Do Opening Ceremony Uniforms Deserve Gold? Silver? Bronze?

I am an Olympic junkie and have been since I was born. According to one story told by Ma and Pa, I was a colicky baby who only settled down when they put me in front of the black and white TV to watch the ’72 Winter games. So it’s no surprise that from February 7-23 I will be DVRing my favorite shows and watching the XXII Winter Olympic Games in Sochi, Russia.

I’ve already started preparing for the Olympics. I have pinned some Russian fashions to my [Pinterest board](http://www.pinterest.com/prairieheels/two-steppin-style/) and am gathering some recipes for borscht and other Slavic treats. I’ve also worked to prepare myself emotionally for the videos chronicling breakout stars, family tragedies, catastrophic injuries, unexpected victories, and comeback stories. I am a sucker for the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat.

I also love the coverage of the opening ceremony—one enormous, international fashion show! Team USA’s uniforms for the event have been unveiled, and the response on Twitter has been less than stellar. Because Prairie Wife and I have a [guarantee](http://www.prairiewifeinheels.com/prairie-wife-gaurantee.html) to our readers that says, “We promise that we will present our ideas and opinions in a positive light,” I won’t comment on the sweaters by Ralph Lauren, other than to say not everyone gets a medal at the Olympics. But I did do a quick search to see how they compare to [outfits of the past](http://extramustard.si.com/2014/01/23/history-of-olympic-opening-ceremony-outfits/). Check out the faux shearling coats in the 1980 Lake Placid game and my favorite winter parade ensemble in 2010.

What color medal (if any) would you award this year’s outfit? Which “blasts from the past” are your favorite?