

# Sports

## Ballard Memorial spoils senior night in Cadiz

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Ballard Memorial managed to play the role of spoiler on Monday, walking out of Wildcat Gym with a 46-35 win. It was a night meant to celebrate the careers of the Trigg County seniors, but a cold-shooting first half created a

mountain that the Wildcats just couldn't quite climb. Offensively, the Wildcats spent most of the night searching for a spark that never fully ignited. Ballard's defense was suffocating early, holding Trigg to just 12 made field goals on 46 attempts—a tough 26% shooting performance that's hard to overcome against

a disciplined regional opponent. Despite the struggles, senior Landon Swann made sure his final regular-season home game was one to remember. Swann was a bright spot, leading the way with 13 points and showing total composure at the line where he went a perfect 2-for-2. Fellow senior Davaree Gude was right

there with him, grinding out 12 points and doing the dirty work on the boards to lead the team with 8 rebounds. There were flashes of a comeback in the second half when sophomore Clay Travis found his range. Travis knocked down two of the team's three triples to finish with 6 points, briefly giving the

home crowd hope that a signature Senior Night rally was brewing. However, the Wildcats just couldn't string together enough stops to complement the scoring. Zamarrion Broussard and Karmelo Dixon chipped in two points each, but the offensive consistency wasn't there to close the gap.



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United States' Mikaela Shiffrin shows her gold medal of the alpine ski, women's slalom race, at the 2026 Winter Olympics, in Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy, Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2026.

## Mikaela Shiffrin wins Third Olympic Gold in slalom

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CORTINA D'AMPEZZO, Italy — Mikaela Shiffrin closed her eyes, gave a deep breath and took a big step back onto the top of an Olympic podium. The American skiing standout was a gold medalist at the Winter Games once again — and she couldn't quite believe it.

Shiffrin put in two dominant runs in gorgeous conditions amid the jagged peaks of the Dolomites to win the women's slalom by a massive 1.50 seconds, ending her eight-year medal drought at the Winter Games and showing why she is widely regarded as the greatest Alpine skier of all time.

In emotional scenes after the race, the 30-year-old Shiffrin was embraced by Camille Rast of Switzerland, who took silver, and bronze medalist Anna Swenn Larsson before fighting back tears as she approached her mom and coach, Eileen, for a long, deep hug next to the finish area.

Through it all, Shiffrin said, she never stopped thinking about her father, Jeff, who died at the age of 65 in an accident at the family home in Colorado in February 2020.

"This was a moment I have dreamed about — I've also been very scared of this moment," Shiffrin said. "Everything in life that you do after you lose someone you love is like a new experience. It's like being born again."

"And I still have so many moments where I resist this. I don't want to be in life without my dad," she added, her voice trembling. "And maybe today was the first time that I could actually accept this, like, reality."

The victory made Shiffrin the first American skier to win three Alpine golds and was the third-largest margin of victory in a women's Olympic slalom — the event she won as a fresh-faced teenager in Sochi in 2014 to underline her status as a skiing star.

Twelve years later, having lost her father, expecting failed to meet huge expectations at the 2022 Olympics, having become the most successful World Cup skier of all time



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United States' Mikaela Shiffrin celebrates winning the gold medal of the alpine ski, women's slalom race, at the 2026 Winter Olympics, in Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy, Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2026.

with a record 108 victories and then having overcome the two biggest crashes of her career and an ensuing battle with post-traumatic stress disorder, she delivered again in her favorite race.

In a sense, her skiing career had just come full circle.

"Maybe," she added, "just today, I realized what happened to me in Sochi."

At the medal ceremony, she shook both of her hands as she was about to receive her gold medal, clearly overcome by emotion. When it was placed around her neck, she looked down at it almost in disbelief.

Maybe it was a release of all the pressure on Shiffrin after she failed to win an Olympic medal in eight races since adding gold and silver to her collection in Pyeongchang in 2018.

A nightmarish 0-for-6 performance in Beijing was followed in Cortina d'Ampezzo this year by a fourth-place finish with Breezy Johnson in the team combined, in which Shiffrin placed 15th in the slalom portion, and an 11th place in the giant slalom.

It was fodder for the "keyboard warriors," Shiffrin acknowledged, but she ignored all of them.

Shiffrin has now won three golds and a silver at the Olympics to add to her record total on World Cup wins — it's 108 and counting, including 71 in slalom. There's also world titles in slalom (four), giant slalom and super-G to fill out arguably the greatest career in Alpine racing.

"In another league," was how Larsson put it.

Shiffrin led by 0.82 seconds after the first run on a mostly flat course that Team USA officials described to her over the radio as a "high-tempo ripper."

There was one wobble when she struck a gate and for a fraction of a second, it appeared she was headed for another Olympic disappointment.

Not this time. She snapped back into form to post a time, in the No. 7 bib, no one could get near.

"When I saw one second (behind) after the first run," Rast said, "I was like, 'OK, the gold is gone.'"

While she attempted to nap before her second run, Shiffrin said she started to cry because she was thinking about her dad.

"And then," she added, "I was thinking about the fact that I actually can show up today, and honestly say in the start gate that I have all the tools that are necessary to do my best skiing, and to earn that moment."

Given her emotions, Shiffrin's second run was impressively smooth as she got through the tough top section without a hitch and pushed through the slower middle section.

When she leaned forward to cross the line, Shiffrin had the largest margin of victory in any Olympic Alpine skiing event since 1998.

"I felt every range of emotion in the last three months, the last four months, the last four years, the last eight years," Shiffrin said. "There's so many different journeys I've been on to just be here today."

## Georgia wins at Rupp for first time since 2009

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LEXINGTON, Ky. — Blue Cain scored 20 points, Jeremiah Wilkinson added 19 points off the bench and Georgia beat Kentucky 86-78 on Tuesday night for its first win at Rupp Arena since 2009.

Georgia (18-8, 6-7 SEC) had lost 12 straight at Kentucky since a 90-85 victory on March 4, 2009.

Cain made two free throws with 4:05 remaining for a 78-69 lead following a Flagrant 1 foul. But the Bulldogs turned it over on the ensuing inbound play and Otega Owhe raced the other way

for a fast-break dunk while being fouled. His free throw cut Kentucky's deficit to six. Marcus Millender answered with a long 3-pointer for Georgia to make it 81-72 with 3:33 remaining. The Bulldogs did not score again until Somtochukwu Cyril grabbed an offensive rebound and banked in a shot in the paint with 44.3 seconds left for an 83-78 lead.

Denzel Aberdeen made Kentucky's last field goal of the game with 3:03 left before the Wildcats missed five straight.

Cyril and Millender each had 14 points for Georgia, which had lost five of its last


six overall. Owhe led Kentucky (17-9, 8-5) with 28 points. Collin Chandler added 18 points on a career-high six 3s and Aberdeen scored 14. The Wildcats entered allowing an average of 65 points per game.

Wilkinson made a 3-pointer with two seconds left in the first half to give Georgia a 39-34 lead at halftime. Cain and Cyril combined for 17 points on 6-of-8 shooting.


### UP NEXT

Georgia: Returns home to play Texas on Saturday.

Kentucky: Goes on the road to play Auburn on Saturday.



# LEGAL NOTICE



**ALLISON BALL**  
**AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS**  
Independent Auditor's Report

The Honorable Stan Humphries, Trigg County Judge/Executive  
The Honorable Carmen Finley, Trigg County Clerk  
Members of the Trigg County Fiscal Court  
**Report on the Audit of the Financial Statement**

**Opinions**  
We have audited the accompanying Statement of Receipts, Disbursements, and Excess Fees - Regulatory Basis of the County Clerk of Trigg County, Kentucky, for the year ended December 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statement. Unmodified Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statement presents fairly, in all material respects, the receipts, disbursements, and excess fees of the Trigg County Clerk for the year ended December 31, 2024, in accordance with the basis of accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Commonwealth of Kentucky to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky's regulatory basis of accounting and budget laws as described in Note 1.

*Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles*  
In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles section of our report, the financial statement does not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the Trigg County Clerk, as of December 31, 2024, or changes in financial position or cash flows thereof for the year then ended.

**Basis for Opinion**  
We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards (GAS), issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the Audit Program for County Fee Officials issued by the Auditor of Public Accounts, Commonwealth of Kentucky. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statement section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Trigg County Clerk and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

*Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles*  
As described in Note 1 of the financial statement, the financial statement is prepared by the Trigg County Clerk on the basis of the accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the laws of Kentucky to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky's regulatory basis of accounting and budget laws, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The effects on the financial statement of the variances between the regulatory basis of accounting described in Note 1 and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material and pervasive.

**Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statement**  
Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of this financial statement in accordance with accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the laws of Kentucky to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky's regulatory basis of accounting and budget laws. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of a financial statement that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statement, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Trigg County Clerk's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

**Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statement**  
Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS and GAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statement.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and GAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statement, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Trigg County Clerk's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statement.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Trigg County Clerk's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we have identified during the audit.

**Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards**  
In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated October 20, 2025, on our consideration of the Trigg County Clerk's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, grant agreements, and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering the Trigg County Clerk's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Based on the results of our audit, we have presented the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Responses, included herein, which discusses the following report findings:  
2024-001 The Trigg County Clerk's Office Lacks Adequate Controls Over Financial Reporting  
2024-002 The Trigg County Clerk's Office Lacks Adequate Segregation Of Duties

Respectfully submitted,  
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October 20, 2025  
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