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## **Sochi 2014 Olympic Winter Games** **Speed Skating Men's 10,000 m Preview**

After a day's break the Sochi 2014 Olympic Winter Games Speed Skating competition will resume on Tuesday in the Adler Arena with the Men's 10,000m.

Following the withdrawal of the Norwegian and the Russian Teams in preparation for the team pursuit the draw today delivered no big surprises. Skaters from nine countries will compete in seven pairs, with Germany and the Netherlands competing with three skaters, the USA with two. Five skaters are considered serious medal candidates, with Sven Kramer (NED) being the main favourite. In Vancouver he posted the fastest time but was then disqualified because of a wrong lane change. Lee Seung-Hoon (KOR) became the champion, followed by Ivan Skobrev (RUS) and Bob de Jong (NED). All but Skobrev will compete tomorrow. Yevgenij Seryayev will represent the host country. Kramer and Lee will skate in the in the last pair which will keep the suspense until the end. Before them Dutch hopeful Jorrit Bergsma (bronze medalist in the 5000m) skates with Bart Swings (BEL), and in pair 5 the 37 year old Bob de Jong (NED) will skate his fifth Olympics (2010 bronze, 2006 gold and 1998 silver) with the goal to add another medal to his collection.

The 10,000m is a bit of a tactful race as the best skaters will try to maintain a steady tempo and try to speed up after the 6000m mark.

For more information, full entry lists and results please see: [www.sochi2014.com](http://www.sochi2014.com) and [www.isu.org](http://www.isu.org)

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