



Forgan and Kirkby Establish Start Record at Oberhof World Cup Last Weekend

Description

The highlight of the Oberhof World Cup in Germany over the weekend was a remarkable performance by American athletes Sophia Kirkby and Chevonne Forgan. The duo etched their names in the annals of the event by setting a new start record in the women's doubles event's second heat.

Having recently clinched a bronze medal at the 2024 World Championships, the pair outdid themselves this time around. Despite encountering hurdles in their first run, they achieved an impressive time of 7.625 seconds on their second outing. However, the overall race didn't go as smoothly as expected, and they finished sixth, clocking in at 1 minute, 26.448 seconds.

Germany's Dajana Eitberger and Saskia Schirmer struck gold, setting a track record of 1:25.889. The silver went to Italy's Andrea Voetter and Marion Oberhofer, while Jessica Degenhardt and Cheyenne Rosenthal of Germany took bronze.

In the men's doubles, the American duo of Zack DiGregorio and Sean Hollander managed a ninth-place finish despite a challenging second run. Meanwhile, their compatriots Dana Kellogg and Frank Ike finished 14th but attained their fastest times of the season.

In the women's singles event, there was a mix of fortunes for team USA. While Ashley Farquharson finished in a respectable seventh place, Emily Sweeney, despite a strong start, ran into trouble on the second run and ended up 11th. Another American athlete, Summer Britcher, had her share of problems on the first run, but her second run's excellent time earned her participation in the sprint race, where she finished 14th.

The sprint women's doubles saw Forgan and Kirkby finishing fifth. Austria's Selina Egle and Lara Kipp bagged the gold medal, with Germany's Eitberger and Schirmer and Italy's Voetter and Oberhofer clinching silver and bronze, respectively.

It was a less than ideal outing for Tucker West in the men's singles event where he could only manage a 10th place finish. Nevertheless, his performance was enough to get him in the sprint race, where he had a clean run but lacked pace and finished 11th.

Summing up the weekend's performance, it's apparent that the American team had a mixed bag of fortunes. But athletes like Sophia Kirkby, Chevonne Forgan, and Ashley Farquharson stood their ground and delivered performances that their country can be proud of. The Oberhof World Cup was a stage of records, challenges, and accomplishments, and the US team certainly had its share of all.

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Vocabulary List:

1. **annals** // (noun): Historical records; chronicles.
2. **etched** // (verb): Engraved or impressed deeply.
3. **hurdles** // (noun): Obstacles or difficulties.
4. **clocking** // (noun): Recording or noting the time taken for an event or activity.
5. **compatriots** // (noun): Fellow citizens or countrymen.
6. **sprint** // (noun): A short, fast race at high speed.

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