

Germany's Carina Vogt Wins First Ever Ski Jump Gold

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Germany's Carina Vogt made it into the record books Tuesday by becoming the first-ever Olympic women's ski jump gold medalist.

Ninety years after the men's ski jump debut at the Olympics, Vogt shed her outsider status as she won the title with a score of 274.4 points.

The silver medal went to Austria's Daniela Iraschko-Stolz on 246.2, with bronze for 18-year-old French jumper Coline Mattel on 245.2.

Japanese 17-year-old Sara Takanashi was the favorite for gold after dominating the World Cup season, but had to settle for fourth place.

Female ski jumpers had been campaigning for a women's event at the Olympics ever since 1998, even launching an unsuccessful lawsuit to be included on the Vancouver 2010 program,

but the International Olympic Committee previously said there were not enough high-quality athletes to ensure a competitive contest.

The Sochi Olympic stage only one women's event compared with the three for the men.

On Sunday, Poland's Kamil Stoch won the men's normal hill gold. The men's large hill event is Saturday, before the men's team event on Feb. 18.

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