad. I fell on my first run and on the second run I did a front-side 1440. I changed because I fell on my first run. On my second run I did all my best. To win a medal, I am so happy because we are in January, so it is a good start for my season."

Bronze medallist in Men's Snowboard Big Air, Moritz Wolfgang BREU, GER, said "Today I'm feeling happy with the bronze, because the weather was not that

good. So, I'll have to walk away with the third place. At the beginning they weren't even sure if they can run the competition, but then they tried it with the training, and it was not too bad. So yeah, the weather got a bit better, it was alright."

"I did backside 1260, this is like 3 and a 1/2 rotations. I've done this trick already a couple of times so it's nothing new to me but still you must get it done in competition. There is always a bit of nervousness, but I'm happy to get it done. Actually, I'm going home today back to Innsbruck, and probably I will arrive late. So maybe I'll get some pizza to celebrate that and then go drive back home."

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No competition tomorrow



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COMPETITION REVIEW: FREESTYLE SKIING BIG AIR FINALS (M/W)

BARDONECHIA, 19 January 2025 –The Big Air competitions took place today, 19th January, above Sellette in poor visibility and the fresh snow made things difficult for the athletes. The organisers worked very hard to ensure safety and there were several delays to wait for a breaks in the weather. The women's first run was repeated since the slow snow

conditions meant that they had insufficient speed to make the jumps.

MEN

VIDMAR Klemen (SLO) – Gold Medal

"I feel very satisfied with gold medal. We've been working to get this performance down, as we did for a long time and I can say that I'm extremely happy.



It's been a really tough day and it's been a long day. We woke up at 7:30 and have been here for the whole day, but then at the end it just so paid out so I am more than happy."

"I must admit the conditions were difficult. You had to warm up every 5 minutes and stay focused all the time, which is very difficult, but with strong mentality I think it is possible."

"The trick that I did was challenging. Although I've done a lot of double flat 7s that was a trick that I did. I have done a lot of them, but still it was not an easy job, to put it here in the competition in the World University Games because the pressure was high, and you have to focus and forget the conditions and do your best."

BOIKO, Oleh (UKR) - Silver Medal

I did my best jump ever. Winning this medal is a very important achievement for me. The visibility was very low and I had difficult seeing where I was but I can jump. I am relaxed every day I compete.

KRCAL, Marek (CZE) - Bronze Medal

I am stoked about landing my run. It was very tough today with zero visibility I thought to myself well it doesn't matter I will just go and enjoy my run and it will be what it will be. The medal means a lot to me and I want to participate in some European Cups and maybe get more support in the Czech Republic. My family was here but they had to leave because of the conditions.

WOMEN

TILLIER, Victoire (FRA) - Gold Medal

I am so happy to win a second gold medal. It was really stressful because it was difficult to see and the snow was always changing and very slow. It was very

stressful to do tricks in these conditions. At first, I decided to do simple tricks and in the second I did a cork 7. I was really happy to share the battle with my French friends.

ANIICHYN, Mariia (UKR) – Silver Medal

"I feel really happy with this medal. Everything was great. Organisation is good, maybe the weather was bad today, but it didn't affect me. Everyone has the same conditions. I was confused after my first jump, but in the second jump I was able to change the situation and did my best. I did a trick, I did a lot of times and I feel it really well, but the weather was a little uncomfortable so made me a little confused. But now we will celebrate."

CANCEL, Amélie (FRA) – Bronze Medal

"The competition was good, even if the condition was a little bit sketchy, but I think we all have fun." "On the first run, I did a trick to assure my run, as I do 360 Japan and on the second jump, I do a my jump was a little bit challenging, especially in this weather. But I'm proud of it kind of."

MEN

GOLD / Klemen VIDMAR, Slovenia

SILVER / Oleh BOIKO, Ukraine

BRONZE / Marek KRCAL, Czech Republic

WOMEN

GOLD / Victoire TILLIER, France

SILVER / Mariia ANIICHYN, Ukraine

BRONZE / Amélie CANCEL, France

PREVIEW:

Tomorrow, Monday, we'll be back on track 25 of the Sellette in Bardonechcia at 12:30 to watch the first qualifying session of men and women Ski Cross.



YESTERDAY'S MEDALIST

Check out podium's images from yesterday's medalling competitions.



ALPINE SKIING (M) - GIANT SL

Athletes from left to right: Loic **CHABLE** (SUI), Aleix **AUBERT SERRACANTA** (ESP), Nick Fabian **SPOERRI** (SUI)



CROSS COUNTRY MIXED TEAM SPRINT

Athletes from left to right: Felicie **CHAPPAZ**, Hugo **SEROT** (FRA), Marius ANdreas **BAUER**, Miriam Mikaela **REISNECKER** (GER), Lukasz **GAZUREK**, Izabela **MARCISZ** (POL)



SNOWBOARD MEN'S BIG AIR

Athletes from left to right: Noé **PETIT** (FRA), Ryoji **FUJIYA** (JPN), Moritz Wolfgang **BREU** (GER)



SNOWBOARD WOMEN'S BIG AIR

Athletes from left to right: Holly Meg **SMITH** (CAN), Tinkara Tanja **VALCL** (SLO), Amy **MCCARTHY** (CAN)



FREESTYLE FREESKI MEN'S BIG AIR

Athletes from left to right: Oleh **BOIKO** (UKR), Klemen **VIDMAR** (SLO), Marek **KRCAL** (CZE)



FREESTYLE FREESKI WOMEN'S BIG AIR

Athletes from left to right: Mariia **ANIICHYN** (UKR), Victoire **TILLIER** (FRA), Amelie **CANCER** (FRA)



SKI ORIENTEERING WOMEN'S SPRINT

Athletes from left to right: Idun **STRAND** (NOR), Amanda **YLI FUTKA** (FIN), Delia **GEIZENDANNER** (SUI)



SKI ORIENTEERING MEN'S SPRINT

Athletes from left to right: Jonatn **STAHL** (SWE), Teodor Mo **HJELSETH** (NOR), Josef **NAGY** (CZE)

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SKI MOUNTAINEERING WOMEN'S VERTICAL
Athletes from left to right: Maria **ORDONEZ COBACHO** (ESP), Margot **RAVINNEL** (FRA) , Noemi **JUNOD** (ITA)



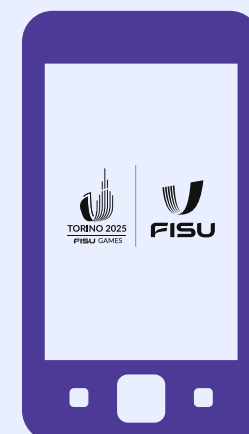
SKI MOUNTAINEERING MEN'S VERTICAL
Athletes from left to right: Felix Tobias **GRAMELSBERGER** (GER), Remi **CANTAN** (FRA) , Elliott **ROBIN SAGE** (FRA)

Medal Table

				Tot
FRA 	17	8	9	34
GER 	6	9	7	22
FIN 	5	3	2	10
POL 	5	2	4	11
ESP 	4	7	2	13
JPN 	4	3	1	8
SLO 	4	1	1	6
KAZ 	3	4	4	11
SUI 	3	2	3	8
ITA 	2	2	4	8
UKR 	2	2	2	6
NOR 	2	1	0	3
GBR 	1	2	0	3
CHI 	1	1	0	2
SWE 	0	5	0	5
EST 	0	2	0	2
CAN 	0	1	4	5
CZE 	0	1	3	4
NED 	0	1	0	1
ARG 	0	0	1	1
ARM 	0	0	1	1
AUT 	0	0	1	1
BUL 	0	0	1	1
CRO 	0	0	1	1
KOR 	0	0	1	1
USA 	0	0	1	1



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DAY'S PROGRAM

DAY 8: THE HUNT FOR MEDAL CONTINUES

FISU World University Games constitute a mental and physical challenge for all athletes, who are constantly put to the test. Yesterday, our student-athletes had a particularly tough time. In fact, unlike the past days when the weather offered perfect racing conditions, it snowed heavily on the mountains, reducing tremendously the visibility. Despite this, many competitions took place yesterday and many medals were awarded. **Alpine skiing men's giant slalom** saw Aleix Aubert Serracanta (ESP) take the win in Bardonecchia Melezet. Nearby, in Bardonecchia Sellette, **women's and men's freestyle & freeski big air** awarded the gold medal to Victoire Tillier (FRA) e Klemen Vidmar (SLO) for their outstanding performances. Another competition took place in Bardonecchia: **men's and women's snowboard big air**, where Ryoji Fujiya (JPN) and Tinkara Tanja Valcl (SLO) won the gold. Pragelato Plan hosted two com-

petitions: cross-country skiing mixed team sprint free final, won by Germany; and men's and women's ski orienteering sprint final, won by Teodor Mo Hjelseth (NOR) e Amanda Yli-Futka (FIN). Finally, Margot Ravinel (FRA) e Rémi Cantan (FRA) finished first in ski mountaineering vertical race finals. Today, 20th January, the weather is still not optimal, but the show must go on. Before we discover today's medalling competitions, let's focus on the athletes who won't be awarded: **Curling's round robin sessions** continue in Torino Pala Tazzoli; alongside the men's hockey matches in Pinerolo and Torre Pellice, moving closer to the play-offs semifinals on January 21st. Finally, Bardonecchia Sellette will host **men's and women's freestyle & freeski cross qualifications**. While waiting for the finals, enjoy the other medalling competitions that will be disputed today.

DAILY Programme

Curling
W8
09:00 Torino Palatazzoli

Ice Hockey M
9/10 (25)
16:30 Pinerolo

FISU TV
Biathlon
Pursuit - 12,5 km M
10:00 Pragelato Rua

Curling
W9
19:00 Torino Palatazzoli

FISU TV
Alpine Skiing
Mixed Team Parallel
10:00 - 13:30 Bardonecchia

Ice Hockey M
7/8 (26)
20:00 Pinerolo

Freestyle & Foeski W/M
Ski Cross - Qualification Run
12:30 - 13:30 Bardonecchia

Ice Hockey M
5/6 (27)
20:00 Torre Pellice

FISU TV
Biathlon
Pursuit 10 km W
13:00 Pragelato Rua

FISU TV
Ice Hockey W
Gold (20)
20:00 Torino Palatazzoli

Curling
M9
14:00 Torino Palatazzoli

FISU TV
Ice Hockey W
Bronze (19)
16:00 Torino Palatazzoli



DAY 8

January 20, 2025



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MUST-SEE

The last week of Torino 2025 FISU World University Games has started. The public grows more excited every day to see what will happen in the competitions and if their favourite athletes will be rewarded for their hard work and dedication to their passion. **Pragelato Rua** will cheer on **men's and women's biathlon** athletes who will compete, respectively, in the 12.5 km pursuit at 10 am and in the 10 km pursuit at 1 pm. The time has finally come for **hockey's women to be awarded** for their diligence of these past days. Two will be the matches disputed at Torino Pala Tazzoli: Japan-Slovakia at 4 pm for the bronze medal; and Canada-Chzechia at 8 pm to award the second and first place on the podium. Bardonecchia Melezet will house a series of **alpine skiing mixed team** semi-finals from 10 am, leading up to the small and big finals at 1 pm and 1:10 pm, where the medals will be awarded. Don't miss tomorrow's edition to find out who is going to win.



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Pinerolo: Sports and Culture in the City of Cavalry

From January 13 to 23, 2025, Pinerolo will host the preliminary rounds of men's hockey as part of the 32nd edition of the FISU World University Games in Torino 2025, better known as the Universiade. This event, involving over 2,500 athletes from 55 nations, represents a unique opportunity for the city and the Piedmont region, both well-accustomed to hosting major international events.

Pinerolo, with its history and charm, is a city that has seamlessly blended its past with the present, becoming a prime destination for world-class events. From the 2006 Winter Olympics to stages of the Giro

d'Italia and the Tour de France, it boasts an impressive sporting legacy.

A Journey Through History and Culture

Visiting Pinerolo offers an experience that goes beyond sports, providing a chance to discover its medieval heart, its Savoyard history, the three periods of French domination, and the founding of the Cavalry School. Pinerolo is Italy's gateway, as De Amicis wrote, but this Italy opens onto a French-influenced world that has shaped the city's history and culture. Legend has it that the mysterious Man in the Iron Mask, the legendary prisoner during the reign of



Louis XIV of France, arrived at Pinerolo's Citadel on August 24, 1669, remaining there until October 1681. Strolling through the city's medieval streets, visitors can explore historic palaces, hidden courtyards, and the Cathedral of San Donato. Climbing Via Principi d'Acaja leads to the panoramic San Maurizio square, offering breathtaking views of the Pinerolo plain, the Chisone Valley, and the Waldensian Valleys. Pinerolo also features iconic sites tied to its traditions: the Cavalry Museum, celebrating the city's military past and its connection to horses, and the splendid Caprilli Riding Hall, a jewel of Art Nouveau architecture. For a sweet break, the city's local establishments offer treats such as the delicious Torta Zurigo, chocolate confections, and pastries from the historic city center, as well as the famous low-glazed panettone.

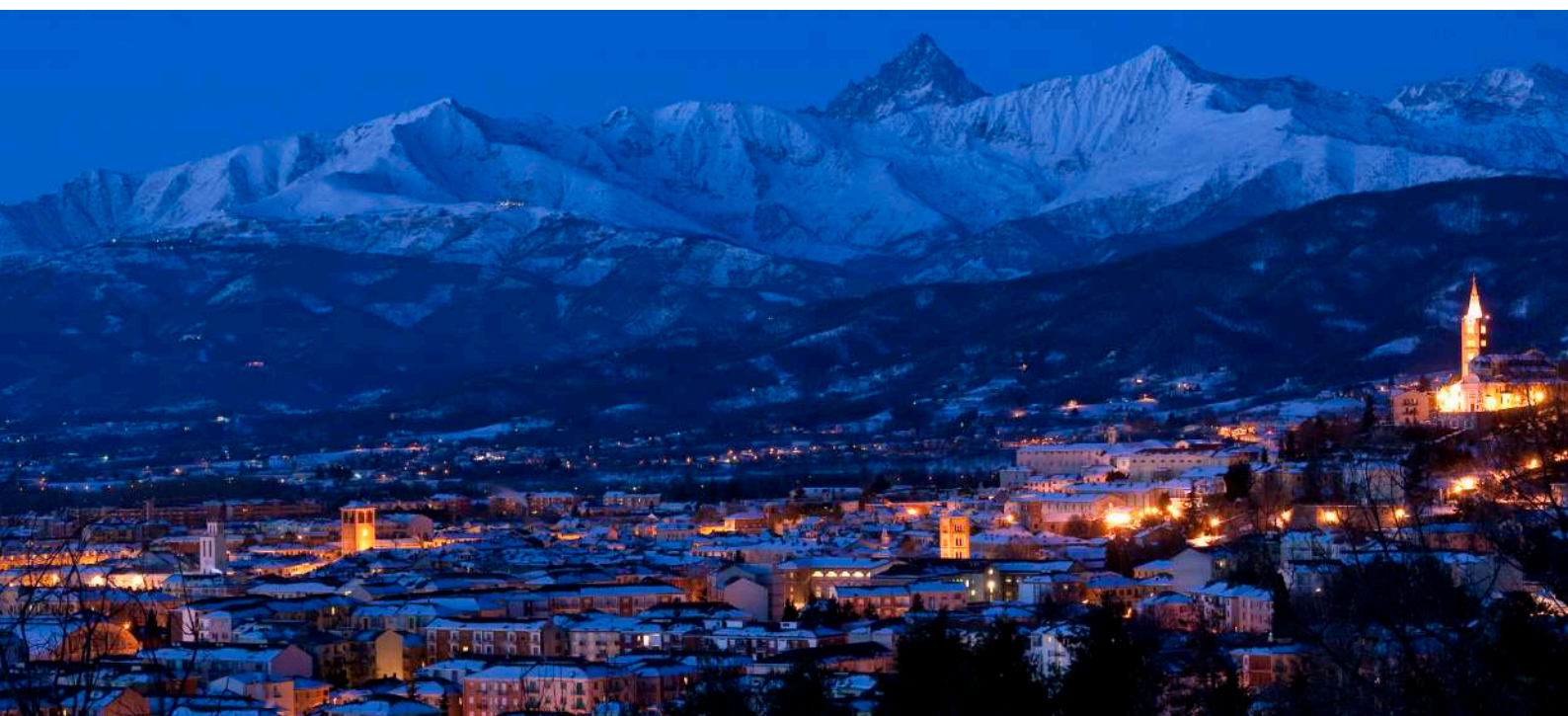
Events and Initiatives in 2025

The year 2025 promises a calendar full of events in Pinerolo. In addition to the Universiade, on March 9, the city will host Just the Woman I Am, a 5-km

run/walk supporting university cancer research. On April 27, the “Pinerolo in the Saddle” fair, dedicated to equestrian activities, will bring horse exhibitions to Piazza D'Armi. In May, the Notte delle Muse will open the city's museums late into the night. From September 11 to 14, the historic Craft Exhibition will return, and in October, a new festival dedicated to youth will debut, focusing on books, comics, and creativity.

The 2025 edition of the Pinerolo Sculpture Biennial will feature works by international artists displayed in the city's open spaces. Finally, the World Press Photo exhibition will grace the stunning spaces of the Caprilli Riding Hall.

Pinerolo is ready to welcome visitors and athletes, offering not only thrilling competitions but also a journey into history, art, and culture. This is a unique opportunity to experience a place that harmoniously combines tradition and innovation.



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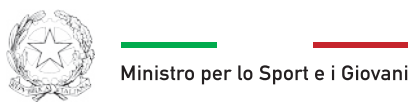


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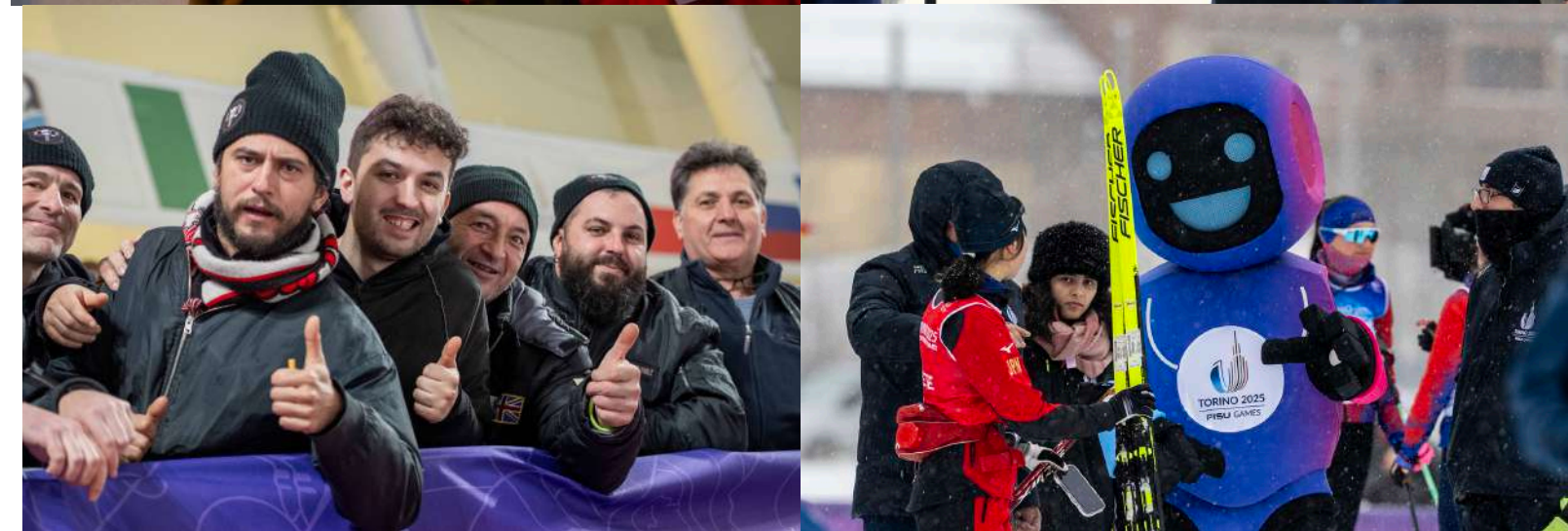


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