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Speedskater Rodriguez takes USATODAY.com weekly honor

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Two A-Rods are at the top of their sports. Alex Rodriguez was named American League MVP on Monday, and Andy Roddick has finished the 2003 tennis season as the world's No. 1 player.



Jennifer Rodriguez is 2-for-2 at 1,500 meters in this season's World Cup competition.

By Christian Seeling, AP

It's also been a good week for J-Rod. Jennifer Rodriguez took overall honors at a four-race speedskating event in Erfurt, Germany, and won her second straight World Cup 1,500-meter race.

For her efforts, Rodriguez (the speedskater, not the shortstop) is USATODAY.com's inaugural U.S. Olympic Athlete of the Week.

The double medalist in the 2002 Olympics won three of the four races over the weekend, sweeping the 500 and 1,500 meters on Saturday and completing her hat trick in Sunday's 1,000 meters. She placed fifth in the 3,000 meters. The two longer races also were World Cup events.

Other notable U.S. performances:

- Luge: Tony Benshoof was second after the first run and held on for eighth place overall at the season-

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opening World Cup competition in Sigulda, Latvia.



• **Figure skating:** Sasha Cohen continued her dominance on the Grand Prix circuit this season, winning the Trophee Lalique competition in Paris with a score of 197.19, more than 25 points ahead of the field. Cohen, who won last season's Grand Prix Final, has won all three Grand Prix events she has entered this season.

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• **Weightlifting:** Tara Cunningham placed seventh in the women's 105.6-pound class at weightlifting's world championships in Vancouver, British Columbia.

• **Volleyball:** Danielle Scott finished as the eighth-leading scorer in the Women's World Cup in Japan with 152 points (110 kills, 40 blocks, two aces). The U.S. women's team finished third with an 8-3 record, clinching a berth in the 2004 Olympics at the first opportunity. The performance spared the U.S. a potentially difficult road through supplemental qualifiers.

USATODAY.com will select each U.S. Olympic Athlete of the Week based on competition in international events that are part of the Olympic Games.

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