

CRYPTIC OLYMPIC SQUARES

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SQUARE 1

Across

- 1 Protest without real advantage
- 6 Odds of doors accommodating two large women
- 7 Nagano, Vancouver hosting means test (abbrev.)
- 8 Piste initially to act like end of smoother sheet
- 9 Lock front of skis to pursue technical matter

Down

- 1 Heads of American team hold up landing site change
- 2 First of snowboarders working with a range finding device
- 3 Slant cut in sides of skate
- 4 Little people could be famous rock 'n' roll singers?
- 5 Stars could be leaders of Russian team?

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SQUARE 2

Across

- 1 Blows resolution, absorbing bit of steroid
- 6 Upper north borders of Canada assume pressure to remove crown
- 7 Energy and easy pace leading to jump
- 8 Alert father before finish of biathlon
- 9 Student's method manifest without answer (hyph.)

Down

- 1 Visitor offered prediction in conversation
- 2 Until switch of time, left dark
- 3 Twenty CEOs weaving around middle of courses
- 4 Records put up around area west of pylons
- 5 Breathless ski-cross leader confined

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SQUARE 3

Across

- 1 Enough data for us without snow
- 6 Reverse like luger initially performing in room
- 7 Wear red during part of broadcast
- 8 Change grooming later
- 9 Sloppy meal room close to ceremony

Down

- 1 Crowd and some of athletes served up tea
- 2 Guy hides pole in tree
- 3 Leaders lacking interest in schemes
- 4 Traditional beliefs upset loser
- 5 One who watches losing head for competitor

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SQUARE 4

Across

- 1 Bizarre totem composition
- 6 Earlier Lake Placid area passion
- 7 Constituents pour out after game
- 8 Gold team returned without a means of transportation
- 9 What's left from hockey no-nos after dropping first two

Down

- 1 Mother wins final of curling with hot rock
- 2 Gores dancing giants...
- 3 ...and half of them canine
- 4 Benefit from dash returning between errors...
- 5 ... – some nasty positional mistakes

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SQUARE 5

Across

- 1 Trouble gaining standard missing a month APRIL
- 6 Routine work completed capturing lead in relay DRONE
- 7 John 's at start of event relaxing LOOSE
- 8 Put under heading “Missing from season”
- 9 Top performances slaloming initially inside stakes

Down

- 1 Ex-boxer grips back of sled before spontaneous remark (hyph.)
- 2 Bill, after beginning of promising run, lying flat
- 3 Goes downhill garnering zero cheers
- 4 Trendy place producing picture within a picture
- 5 Looks lasciviously at quarter of bobsleighters following the French

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