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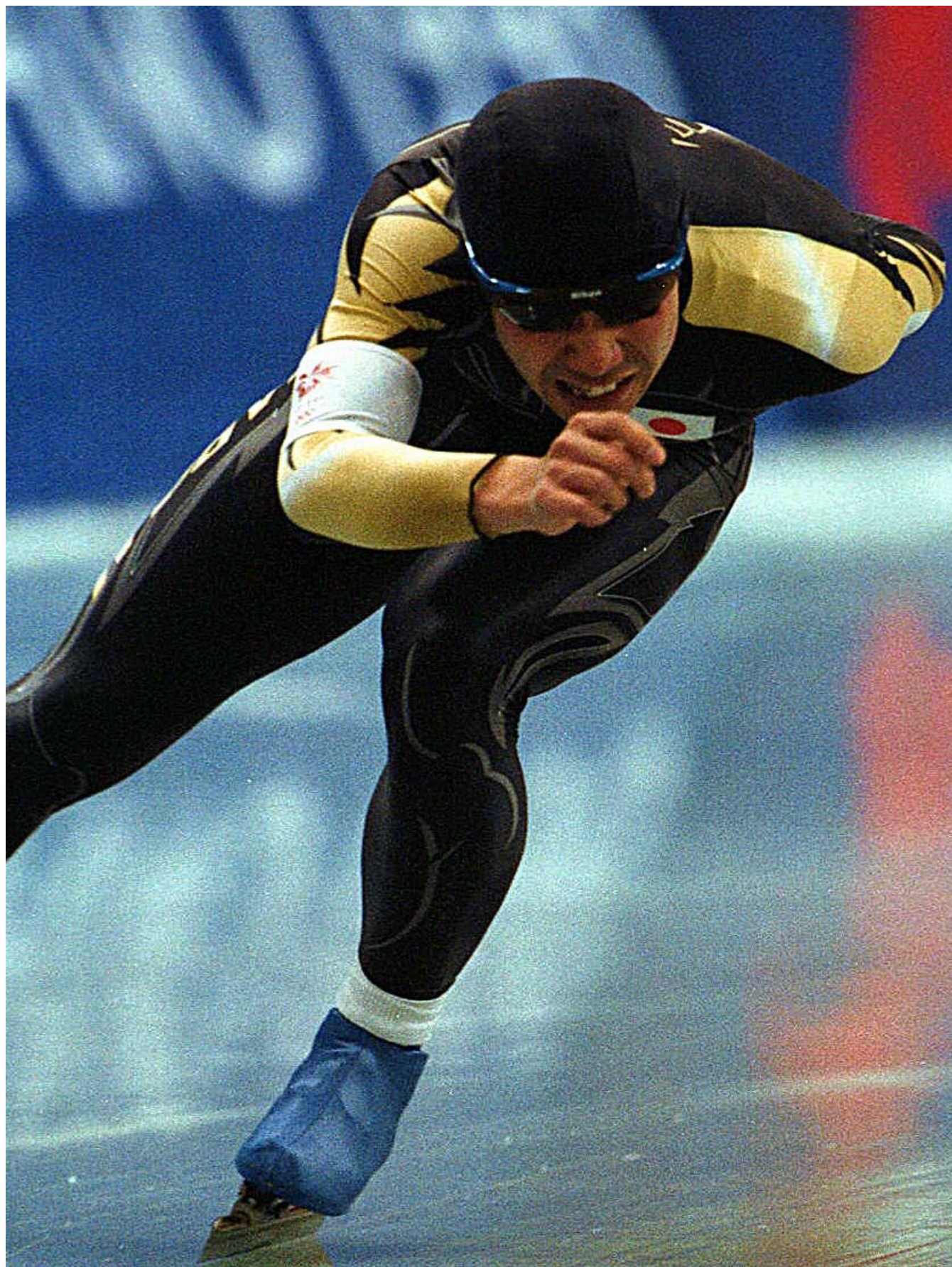
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## 1998 Nagano Olympic Winter Games Day 2

### Three world, Olympic records set in 5,000 meters



Japan's Keiji Shirahata in 7th place.

**D**utch speed skater Gianni Romme set the third world and Olympic record of the afternoon in the men's 5,000 meters Sunday, posting a time of 6 minutes, 22.20 seconds at the Nagano Olympic Winter Games.

Romme lopped more than six seconds off the world and Olympic record set only minutes earlier by compatriot Rintje Ritsma and former Dutch skater Bart Veldkamp at the M-Wave indoor oval.

Romme's previous world mark was a 6:30.63 set in Heerenveen, Netherlands last December.

Veldkamp, who now skates for Belgium after a falling out with the Dutch skating federation the 1994-1995 season, was the first to eclipse Romme's old mark with a time of 6:28.31, which was later erased by Ritsma's 6:28.24.

The former Olympic record of 6:34.96 was set by Norway's Johann Olav Koss at the Lillehammer Games four years ago.

#### Results

Results of speed skating men's 5,000 meters Sunday in the 18th Olympic Winter Games at M-Wave indoor oval, Nagano:

- 1. Gianni Romme, Netherlands  
6 minutes, 22.20 seconds (World record)
  - 2. Rintje Ritsma, Netherlands 6:28.24
  - 3. Bart Veldkamp, Belgium 6:28.31
  - 4. Bob De Jong, Netherlands 6:31.37
  - 5. Frank Dittrich, Germany 6:32.17
  - 6. Rene Taubenrauch, Germany 6:35.21
  - 7. Keiji Shirahata, Japan 6:36.71
  - 8. Kjell Storelid, Norway 6:37.12
- (Kyodo News)

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