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Photo of the Day | Men's Basketball



UConn men's basketball takes on Villanova at PeoplesBank Arena on Jan 24, 2026. Both teams were tied 61-61 at the end of the second half, but the Huskies toppled the Wildcats in overtime, winning 75-67.

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ATTENTION SPORTS FANS:

PREPARE FOR THE SPORTS CALENDAR TO BREAK THE INTERNET

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Within the next five months, sports fans will get to witness the Olympics, Super Bowl, March Madness, World Cup and so much more.

The real question is, though, how can we process all these events? We can sit back, kick up our feet, and enjoy!

Winter Olympics

On Feb. 6, the Winter Olympics start in Milan & Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy. The opening ceremony will take place at Milan's San Siro Stadium, with the closing ceremony taking place on Feb. 22 at Verona's Roman Arena.

This year, over 2,900 athletes will compete from over 90 countries in 16 sports for 116 medal events, according to the official Olympics' website.

One of the events to keep an eye on is the new Ski mountaineering event, also called "Skimo." This event consists of athletes ascending with and without skies, depending on the steepness, followed by a descent.

There will be three events for it, including men's and women's individual sprints and a mixed relay involving one male and one female athlete.

The Olympics will be streamed on NBC and Peacock.

Super Bowl

Two days later, we have Super Bowl LX with the (16-3) Seattle Seahawks taking on the (17-3) New England Patriots. The game will be played at Levi's Stadium in Santa Clara, Calif. This will be a rematch of Super Bowl XLIX, when the Patriots won on a last-second interception at the goal line, taking the 28-24 win.

Arguably one of the worst play calls in the history of the Super Bowl, the Seahawks will look for payback this year.

The Patriots open as the underdogs, as no one saw them making it this far. This year, they are known for having the easiest schedule in the league, but they are still taking down the top defenses in the NFL.

The Seahawks have cruised through the past few weeks, defeating the top teams in the country, which should lead to an exciting Super Bowl.

College Baseball

Feb. 13 is the opening day of college baseball. With many young athletes looking to make their name known under the lights, the first hit of the bat should be a signal to fans that a brand-new season of college baseball is coming. The college baseball World Series will take place in Omaha, Neb., on June 12.

World Baseball Classic

A few weeks later, the biggest stage of baseball will be on display at the World Baseball Classic on March 5. The stage will be played in multiple cities, including Tokyo, San Juan, Houston and Miami, with the championship game being played on March 17 at Loan Depot Park in Miami. This event is held every four years, with the best players in the world representing their country based on heritage or citizenship.

March Madness

Two weeks later, college basketball explodes in its biggest month of the year. March Madness has opening tipoffs on March 17 and 18 with the First Four games. Following that, 64 teams will compete for the title, showing Cinderella runs, bracket busters and buzzer beaters. The Final will take place on April 6 at the Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis.

Get ready, maybe this year you can finally get that perfect bracket!

Opening Day

Continuing with baseball, we have the Opening Day on March 26. The New York Yankees will face the San Francisco Giants on March 25, for a standalone Opening Night. The Opening Day schedule for the next day will feature a 14-game slate. According to MLB.com, this will be the earliest scheduled Opening Day in MLB history.

The Masters

The 2026 Masters Tournament will start on April 6. Although the golf tournament begins on April 9, the week includes practice rounds and the Par 3 contest on the 6th. Returning champion Rory Mcllroy looks to defend the Green Jacket at Augusta National Golf Club in Georgia.

NHL and NBA Playoffs

A few weeks later, the greatest post-season tournaments begin. The NHL and NBA playoffs are scheduled to start in late April, drawing in millions of viewers.

With fast-paced and exciting hockey, mixed with dramatic NBA playoffs, fans will be hoping for some nail-biting game sevens.

The finals for both leagues will come in June, with ABC/ESPN showing the NBA and NHL finals.

World Cup

As we enter June, the most viewed sporting event will take place in America, the World Cup. This will be the first World Cup hosted by three countries.

It will begin on June 11, with the Final on July 19. There will be a total of 16 host cities, with 11 in the US, two in Canada, and three in Mexico. This year, the Cup has expanded to 48 teams instead of the traditional 32. There will be 12 groups of four, with the top two teams from each group advancing to the round of 32 knockout stage.

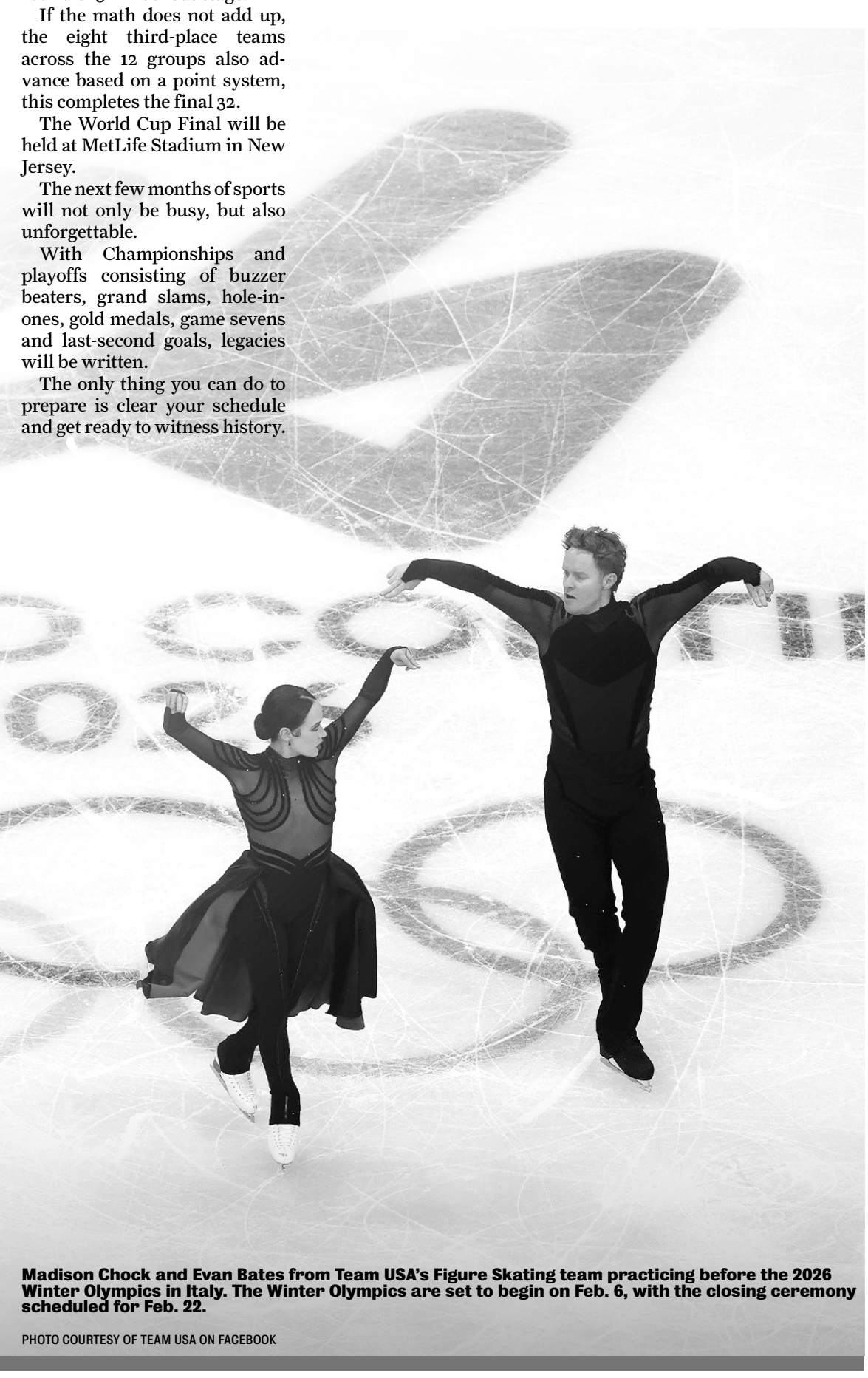
If the math does not add up, the eight third-place teams across the 12 groups also advance based on a point system, this completes the final 32.

The World Cup Final will be held at MetLife Stadium in New Jersey.

The next few months of sports will not only be busy, but also unforgettable.

With Championships and playoffs consisting of buzzer beaters, grand slams, hole-in-ones, gold medals, game sevens and last-second goals, legacies will be written.

The only thing you can do to prepare is clear your schedule and get ready to witness history.



Madison Chock and Evan Bates from Team USA's Figure Skating team practicing before the 2026 Winter Olympics in Italy. The Winter Olympics are set to begin on Feb. 6, with the closing ceremony scheduled for Feb. 22.

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