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## TEAM USA FINISHES WITH FIRST TITLE SINCE 1980

# Larkin plays huge role in USA gold medal run



Players of Team USA, including Detroit Red Wings' captain Dylan Larkin (21) celebrate a 2-1 victory against Canada in overtime for the gold medal during the Men's Gold Medal match between Canada and the United States on Feb. 22 in Milan, Italy. GETTY IMAGES

## Red Wings forward scores two goals in tournament

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MILAN – Dylan Larkin was still on his skates half an hour after the game ended, a gold medal around his neck. He didn't want to take off either.

"It's just the best feeling I've ever felt with these skates on," the Detroit Red Wings forward told USA TODAY Sports. "From having my daughter to now, to the start we've had in Detroit. This season's been a lot of fun and now this. There's a lot to look forward to."

Larkin had just helped USA win

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**Gold medalists Matthew Tkachuk (19), Dylan Larkin (21) and Charlie McAvoy (25) celebrate during the medal ceremony for Men's Ice Hockey.** GREGORY SHAMUS/GETTY IMAGES

### IN SPORTS

**Michigan's Olympics mettle:** Meet the medalists from the Mitten.

# Stellantis pronunciation up in air

Firm says you can say name however you like

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There are many important questions to ask about the automotive industry, but there is one trivial — though nonetheless confounding — question to ask about Stellantis: How the heck do you pronounce that name?



**Many Europeans use the softer "Stell-AHN-tis" pronunciation.** STEPHANIE LECOCQ/REUTERS

The company, which was first established just over five years ago, is the international parent

company of some of the largest names in the U.S. automotive industry — including Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep and Ram — as well as a smattering of European nameplates, like Citroen, Peugeot, Fiat, Alfa Romeo, Opel and Maserati.

Some in the Motor City still call it Chrysler. Others call it Jeep's parent company. But when referring to the whole company that makes the third leg of the Detroit Three automakers, there is still a

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### WEATHER

# Winter storm pummels Northeast

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NEW YORK – An intensifying winter storm pummeled the Northeast on Feb. 23, unleashing blizzard conditions that blanketed major cities in snow, brought travel to a standstill and caused mass power outages.

The powerful nor'easter dumped more than 2 feet of snow across much of the Eastern Seaboard by the afternoon. The weather service had received at least 22 preliminary reports of 24 inches of snow or more spanning a distance of nearly 200 miles, stretching from Freehold, New

Cities report whiteouts, mass power outages

### Inside

Upper Peninsula got buried in snow over the weekend, up to 32 inches. **4A**

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**Over 568,000 power outages were reported across the Northeast by the morning of Feb. 23.** PETER PEREIRA/NEW BEDFORD STANDARD-TIMES

# Peace deal for Ukraine remains elusive

**Francesca Chambers**  
USA TODAY

WASHINGTON – President Donald Trump has taken extraordinary action when it comes to confronting authoritarians in places like Venezuela, where U.S. forces captured leader Nicolas Maduro, and Iran, where Trump bombed nuclear sites in June 2025 and is now threatening a new attack.

But there's one strongman Trump has consistently refused to challenge: Russian President Vladimir Putin, whose intellect and iron grip the former reality TV star has long admired.

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Trump takes harder line with Kyiv than Moscow

### Inside

Ukrainians mourn homes, loved ones as war grinds on. **3A**



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