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and GOLD!***

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**On the Cover**

The joy of an Olympic gold medal is on the face of American freestyle wrestler Helen Maroulis after her triumph in the 53 kg class in Rio.  
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## *Lane One: The Future is “Why?”*

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The Games of the XXXI Olympiad will end in a couple of days, with the Brazilian organizers moving on to the Paralympics and then to more than a year of clean-up and close-out.

The International Olympic Committee, meanwhile, will have a lot to do to try and figure out what the future is going to look like, most immediately in Tokyo for 2020. But very quickly, it must choose a city for the 2024 Games among Budapest, Los Angeles, Paris and Rome. That election comes in September of 2017.

Current IOC Vice-President Juan Antonio Samaranch Jr. (son of the former president) said some years ago that the key issue for host cities in their presentations is *why* did they want to host the Games.

That is the key question going forward.

Brazil wanted to host in 2016 to showcase its expanding economy and status as an emerging world power. That looked fine in 2009, but not through a terrible recession that has caused national economic pain and political turmoil.

So now the question is not only “why” when the bid is made, but what happens when the reason for getting the Games disappears? What bid city is the most likely to be able to host the Games adequately if – as the saying goes – things go south?

The lessons of past Games inform us that the city with the least construction burden is the one most likely to be successful when finances get tight. And, as we have seen in Rio, even better is to have venues which are already in operation on a continuing basis irrespective of

the Games, and which simply become hosts rather than opening for the first time under the glare of international television cameras.

“Why” cities want the Games is important. How much they will want them when those reasons disappear over the seven years between award and opening is a new facet which must be considered – very carefully – to make the right choice for the future.

This is the true lesson of the Rio experience. Will anyone learn from it?



Rich Perelman  
Editor

## *What is The Sports Examiner?*

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The Sports Examiner is a new publication. Our purpose is to cover international sports – with a special emphasis on those sports and events that are part of the Olympic/Winter Games programs. You can get it sent directly to your e-mail inbox (free) by signing up at [www.Perelman-Pioneer.com](http://www.Perelman-Pioneer.com).

These athletes deserve the comprehensive coverage given to a fairly small number of sports which are so popular in individual countries, such as baseball, basketball, football (several kinds), ice hockey and others. Why not offer a journal, available online, which can provide fans with a 360-degree view of the top level of world sport in all its variety?

After the Games are completed, we’ll begin the continuous coverage of international sport because even though the program in Rio will be completed, sport does not stop. Tell your friends to join us for free by entering their e-mail address in the subscription form at [www.Perelman-Pioneer.com](http://www.Perelman-Pioneer.com)!



## Rio 2016: U.S. tops 1,000!

A full schedule of 25 finals were held on Day 13 and the United States, as it has each day of the Games, led the daily scoring at 84.

The U.S. has now scored 1,042.6 points at the Games, extending its overall lead after 13 days, ahead of China (677.5). The Americans have scored as many as 112.3 points in a single day and a low of 55, with two days over 100. Great Britain is have a brilliant Games, third with 628.

We're using the U.S. collegiate track & field scoring system of 10-8-6-5-4-3-2-1 for eight places (same as the number of diplomas given out by the International Olympic Committee), giving extra weight to the gold and silver medalists, but also recognizing that third and fourth are very close (and shared in some combat sports). After day 13, with 242 of 306 events scored, the leaders:

1.	1,042.6	USA	15.	170.8	Spain	29.	79.5	Belgium
2.	677.5	China	16.	147	Ukraine	30.	79	Colombia
3.	628	Great Britain	17.	145.3	Hungary	31.	77.5	Croatia
4.	462.5	Russia	18.	137.5	Kazakhstan	32.	76	Ireland
5.	446	Germany	19.	125	Denmark	33.	74.5	DPR Korea
6.	402.5	France	20.	121.5	Poland	34.	69.5	Switzerland
7.	382.5	Australia	21.	107.5	Cuba	35.	67.5	Uzbekistan
8.	382	Japan	22.	106.5	Sweden	36.	65.5	Thailand
9.	333.5	Italy	23.	104.8	South Africa	37.	55	Greece
10.	235.5	Netherlands	24.	101.5	Kenya	38.	54.5	Georgia
11.	226.5	Brazil	25.	100	Belarus	39.	54	Romania
12.	223	Canada	26.	90.5	Czech Rep.	40.	52	Ethiopia
13.	192	New Zealand	27.	88	Jamaica	41.	51	Mexico
14.	176.5	Korea	28.	82.5	Azerbaijan	42.	50	Egypt

Day 12-only scoring leaders:

1.	84	USA	13.	27.5	Netherlands	25.	14.5	Poland
2.	65.5	Great Britain		27.5	Russia	26.	13	Serbia
3.	40	New Zealand	15.	24	Jamaica	27.	12.5	Korea
4.	39.5	France	16.	21.5	Kanakhstan	28.	12	Argentina
5.	39	China	17.	20.5	Belarus		12	Sweden
6.	38.5	Spain	18.	20	Croatia	30.	11.5	Turkey
7.	38	Germany	19.	19	Belgium	31.	11	Czech Rep.
8.	35	Denmark		19	South Africa	32.	10	Jordan
9.	34	Canada	21.	17	Azerbaijan		10	Kenya
10.	33.5	Brazil		17	Hungary		10	Lithuania
11.	33	Japan	23.	15.5	Cuba		10	Ukraine
12.	32	Australia	24.	15	Italy	36.	9	Portugal

37.	7	Venezuela	4	DPR Korea	1.5	Thailand		
38.	6.5	Algeria	47.	3.5	Cameroon	56.	1	Austria
39.	6	Greece	48.	3	Estonia	1	India	
40.	5.5	Iran		3	Slovenia	1	Latvia	
41.	5	Congo	50.	2.5	Ecuador	1	Puerto Rico	
	5	Ireland	51.	2	Indonesia	1	Senegal	
	5	Mexico		2	Panama	1	Slovakia	
44.	4	Georgia	53.	1.5	Egypt			
	4	Malaysia		1.5	Morocco			

Please note that the Olympic Charter, the constitution and rule book of the worldwide Olympic Movement, states with clarity in Rule 57: *“The IOC and OCOG (organizing committee of the Olympic Games) shall not draw up any global ranking per country.”*

So we’re picking up the slack ... unofficially, of course. The IOC and Rio 2016 organizers will award not only medals to the top three finishers, but also elegant diplomas to the top eight place winners. That recognition is the basis on which points can be awarded to each place-winner and totaled up by National Olympic Committee. All together, over 306 events, there are 11,934 points to be awarded!

A total of 61 National Olympic Committees – again the most in a single day – scored on Day 13. We’ll update the scores daily for the leading countries, and have a full tally at the end of the Games.



*British brothers Alistair and Jonathan Brownlee celebrating a 1-2 finish in the men’s triathlon (YSA TODAY Sports/Jack Gruber)*

## Rio 2016: Capsule Previews of August 19 Finals

*Olympic finals tracker:*

Days completed: 13 of 16 / Events completed: 242 / Events Remaining: 64

Today: 22 finals in 11 sports

In advance of today's finals, here are capsule overviews of these events, with the likely medal contenders showcased to enhance your viewing experience, either live or on television. Summaries of events held so far are also included for reference.

Will we mention every medal winner? Not a chance. Our perfect record went out the window with the first event of the Games, when American Ginny Thrasher moved from 23rd in the World Rankings – and never a top-3 finisher in a major international event – to receiving the gold medal in the Women's 10 m Air Rifle. But we thought the Chinese would do well and they won silver and bronze.

That's the fun of sport; theater is great, but you know that Hamlet isn't going to be chatting with his old friend Yorick after the curtain comes down! On with the Games!

### • **Archery/Summary**

Date	Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze(s)
Aug 12	M Individual	Ku (KOR)	Valladont (FRA)	Ellison (USA)
Aug 6	M Team	Korea	USA	Australia
Aug 11	W Individual	Chang (KOR)	Unruh (GER)	Ki (KOR)
Aug 7	W Team	Korea	Russia	Chinese Taipei

*As expected: the Koreans won both team titles, winning 6-0, 6-0, 6-0 in their three men's matches and then 5-1, 5-1 and 5-1 over Russia to claim the women's crown. And they won both individual events, sweeping the gold medals.*

### • **Athletics: Summary**

Date	Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze(s)
Aug 14	M 100 m	Bolt (JAM)	Gatlin (USA)	DeGrasse (CAN)
Aug 19	M 200 m	Bolt (JAM)	DeGrasse (CAN)	Lemaitre (FRA)
Aug 14	M 400 m	van Niekerk (RSA)	James (GRN)	Merritt (USA)
Aug 15	M 800 m	Rudisha (KEN)	Makhloufi (ALG)	Murphy (USA)



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<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Gold</b>	<b>Silver</b>	<b>Bronze(s)</b>
Aug 17	M 3000 m Steeplechase	C. Kipruto (KEN)	Jager (USA)	Mekhissi (FRA)
Aug 13	M 10,000 m	Farah (GBR)	Tanui (KEN)	Tola (ETH)
Aug 16	M 110 m Hurdles	McLeod (JAM)	Ortega (ESP)	Bascou (FRA)
Aug 18	M 400 m Hurdles	Clement (USA)	Tumuti (KEN)	Copello (TUR)
Aug 12	M 20 km Walk	Wang (CHN)	Cai (CHN)	Bird-Smith (NZL)
Aug 16	M High Jump	Drouin (CAN)	Barshim (QAT)	Bondarenko (UKR)
Aug 15	M Pole Vault	Da Silva (BRA)	Lavillenie (FRA)	Kendricks (USA)
Aug 13	M Long Jump	Henderson (USA)	Manyonga (RSA)	Rutherford (GBR)
Aug 16	M Triple Jump	Taylor (USA)	Claye (USA)	Dong (CHN)
Aug 19	M Shot Put	Crouser (USA)	Kovacs (USA)	Walsh (NZL)
Aug 13	M Discus	C. Harting (GER)	Malachowski (POL)	Jasinki (GER)
Aug 19	M Decathlon	Eaton (USA)	Mayer (FRA)	Warner (CAN)
Aug 13	W 100 m	Thompson (JAM)	Bowie (USA)	Fraser-Pryce (JAM)
Aug 17	W 200 m	Thompson (JAM)	Schippers (NED)	Bowie (USA)
Aug 15	W 400 m	Miller (BAH)	Felix (USA)	Jackson (JAM)
Aug 16	W 1500 m	Kipyegon (KEN)	Dibaba (ETH)	Simpson (USA)
Aug 15	W 3000 m Steeplechase	Jebet (BRN)	Jepkemoi (KEN)	Coburn (USA)
Aug 12	W 10,000 m	Ayana (ETH)	Cheruiyot (KEN)	G. Dibaba (ETH)
Aug 14	W Marathon	Sumgong (KEN)	Kirwa (BRN)	M. Dibaba (ETH)
Aug 17	W 100 m Hurdles	Rollins (USA)	Ali (USA)	Castlin (USA)
Aug 19	W 400 m Hurdles	Muhammad (USA)	Petersen (DEN)	Spencer (USA)
Aug 17	W Long Jump	Bartoletta (USA)	Reese (USA)	Spanovic (SRB)
Aug 14	W Triple Jump	Ibarguen (COL)	Rojas (VEN)	Rypakova (KAZ)
Aug 12	W Shot Put	Carter (USA)	Adams (NZL)	Marton (HUN)
Aug 16	W Discus	Perkovic (CRO)	Robert-Michon (FRA)	Caballero (CUB)
Aug 15	W Hammer	Wlodarczyk (POL)	Zhang (CHN)	Hitchon (GBR)

Date	Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze(s)
Aug 19	W Javelin	Kolak (CRO)	Viljoen (RSA)	Spotakova (CZE)
Aug 13	W Heptathlon	Thiam (BEL)	Ennis-Hill (GBR)	Thiesen-Eaton (CAN)

*What a way to start: a world record in the first event on the track for Ethiopia's Almaz Anaya with an astonishing 29:17.45! Two days later, South Africa's Wayde van Niekerk – running out of lane 8! – shattered Michael Johnson's 1999 world record in the 400 m (43.18) with an almost-beyond-comprehension time of 43.03. And Johnson, commentating for the BBC, was there to call it.*

*Then, Poland's Anita Wlodarczyk extends her own women's hammer record to 82.29 m (269-11) in winning the Olympic title on Monday.*

*Did we forget to mention Usain Bolt's history-making third 100 m & 200 m titles in a row? Oh well, no world records there ...*

• ***Athletics/ Men's 4x100 m Relay***

<i>The formchart:</i>		<i>Gold</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Bronze</i>
OG '12	London	Jamaica	Trinidad & Tobago	France
WCh '13	Moscow	Jamaica	United States	Canada
WCh '15	Beijing	Jamaica	China	Canada

Jamaica is the favorite once again, but the U.S. is inside the green & yellow in lane 3 for the final. If both can hold onto the stick – a bigger challenge for the Americans in recent history – Usain Bolt may have to do some work on the anchor to get home first again. Jamaica's world record of 36.84 seems safe, but ...

Japan won its heat in 37.68 over Jamaica and was second in qualifying to the U.S. (37.65), but the favorite for bronze has to be Canada in lane seven, thanks to the presence of Andre DeGrasse, perhaps the next sprint star. If he's on anchor, look for him to move the Maple Leafs up on the field from wherever he starts.

• ***Athletics/Men's 50 km Walk***

<i>The formchart:</i>		<i>Gold</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Bronze</i>
OG '12	London	Jared Tallent (AUS)	Tianfeng Si (CHN)	Robert Heffernan (IRL)
WCh '13	Moscow	Robert Heffernan (IRL)	Mikhail Ryzkov (RUS)	Jared Tallent (AUS)
WCh '15	Beijing	Matej Toth (SVK)	Jared Tallent (AUS)	Takayuki Tanii (JPN)

Eighty walkers are expected to start, led by 2012 Olympic gold medalists – after all the drug disqualifications came in – **Jared Tallent** of Australia. He declined the opportunity to race in the 20 km event to focus on this one. This is his third Games: second in Beijing in '08 and runner-up in



London until moved up on the re-test of samples. He was second in the Walking World Cup earlier this year.

He will be severely challenged by a host of contenders, starting with reigning World Champion **Matej Toth** of Slovakia, 2014 World champ **Robert Heffernan** of Ireland, Japan's 2015 Worlds bronze winner **Takayuki Tanii** and three speedy Chinese walkers, **Zhendong Wang** (3:41:02), **Yucheng Han** (3:42:53) and **Wei Yu** (3:42:54).

The yearly leader at 3:37.48 (for 31+ miles!) is France's **Yohan Diniz**, second in the 2007 World Championships, and a three-time European champion in 2006-10-14. Wild card: Italy's **Marco de Luca**, fourth in this year's Walking World Cup.

• **Athletics/Men's Hammer**

<i>The formchart:</i>		<i>Gold</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Bronze</i>
OG '12	London	Krisztian Pars (HUN)	Primoz Kozmus (SLO)	Koji Murofushi (JPN)
WCh '13	Moscow	Pawel Fajdek (POL)	Krisztian Pars (HUN)	Lukas Melich (CZE)
WCh '15	Beijing	Pawel Fajdek (POL)	Dilshod Nazarov (TJK)	Wojciech Nowicki (POL)

Two-time World Champion Pawel Fajdek didn't make it out of the qualifying round, sending this event into a frenzy. Maybe time for a surprise from defending Olympic champ **Krisztian Pars**? He's only thrown 77.38 m (253-10), but this would be a good time for a seasonal breakthrough.

**Ivan Tikhon** of Belarus – identified by the Rio results system as Ivan Tsikhan – is the only one in the field who has cleared the 80 m mark this season, at 80.04 m (262-7) and is likely the favorite. He owns a bronze medal from 2008, but had to give up his 2004 silver due to a positive drug test.

Tajikistan's **Dilshod Nazarov**, a three-time Olympian, Poland's **Wojciech Nowicki**, Moldova's **Sergei Marghiev** and Slovakia's **Marcel Lomnický** are all experienced throwers who could break into this now-open competition. Wild card: Egypt's **Hassan Mahmoud**, who has thrown 78.39 m this year(257-2) at altitude.

• **Athletics/Women's 5000 m**

<i>The formchart:</i>		<i>Gold</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Bronze</i>
OG '12	London	Meseret Defar (ETH)	Vivian Cheruiyot (KEN)	Tirunesh Dibaba (ETH)
WCh '13	Moscow	Meseret Defar (ETH)	Mercy Cheronon (KEN)	Almaz Ayana (ETH)
WCh '15	Beijing	Almaz Ayana (ETH)	Senbere Teferi (ETH)	Genzebe Dibaba (ETH)

**Almaz Ayana** set the distance-running world on its ear with her stunning 29:17.45 10,000 victory and world record. Now, she's trying for the *five-and-dime* double, last done by Tirunesh Dibaba in 2008. She's the world leader at 14:12.59, nearly 20 seconds ahead of everyone else.

The challengers are well familiar with the opportunities, having seen Ayana before. **Hellen Obiri**,

**Mercy Cherono** and **Vivian Cheruiyot** of Kenya will likely have a common strategy to work together to defeat Ayana; Cherono was the 2013 World silver medalist and Cheruiyot, the runner-up in London in 2012. Obiri has the fastest non-Ayana time so far this year at 14:32.02.

Ayana's teammate, **Senbere Teferi** must be accounted for as well; she was runner-up at last year's World Championships. Away from East Africa, watch for Kenyan-born, 19-year-old **Yasemin Can** of Turkey, the 2016 European champ. A prodigy, perhaps?

• **Athletics/Women's 4x100 m Relay**

<i>The formchart:</i>		<i>Gold</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Bronze</i>
OG '12	London	United States	Jamaica	Ukraine
WCh '13	Moscow	Jamaica	United States	Great Britain
WCh '15	Beijing	Jamaica	United States	Trinidad & Tobago

Jamaica zipped around the track in heat one, running 41.79 to win easily. The U.S. was leading in heat two, then had trouble on the second exchange between Allyson Felix and English Gardner, dropped the stick due to interference and then filed a protest. The result? The U.S. ran a separate third heat and had to run 42.70 or better to advance into the final ... and ran 41.77 to be the fastest qualifier.

Stickwork will be the difference in the final. If the U.S. can get the baton around cleanly in lane one, the final-leg showdown could be epic. More likely: Jamaica, with safe passes, will be in front for anchor Elaine Thompson or Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce. Great Britain looked very good in its heat, behind Jamaica, and is favored for bronze.

• **Athletics/Women's 20 km Walk**

<i>The formchart:</i>		<i>Gold</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Bronze</i>
OG '12	London	E. Lashmanova (RUS)	Shenjie Qieyang (CHN)	Hong Liu (CHN)
WCh '13	Moscow	E. Lashmanova (RUS)	A. Kirdyapkina (RUS)	Hong Liu (CHN)
WCh '15	Beijing	Hong Liu (CHN)	Xiuzhi Liu (CHN)	Lyudmyla Olyanosvska (UKR)

A large field of 74 walkers is expected to line up for the 10:30 a.m. start. The Chinese duo of **Hong Liu** – the 2011 and 2015 World Champion – and **Shenjie Qieyang** are the ones to watch. They were the silver (Qieyang) and bronze (Liu) medal winners from 2012 and Qieyang has a silver medal from the 2016 Walking World Cup in this event.

They will not be alone, however. The World Cup winner from earlier this year, Mexico's **Maria Guadalupe Gonzalez**, will be in contention. She won the Walking World Cup this year and was Pan Am Games champ in 2015. Italy's **Elisa Rigaud** will be making her fourth Olympic appearance, and owns a bronze medal from 2008 in this event; she was fourth in the 2016 Walking World Cup.

Wild card: if cheers from spectators on the loop course mean anything, then look for Brazil's **Erica de Sena**, third in the Walking World Cup in 2016 and the runner-up to Gonzales at the 2015 Pan Ams. She will easily get the loudest reaction from the home crowd.

• **Athletics/Women's Pole Vault**

<i>The formchart:</i>		<i>Gold</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Bronze</i>
OG '12	London	Jenn Suhr (USA)	Yarisley Silva (CUB)	Yelena Isinbayeva (RUS)
WCh '13	Moscow	Yel. Isinbayeva (RUS)	Jenn Suhr (USA)	Yarisley Silva (CUB)
WCh '15	Beijing	Yarisley Silva (CUB)	Fab. Murer (BRA)	Nikoleta Kyriakopoulou (GRE)

Five to watch: Defender **Jenn Suhr** is the favorite, but has been ill, so if teammate's **Sandi Morris's** tricky wrist is fine, she could challenge for the top step on the podium; Morris is the wrld outdoor leader at 4.92 m (16-2). Cuba's **Yarisley Silva** is the reigning World Champion, but has not jumped as high so far this year.

If any of these falter, watch for Greece's **Ekaterini Stefanidi** or Australia's **Alana Boyd** to contend for medals.

• **Badminton/Summary**

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Bronze(s)</i>
Aug 18	Women's Doubles	Japan	Denmark	Korea
Aug 17	Mixed Doubles	Indonesia	Malaysia	China

*Joy for Indonesia, getting by China in the semifinals and winning the Mixed Doubles with a straight-set victory over Malaysia.*

• **Badminton: Men's Doubles**

<i>The formchart:</i>		<i>Gold</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Bronze</i>
OG '12	London	China	Denmark	Korea
WCh '13	Guangzhou	Indonesia	Denmark	Korea-China
WCh '14	Copenhagen	Korea	Korea	Korea-Denmark
WCh '15	Jakarta	Indonesia	China	Korea-Japan

Gold-medal finalists **V. Shem Goh and Wee Kiong Tan** from Malaysia and China's **Haifeng Fu and Nan Zhang** were not supposed to get this far. True that Fu was part of the gold-medal-winning 2012 team, but with a new partner, they hadn't conquered the major tournaments.

For Goh and Tan, the breakthrough came in the quarterfinals, when they overcame the 2014 Korean World Champions Lee and Yoo by a 2-1 count, then eliminated Chai and Hong from China, also 2-1.

Fu and Zhang also had a major challenge in the quarterfinals, edging Korea's Gi-jung Kim and Sa-ring Kim, 2-1, to advance against Great Britain (a 2-0 win).

Now in the final, the pairs appears fairly even; give Goh and Tan an edge for having beaten tougher competition on the road to the final.

• **Badminton: Women's Singles**

<i>The formchart:</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Bronze</i>
OG '12 London	Xuerui Li (CHN)	Yihan Wang (CHN)	Saina Nehwal (IND)
WCh '13 Guangzhou	Ratch. Intanon (THA)	Xuerui Li (CHN)	Youn-joo Bae (KOR)-P.V. Sindhu (IND)
WCh '14 Copenhagen	Carolina Marin (ESP)	Xuerui Li (CHN)	Minatsu Mitani (JPN)-Pusarla Sindhu (IND)
WCh '15 Jakarta	Carolina Marin (ESP)	Saina Nehwal (IND)	Ji-hyun Sung (KOR)-Lindaweni Fanetri (INA)

Not a big surprise to see two-time World Champion **Carolina Marin** of Spain in the final against India's two-time Worlds bronze medalist, **Pusarla Sindhu**.

Marin dispatched China's defending Olympic champ, Xuerui Li in the semifinals, 2-0, to cement her favorite's status. Sindhu took care of the 2012 silver winner Yihan Wang of China in the quarters, then cruised past Nozomi Okuhara, 2-0, in the semis.

• **Beach Volleyball/Summary**

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Bronze(s)</i>
Aug 18	Men	Brazil	Italy	Netherlands
Aug 17	Women	Germany	Brazil	United States

*As expected, the Brazilians made the gold-medal and bronze-medal matches ... and lost both! Amazing performances by Germany's Laura Ludwig and Kira Walkenhorst and Americans Kerri Walsh Jennings and April Ross to overcome a hostile crowd cheering on the home team.*

• **Boxing/Summary**

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Bronze(s)</i>
Aug 14	Men's 49 kg	Dusmatov (UZB)	Martinez (COL)	Hernandez (USA) Argilagos (CUB)
Aug 16	Men's 60 kg	Conceicao (BRA)	Oumiha (FRA)	Alvarez (CUB) Dorjnyambuu (MGL)
Aug 17	Men's 69 kg	Yeleussinov (KAZ)	Giyasov (UZB)	Rabii (MAR) Cissokho (FRA)
Aug 18	Men's 81 kg	La Cruz (CUB)	Niyazymbetov (KAZ)	Bauderlique (FRA)

Date	Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze(s)
Aug 15	Men's 91 kg	Tishchenko (RUS)	Levit (KAZ)	Tulaganov (UZB) Savon (CUB)

The first boxing title went to 23-year-old Hasanboy Dusmatov of Uzbekistan, who decisioned Yurberjen Martinez of Colombia, 3-0, in the final. After five classes, five countries have won gold medals and 10 have won medals.

• **Boxing/Women's Lightweight (60 kg)**

The formchart:	Gold	Silver	Bronze
OG '12 London	Katie Taylor (IRL)	Sofya Ochigava (RUS)	Mavzuna Chorieva (TJK)-Adr. Araujo (BRA)
WCh '14 Jeju City	Katie Taylor (IRL)	Yana Alekseeva (AZE)	Junhua Yin (CHN)-Estelle Mossely (FRA)
WCh '16 Astana	Estelle Mossely (FRA)	Ana. Beliakova (RUS)	Katie Taylor (IRL)-Mira Potkonen (FIN)

**Junhua Yin (CHN) vs. Estelle Mossely (FRA)**

Mossely is trying to extend the World Championships she won in Astana in May to the Olympic Games. She TKO'd her World Champs runner-up Anastasia Beliakova of Russia in the semis, after a 3-0 whitewash of Irma Testa of Italy in the quarters.

Yin was a bronze medalist in the 2014 Worlds (along with Mossely), and turned away Finland's Mira Potkonen, 3-0, in the semifinals. Potkonen had eliminated defending champ Katie Taylor of Ireland.

Mossely is the favorite, thanks to her masterful World Championships performance in May, and a strong record in Rio. Not often that anyone can win a World Championship and Olympic gold medal in the same year, let alone three months apart!

• **Canoeing/Summary**

Date	Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze(s)
Aug 18	Sprint/M C-1 200 m	Cheban (UKR)	Demyanenko (AZE)	Queiroz (BRA)
Aug 16	Sprint/M C-1 1000 m	Brendel (GER)	Queiroz d.Santos (BRA)	Tarnovschi (MDA)
Aug 16	Sprint/M K-1 1000 m	Dostal (CZE)	Anoshkin (RUS)	Stewart (AUS)
Aug 18	Sprint/M K-2 200 m	Spain	Great Britain	Lithuania
Aug 18	Sprint/M K-2 1000 m	Germany	Serbia	Australia
Aug 16	Sprint/W K-1 200 m	Carrington (NZL)	Walczykiewicz (POL)	Osipenko-Rodomska (AZE)

Date	Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze(s)
Aug 18	Sprint/W K-1 500 m	Kozak (HUN)	Jorgensen (DEN)	Carrington (NZL)
Aug 16	Sprint/W K-2 500 m	Hungary	Germany	Poland
Aug 9	Slalom/M Single	Gargaud Chanut (FRA)	Benus (SVK)	Haneda (JPN)
Aug 10	Slalom/M Kayak	Clarke (GBR)	Kauzer (SLO)	Prskavec (CZE)
Aug 11	Slalom/M Doubles	Slovakia	Great Britain	France
Aug 11	Slalom/W Kayak	Chourraut (ESP)	Jones (NZL)	Fox (AUS)

*The Slalom races have been completed, with four races and winners from four countries, and all from Europe. Sprint has spread the wealth as well: six countries have won gold in the eight races so far, but two each for Germany and Hungary.*

• **Cycling/Summary**

Date	Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze(s)
Aug 16	M Keirin	Kenny (GBR)	Buchli (NED)	Awang (MAS)
Aug 14	M Sprint	Kenny (GBR)	Skinner (GBR)	Dmitriev (RUS)
Aug 11	M Team Sprint	Great Britain	New Zealand	France
Aug 12	M Team Pursuit	Australia	Germany	Denmark
Aug 15	M Omnium	Viviani (ITA)	Cavendish (GBR)	Hansen (DEN)
Aug 13	W Keirin	Ligtlee (NED)	James (GBR)	Meares (AUS)
Aug 16	W Sprint	Vogel (GER)	James (GBR)	Marchant (GBR)
Aug 12	W Team Sprint	China	Russia	Germany
Aug 13	W Team Pursuit	Great Britain	United States	Canada
Aug 16	W Omnium	Trott (GBR)	Hammer (USA)	D'Hoore (BEL)
Aug 6	M Road Race	Van Avernaet (BEL)	Fuglsang (DEN)	Majka (POL)
Aug 10	M Time Trial	Cancellara (SUI)	Dumoulin (NED)	Froome (GBR)
Aug 7	W Road Race	Van der Breggen (NED)	Johansson (SWE)	Longo Borghini (ITA)
Aug 10	M Time Trial	Armstrong (USA)	Zabelinskys (RUS)	van der Breggen (NED)

*Great Britain won 10 medals over the 10 events in the velodrome, including five wins. Who do they*

think they are, the U.S. swim team?

The road races produced four winners from four different countries. Two late crashes on the final descent decided both of the individual road races: late-race leaders – Vincent Nibali of Italy and Sergio Henao Montoya of Colombia in the men’s event, and Annemiek Van Vleuten (NED) on the women’s side – all crashed and opened the way for Greg Van Avermaet of Belgium with Dane Jakob Fuglsang close behind and Anna van der Breggen (NED), Emma Johansson of Sweden and Elisa Longo Borghini of Italy.

• **Cycling/BMX: Men**

<i>The formchart:</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Bronze</i>
OG '12 London	Maris Strombergs (LAT)	Sam Willoughby (AUS)	Carlos Oquendo (COL)
WCh '13 Auckland	Liam Phillips (GBR)	Marc Willers (NZL)	Luis Brethauer (GER)
WCh '14 Rotterdam	Sam Willoughby (AUS)	Tory Nyhaug (CAN)	Tre Whyte (GBR)
WCh '15 Heusden-Zolder	Niek Kimman (NED)	Jelle van Gorkom (NED)	David Graf (SUI)
Wch '16 Medellin	Joris Daudet (FRA)	Niek Kimman (NED)	Nicholas Long (USA)

Some 16 riders will start the semifinal, with the field cut to eight for the one-circuit race for medals in the final. The familiar names are on the semifinal start list; in heat one are 2016 World bronze medalist **Nicholas Long** of the U.S., 2012 Olympic bronze medalist **Carlos Oquendo** (COL), 2015 silver winner **Jelle van Gorkom** (NED), 2015 bronze medalist **David Graf** (SUI) and Germany’s **Luis Brethauer**, the 2013 bronze winner.

In heat two are Australia’s 2014 World Champ (and 2012 Olympic silver winner) **Sam Willoughby**; 2015 World Champion **Niek Kimman** (NED) and Canada’s 2014 World silver medalist **Tory Nyhaug**. The top four in each semi (all runs) will advance to the one-shot final around the course.

• **Cycling/BMX: Women**

<i>The formchart:</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Bronze</i>
OG '12 London	Mariana Pajon (COL)	Sarah Walker (NZL)	Laura Smulders (NED)
WCh '13 Auckland	Carol Buchanan (AUS)	Lauren Reynolds (AUS)	Manon Valentino (FRA)
WCh '14 Rotterdam	Mariana Pajon (COL)	Alise Post (USA)	Laura Smulders (NED)
WCh '15 Heusden-Zolder	Stef. Hernandez (VEN)	Carol. Buchanan (AUS)	Simone Christensen (DEN)
WCh '16 Medellin	Mariana Pajon (COL)	Carol. Buchanan (AUS)	Alise Post (USA)

There’s no doubt that the stars of women’s BMX over the past four years are Colombia’s **Mariana Pajon** and Australian **Caroline Buchanan**. Pajon is the defending gold medalist and has won two more World titles since then. Buchanan took the 2013 World title and silver medals in the last two World Championships.

They each head one semifinal. Pajon has good company, 2015 World Champion **Stefany Hernandez** with her, as well as three Worlds silver or bronze medalists in France’s **Manon**

**Valentino, Simone Christensen** of Denmark and **Alise Post** of the U.S. Someone has to lose out in this semi.

In the second semi group, Buchanan will face off with 2014 bronze winner **Laura Smulders** of the Netherlands and six less-decorated riders. Four will advance to the one-circuit final for the medals.

• **Diving/Summary**

Date	Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze(s)
Aug 16	M 3 m Springboard	Cao (CHN)	Laugher (GBR)	Hausding (GER)
Aug 10	M 3 m Synchronized	Laugher-Mears (GBR)	Dorman-Hixon (USA)	Cao-Qin (CHN)
Aug 8	M 10 m Synchronized	Chen-Lin (CHN)	Boudia-Johnson (USA)	Daley-Goodfellow (GBR)
Aug 14	W 3 m Springboard	Shi (CHN)	He (CHN)	Cagnotto (ITA)
Aug 18	W 10 m Platform	Ren (CHN)	Si (CHN)	Benfeito (CAN)
Aug 7	W 3 m Synchronized	Shi-Wu (CHN)	Cagnotto-Dallape (ITA)	Kenney-Smith (AUS)
Aug 9	W 10 m Synchronized	Chen-Liu (CHN)	Cheong-Pamg (MAS)	Benfeito-Filion (CAN)

*After big wins on the platform and in the women's synchronized springboard, the Chinese express was slowed temporarily in the men's synchronized springboard, by the British and American duos. But China still has a perfect record of medaling in every event in Rio so far.*

• **Equestrian/Summary**

Date	Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze(s)
Aug 15	Dressage Individual	Dujardin (GBR)	Werth (GER)	Broring-Sprehe (GER)
Aug 12	Dressage Team	Germany	Great Britain	United States
Aug 17	Jumping Team	France	United States	Germany
Aug 9	Eventing/Individual	Jung (GER)	Nicolas (FRA)	Dutton (USA)
Aug 9	Eventing/Team	France	Germany	Australia

*Big days for Germany and France, and for the veteran Michael Jung and the youngster Astier Nicolas, who has a long and bright future ahead of him. Congratulations to the ageless Mark Todd of New Zealand, seventh at age 60!*

• **Equestrian/Jumping ~ Individual**



<i>The formchart:</i>		<i>Gold</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Bronze</i>
OG '12	London	Steve Guerdat (SUI)	Gerco Schroeder (NED)	Cian O'Connor (IRL)
WEqG '14	Normandy	Jer. Dubbeldam (NED)	Patrice Delaveau (FRA)	Beezie Madden (USA)

Both the defending Olympic gold medalist – **Steve Guerdat** of Switzerland – and reigning World Champion – **Jeroen Dubbeldam** (NED) – are in the field and will start with a clean sheet after the qualifications.

Neither was among the leaders in the opening round. At the top of the results sheet was Canada's **Eric Lamaze**, riding Fine Lady 5 and with no faults in the qualifier. Three others had only one fault – **Kent Farrington** of the U.S., **Peder Fredricson** of Sweden and **Maikel van der Vleutin** (NED).

The finals will comprise two separate rounds of jumping on different layouts to test horse and riders, with the fewest total faults creating the champion.

- ***Fencing/Summary***

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Bronze(s)</i>
Aug 9	M Epee	Park (KOR)	Imre (HUN)	Grumier (FRA)
Aug 14	M Epee Team	France	Italy	Hungary
Aug 7	M Foil	Garrozzo (ITA)	Massialas (USA)	Safin (RUS)
Aug 12	M Foil Team	Russia	France	United States
Aug 10	M Sabre	Szilagyi (HUN)	Homer (USA)	Kim (KOR)
Aug 6	W Epee	Szasz (HUN)	Fiamingo (ITA)	Sun (CHN)
Aug 11	W Epee Team	Romania	China	Russia
Aug 10	W Foil	Deriglazova (RUS)	Di Francisca (ITA)	Boubakri (TUN)
Aug 8	W Sabre	Egorian (RUS)	Velikaya (RUS)	Kharlan (UKR)
Aug 13	W Sabre Team	Russia	Ukraine	United States

*Countries from four continents – including Africa – won fencing medals in Rio, but the Russians showed strongest, with two individual wins on the women's side and two team golds, and three additional medals. Hungary and the United States both won four medals.*

- ***Football/Women***

<i>The formchart:</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Bronze</i>
OG '12 London	United States	Japan	Canada
WCup '15 Canada	United States	Japan	England

Surprise finalists Sweden and Germany both had setbacks during the tournament, but proved resilient when needed to get to the final game,

Sweden was only third in its group, but advanced into the quarterfinals not having scored more than one goal in any game. They scored only one against the top-seeded U.S. squad, but won on penalty kicks, 4-2. Then came a rematch with group-stage foe Brazil, which had swamped the Swedes, 5-1 in their second game. Again, defense: the game ended in a 0-0 tie and the Swedes won, 4-3, on penalty kicks. On to the final!

Germany was second in its group to Canada, losing 2-1 to the Canadians in their third game. After a 1-0 win vs. China in the quarters, Germany sent Canada home in the semis with a 2-0 loss and qualified for the final.

Other than a wild 5-1 loss to Brazil in the group stage, the Swedes have given up one goal in their other four games. Look for more of the same in the final, although it is worth noting that these teams met a year ago in the Women's World Cup, with the Germans winning 4-1 in the round of 16.

• ***Golf/Summary***

<b><i>Date</i></b>	<b><i>Event</i></b>	<b><i>Gold</i></b>	<b><i>Silver</i></b>	<b><i>Bronze(s)</i></b>
Aug 14	Men	Rose (GBR)	Stenson (SWE)	Kuchar (USA)

*Britain's Justin Rose was steady throughout the rounds with scores of 67-69-65-67 on the par-71 course to win at 268, just two strokes ahead of Sweden's Henrik Stenson, who shot a final-round 68. Bronze medalist Matt Kuchar (USA) ran off a brilliant 63 on the last day to claim the bronze medal.*

• ***Gymnastics/Summary***

<b><i>Date</i></b>	<b><i>Event</i></b>	<b><i>Gold</i></b>	<b><i>Silver</i></b>	<b><i>Bronze(s)</i></b>
Aug 8	Artistic/M Team	Japan	Russia	China
Aug 10	Artistic/M All-Around	Uchimura (JPN)	Verniaiev (UKR)	Whitlock (GBR)
Aug 14	Artistic/M Floor Exercise	Whitlock (GBR)	Hypolito (BRA)	Mariano (BRA)
Aug 16	Artistic/M Horizontal Bar	Hambuchen (GER)	Leyva (USA)	Wilson (GBR)
Aug 16	Artistic/M Parallel Bars	Vernaiev (UKR)	Leyva (USA)	Belyavskiy (RUS)
Aug 14	Artistic/M Pommel Horse	Whitlock (GBR)	Smith (GBR)	Naddour (USA)

Date	Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze(s)
Aug 15	Artistic/M Rings	Petrounias (GRE)	Zanetti (BRA)	Ablyazin (RUS)
Aug 15	Artistic/M Vault	Ri (PRK)	Ablyazin (RUS)	Shirai (JPN)
Aug 9	Artistic/W Team	United States	Russia	China
Aug 11	Artistic/W All-Around	Biles (USA)	Raisman (USA)	Mustafina (RUS)
Aug 15	Artistic/W Balance Beam	Wevers (NED)	Hernandez (USA)	Biles (USA)
Aug 16	Artistic/W Floor Exercise	Biles (USA)	Raisman (USA)	Tinkler (GBR)
Aug 14	Artistic/W Uneven Bars	Mustafina (RUS)	Kocian (USA)	Scheder (GER)
Aug 14	Artistic/W Vault	Biles (USA)	Paseka (RUS)	Steingruber (SUI)
Aug 13	M Trampoline	Hancharou (BLR)	Dong (CHN)	Gao (CHN)
Aug 12	W Trampoline	MacLennon (CAN)	Page (GBR)	Li (CHN)

*Outstanding performances on the parallel bars in Rotation 4 and floor exercise in Rotation 6 keyed Japan's seventh Olympic men's title, and its first since 2004. The U.S. women were expected to win easily and did, eight points ahead of Russia. Kohei Uchimura got his gold in the Men's All-Around, and Simone Biles got hers. Our correspondent Jan Fambro notes that by winning the vault, Biles became the first American female gymnast to win three golds in a single Games; she added the Floor Exercise yesterday. She will also need a bigger trophy case: she now has more Olympic/World Champs medals than any female gymnast in U.S. history, with 19.*

• **Hockey/Summary**

Date	Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze(s)
Aug 18	Men	Argentina	Belgium	Germany

*Argentina overcame a 1-0 deficit in the final to score a solid 4-2 win over Belgium to earn the gold.*

• **Hockey/Women**

The formchart:	Gold	Silver	Bronze
OG '12 London	Netherlands	Argentina	Great Britain
WCup '14 The Hague	Netherlands	Australia	Argentina

Seeing the Netherlands in the field hockey final is no surprise: they're the defending Olympic and World Cup champions. The Dutch were 4-0-1 in preliminary play, then edged Argentina, 2-1, in the quarterfinals in a tight match and got by Germany on a shoot-out following a 1-1 tie to get to the final.

On the other side is Great Britain, bronze medalists four years ago, but which did little in the 2014 World Cup (England team). In Rio, they were 5-0 in their group, scoring nine goals to four for their opponents. In the knock-out stage, they clubbed Spain, 3-1 and then breezed by New Zealand, 3-0.

The Dutch are the favorites; look for their defense to keep the British at bay.

• **Judo/Summary**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Gold</b>	<b>Silver</b>	<b>Bronze(s)</b>
Aug 6	M 60 kg	Mudranov (RUS)	Smetov (KAZ)	Takato (JPN) Urozboev (UZB)
Aug 7	M 66 kg	Basile (ITA)	An (KOR)	Sobirov (UZB) Ebinuma (JPN)
Aug 8	M 73 kg	Ono (JPN)	Orujov (AZE)	Shavdatuashvili (GEO) van Tichelt (BEL)
Aug 9	M 81 kg	Khalmurzaev (RUS)	Stevens (USA)	Toma (UAE) Nagase (JPN)
Aug 10	M 90 kg	Baker (JPN)	Liparteliani (GEO)	Gwak (KOR) Cheng (CHN)
Aug 11	M 100 kg	Krpalek (CZE)	Gasimov (AZE)	Maret (FRA) Haga (JPN)
Aug 12	M +100 kg	Riner (FRA)	Harasawa (JPN)	Silva (BRA) Sasson (ISR)
Aug 6	W 48 kg	Pareto (ARG)	Jeong (KOR)	Kondo (JPN) Galbadrakh (KAZ)
Aug 7	W 53 kg	Kelmendi (KOS)	Giuffrida (ITA)	Nakamura (JPN) Kuziutina (RUS)
Aug 8	W 57 kg	Silva (BRA)	Dorjsuren (MGL)	Montiero (POR) Matsumoto (JPN)
Aug 9	W 63 kg	Trstenjak (SLO)	Agbegnenou (FRA)	Gerbi (ISR) Van Emden (NED)
Aug 10	W 70 kg	Tachimoto (JPN)	Alvear (COL)	Conway (GBR) Vargas Koch (GER)
Aug 11	W 78 kg	Harrison (USA)	Tcheumeo (FRA)	Aguiar (BRA) Velensek (SLO)

Date	Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze(s)
Aug 12	W +78 kg	Andeol (FRA)	Ortiz (CUB)	Yamabe (JPN) Yu (CHN)

The loudest cheers of the tournament so far were for Brazil's Rafaela Silva – the 2013 World Champion – winning in front of her home fans! And almost as loud for Rafael Silva, who scored bronze in the Men's +100 kg division. Ten different countries won gold medals.

• **Modern Pentathlon/Women**

The formchart:		Gold	Silver	Bronze
OG '12	London	L. Asadauskaite (LTU)	Sam. Murray (GBR)	Yane Marques (BRA)
WCh '13	Kaoshiung	L. Asadauskaite (LTU)	Yane Marques (BRA)	Donata Rimsaite (RUS)
WCh '14	Warsaw	Sam. Murray (GBR)	Qian Chen (CHN)	Wanxia Liang (CHN)
WCh '15	Berlin	L. Schoneborn (GER)	Qian Chen (CHN)	Yane Marques (BRA)
WCh '16	Moscow	Sarolta Kovacs (HUN)	Elodie Clouvel (FRA)	Lena Schoneborn (GER)

Created by modern Olympic founder Pierre de Coubertin as a test of military skills, the modern pentathlon has morphed into a one-day event incorporating swimming, fencing, riding (jumping) and a combined running and shooting test.

Thirty-six women are slated to start the event and the major medal winners from the past four years will all be present. That includes defending Olympic champion **Laura Asadauskaite** of Lithuania and world champs **Samantha Murray** (GBR), **Lena Schoneborn** (GER) and 2016 World Champion **Sarolta Kovacs** of Hungary.

But the loudest cheers will be for the 2013 Worlds silver winner **Yane Marques** of Brazil, competing on home turf.

Schoeneborn is currently ranked no. 1 in the world, with Asadauskaite no. 2 and Hungary's **Zsofia Foldhazi** as no. 3. Foldhazi was second at the 2016 World Cup final, win by Schoeneborn, just ahead of Lithuania's **Ieva Serapinaite**, making them both wild cards to watch.

• **Rowing/Summary**

Date	Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze(s)
Aug 13	M Single Sculls	Drysdale (NZL)	Martin (CRO)	Synek (CZE)
Aug 11	M Double Sculls	Croatia	Lithuania	Norway
Aug 11	M Quad Sculls	Germany	Australia	Estonia
Aug 11	M Pair	New Zealand	South Africa	Italy

Date	Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze(s)
Aug 12	M Four	Great Britain	Australia	Italy
Aug 13	M Eight	Great Britain	Germany	Netherlands
Aug 13	W Single Sculls	Brennan (AUS)	Stone (USA)	Duan (CHN)
Aug 11	W Double Sculls	Poland	Great Britain	Lithuania
Aug 11	W Quad Sculls	Germany	Netherlands	Poland
Aug 12	W Pair	Great Britain	New Zealand	Denmark
Aug 13	W Eight	United States	Great Britain	Romania
Aug 12	M Lightweight Dbl Sculls	France	Ireland	Norway
Aug 11	M Lightweight Four	Switzerland	Denmark	France
Aug 12	W Lightweight Dbl Sculls	Netherlands	Canada	China

*After losing a day of finals to the weather, 15 countries won medals on a busy first day of rowing finals. The win by the U.S. women in the eights ran their streak of Olympic or World Championships victories to an amazing 11 in a row.*

• **Rugby Sevens/Summary**

Date	Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze(s)
Aug 11	Men	Fiji	Great Britain	South Africa
Aug 8	Women	Australia	New Zealand	Canada

*Australia's women claimed a 10-5 halftime lead over longtime foes New Zealand and held on for a 24-17 victory and the gold medal in rugby's return to the Olympic Games. The Aussies finished 5-0-1 for the tournament, with only a draw against the U.S. to mar their record. On the men's side, Fiji walloped Great Britain, 43-7, in the final: impressive!*

• **Sailing/Summary**

Date	Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze(s)
Aug 14	M RS:X	van Rijsselberghe (NED)	Dempsey (GBR)	La Coq (FRA)
Aug 16	M Laser	Burton (AUS)	Bernaz (FRA)	Meech (NZL)
Aug 18	M 470	Croatia	Australia	Greece

Date	Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze(s)
Aug 16	M Finn	Scott (GBR)	Zbogar (SLO)	Paine (USA)
Aug 18	M 49er	New Zealand	Australia	Germany
Aug 14	W RS:X	Picon (FRA)	Chen (CHN)	Elfutina (RUS)
Aug 16	W Laser Radial	Bouwmeester (NED)	Murphy (IRL)	Rindom (DEN)
Aug 18	W 470	Britain	New Zealand	France
Aug 18	W 49er FX	Brazil	New Zealand	Denmark
Aug 16	Mxd Nacra 17	Argentina	Australia	Austria

*A good regatta for the Netherlands so far, with two wins, but the medals are well distributed to 13 countries so far and five continents.*

• **Shooting/Summary**

Date	Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze(s)
Aug 6	M 10 m Air Pistol	Hoang (VIE)	Wu (BRA)	Pang (CHN)
Aug 13	M 25 m Rapid Pistol	Reitz (GER)	Quiquampoix (FRA)	Li (CHN)
Aug 10	M 50 m Pistol	Jin (KOR)	Hoang (VIE)	Kim (PRK)
Aug 8	M 10 m Air Rifle	Capriani (ITA)	Kulich (UKR)	Maslennikov (RUS)
Aug 12	M 50 m Rifle/Prone	Junghaenel (GER)	Kim (KOR)	Grigoryan (RUS)
Aug 14	M 50 m Rifle/3 Pos.	Campriani (ITA)	Kamenskiy (RUS)	Raynaud (FRA)
Aug 13	M Skeet	Rossetti (ITA)	Svensson (SWE)	Alrashidi (IOA/KUW)
Aug 8	M Trap	Glasnovic (CRO)	Pelliello (ITA)	Ling (GBR)
Aug 10	M Double Trap	Aldeehani (IOA/KUW)	Innocenti (ITA)	Scott (GBR)
Aug 7	W 10 m Air Pistol	Zhang (CHN)	Batsarashkina (RUS)	Korakaki (GRE)
Aug 9	W 25 m Air Pistol	Korakaki (GRE)	Karsch (GER)	Diethelm Gerber (SUI)
Aug 6	W 10 m Air Rifle	Thrasher (USA)	Du (CHN)	Li (CHN)
Aug 11	W 50 m Rifle/3 Pos.	Engleder (GER)	Zhang (CHN)	Du (CHN)
Aug 12	W Skeet	Bacosi (ITA)	Cainero (ITA)	Rhode (USA)

Date	Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze(s)
Aug 7	W Trap	Skinner (AUS)	Rooney (NZL)	Cogdell (USA)

*A great moment for shooting as Fehaid Aldeehani of Kuwait, competing under the Olympic flag as his National Olympic Committee is suspended, won the Men's Double Trap event over favorite Marco Innocenti of Italy. Kim Rhode of the United States won an amazing sixth medal in shooting in her sixth Olympic Games.*

• **Swimming/Summary**

Date	Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze(s)
Aug 12	M 50 m Freestyle	Ervin (USA)	Manaudou (FRA)	Adrian (USA)
Aug 10	M 100 m Freestyle	Chalmers (AUS)	Timmers (BEL)	Adrian (USA)
Aug 8	M 200 m Freestyle	Sun (CHN)	le Clos (RSA)	Dwyer (USA)
Aug 6	M 400 m Freestyle	Horton (AUS)	Sun (CHN)	Detti (ITA)
Aug 13	M 1500 m Freestyle	Paltrinieri (ITA)	Jaeger (USA)	Detti (ITA)
Aug 8	M 100 m Backstroke	Murphy (USA)	Xu (CHN)	Plummer (USA)
Aug 11	M 200 m Backstroke	Murphy (USA)	Larkin (AUS)	Rylov (RUS)
Aug 7	M 100 m Breaststroke	Peaty (GBR)	van der Burgh (RSA)	Miller (USA)
Aug 10	M 200 m Breaststroke	Balandin (KAZ)	Prenot (USA)	Chupkov (RUS)
Aug 12	M 100 m Butterfly	Schooling (SIN)	Cseh (HUN)-la Clos (RSA)-Phelps (USA)	
Aug 9	M 200 m Butterfly	Phelps (USA)	Sakai (JPN)	Kenderesi (HUN)
Aug 11	M 200 m Ind. Medley	Phelps (USA)	Hagino (JPN)	Wang (CHN)
Aug 6	M 400 m Ind. Medley	Hagino (JPN)	Kalisz (USA)	Seto (JPN)
Aug 7	M 4x100 m Free Relay	United States	France	Australia
Aug 9	M 4x200 m Free Relay	United States	Great Britain	Japan
Aug 13	M 4x100 m Medley Rly	United States	Great Britain	Australia
Aug 13	W 50 m Freestyle	Blume (DEN)	Manuel (USA)	Herasimenia (BLR)
Aug 11	W 100 m Freestyle	Manuel (USA) and Oleksiak (CAN)		Sjostrom (SWE)
Aug 9	W 200 m Freestyle	Ledecky (USA)	Sjostrom (SWE)	McKeon (AUS)



Date	Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze(s)
Aug 7	W 400 m Freestyle	Ledecky (USA)	Carlin (GBR)	Smith (USA)
Aug 12	W 800 m Freestyle	Ledecky (USA)	Carlin (GBR)	Kapas (HUN)
Aug 8	W 100 m Backstroke	Hosszu (HUN)	Baker (USA)	Masse (CAN)-Fu (CHN)
Aug 12	W 200 m Backstroke	Dirado (USA)	Hosszu (HUN)	Caldwell (CAN)
Aug 8	W 100 m Breaststroke	King (USA)	Efimova (RUS)	Meili (USA)
Aug 11	W 200 m Breaststroke	Kaneto (JPN)	Efimova (RUS)	Shi (CHN)
Aug 7	W 100 m Butterfly	Sjostrom (SWE)	Oleksiak (CAN)	Vollmer (USA)
Aug 10	W 200 m Butterfly	Belmonte (ESP)	Groves (AUS)	Hoshi (JPN)
Aug 9	W 200 m Ind. Medley	Hosszu (HUN)	O'Connor (GBR)	Dirado (USA)
Aug 6	W 400 m Ind. Medley	Hosszu (HUN)	Dirado (USA)	Belmonte (ESP)
Aug 6	W 4x100 m Free Relay	Australia	United States	Canada
Aug 10	W 4x200 m Free Relay	United States	Australia	Canada
Aug 13	W 4x100 m Medley Rly	United States	Australia	Denmark
<b>Open Water</b>				
Aug 16	M 10 km	Weertman (NED)	Gianniotis (GRE)	Olivier (FRA)
Aug 15	W 10 km	van Rouwendaal (NED)	Bruni (ITA)	Okimoto (BRA)

*It's the Olympics, right? A great meet with multiple world records, in seven events, including the final event of the meet, as Ryan Murphy (USA) set the mark in the lead-off 100 m Backstroke in the 4x100 m Medley Relay. In order:*

- *Women's 400 m Ind. Medley:* *Katinka Hosszu (HUN)*
- *Women's 4x100 m Freestyle:* *Australia*
- *Men's 100 m Breaststroke:* *Adam Peaty (GBR) – twice*
- *Women's 100 m Butterfly:* *Sarah Sjostrom (SWE)*
- *Women's 400 m Freestyle:* *Katie Ledecky (USA)*
- *Women's 800 m Freestyle:* *Katie Ledecky (USA)*
- *Men's 100 m Backstroke:* *Ryan Murphy (USA) in the 4x100 m Medley Relay*

*Almost lost in the shuffle: now 28 Olympic medals (and 23 gold) for Michael Phelps on the U.S.'s winning all three relays, the 200 m Butterfly and 200 m Individual Medley.*

• **Synchronized Swimming/Summary**

Date	Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze(s)
Aug 16	Duets	Russia	China	Japan

No doubt about the Russian win in Duets, a remarkable 2.6222 clear of the silver medalists from China.

• **Synchronized Swimming/Team**

The formchart:		Gold	Silver	Bronze
OG '12	London	Russia	China	Spain
WCh '13	Barcelona	Russia	Spain	Ukraine
WCh '15	Kazan	Russia	China	Japan

Russia has won this event four times in the five times it has been held and four in a row. No change is expected in 2016: the Russians are dominant, having won the Team Free Routine at both World Championships since London.

At the 2015 World Championships, the Russians were clear winners and the Chinese second, with Japan edging out Ukraine and Spain for the bronze medal.

• **Table Tennis/Summary**

Date	Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze(s)
Aug 11	Men's Singles	Ma (CHN)	Zhang (CHN)	Mizutani (JPN)
Aug 17	Men's Team	China	Japan	Germany
Aug 10	Women's Singles	Ding (CHN)	Li (CHN)	Kim (PRK)
Aug 16	Women's Team	China	Germany	Japan

China continued its winning ways in women's singles with gold and silver twice and the women's team title; as expected.

• **Taekwondo/Summary**

Date	Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze(s)
Aug 17	Men 58 kg	Zhao (CHN)	Hanprab (THA)	Kim (KOR) Pie (DOM)

Date	Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze(s)
Aug 18	Men 68 kg	Abughaush (JOR)	Denisenko (RUS)	Gonzalez (ESP) Lee (KOR)
Aug 17	Women 49 kg	Kim (KOR)	Bogdanovic (SRB)	Abakarova (AZE) Wongpattanakit (THA)
Aug 18	Women 57 kg	Jones (GBR)	Calvo (ESP)	Alizadeh (IRI) Wahba (EGY)

Four classes decided, four countries with gold medals, and 12 countries with medals of all colors.

• **Taekwondo: Men's 80 kg**

The formchart:		Gold	Silver	Bronze
OG '12	London	Seb. Crismanich (ARG)	Nicolas Garcia (ESP)	Lutalo Muhamed (GBR)-M. Sarmiento (ITA)
WCh '13	Puebla	Tahir Gulec (GER)	Rene Lizarraga (MEX)	Anton Kotkov (RUS)-Nicolas Garcia (ESP)
WCh '15	Chelyabinsk	M. Khodabakhshi (IRI)	Damon Sansum (GBR)	Aaron Cook (MDA)-Tahir Gulec (GER)

Iran's reigning World Champion, **Mehdi Khodabakhshi** is considered the man to beat. He's matched in the upper bracket with a field that includes the 2012 Olympic bronze winner, **Lutalo Muhamed** (GBR) and a taekwondo legend, **Steve Lopez** of the U.S., gold medalist in 2000 and 2004 and bronze winner in 2008. He's in his fifth Olympics at age 37 and seeded only 13th, but ...

In the lower bracket, **Aaron Cook** – a British fighters who was so unhappy at not being selected to compete in London that he changed his allegiance to Moldova – heads the field. Winner of the 2015 Worlds bronze medal, he will face a considerable challenge from 2013 World Champion and also the 2015 World bronze winner, **Tahir Gulec** of Germany. Gulec himself will face an early challenge from Cote d'Ivoire's **Cheick Sallah Junior Cisse**.

• **Taekwondo: Women's 67 kg**

The formchart:		Gold	Silver	Bronze
OG '12	London	Kyung-s. Hwang (KOR)	Nur Tatar (TUR)	Paige McPherson (USA)-Hel. Fromm (GER)
WCh '13	Puebla	Haby Niare (FRA)	Chia-c. Chuang (TPE)	Farida Azizova (AZE)-Franka Anic (SLO)
WCh '15	Chelyabinsk	Chia-c. Chuang (TPE)	Nur Tatar (TUR)	Paige McPherson (USA)-Kath. Dumar (COL)

The last two World Champions, **Chia-chia Chuang** of Chinese Taipei and France's **Haby Niare** are the headliners in this division.

They will be challenged by familiar foes such as **Paige McPherson** of the U.S., Olympic bronze medalist in 2012, London silver medalist **Nur Tatar** of Turkey and Azerbaijan's **Farida Azizova**, bronze winner in 2013. In addition, Korea's **Hyeri Oh**, the World Champion at 73 kg in 2015, has come down in weight to compete in this class.

• **Tennis/Summary**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Gold</b>	<b>Silver</b>	<b>Bronze(s)</b>
Aug 14	Men's Singles	Murray (GBR)	Del Potro (ARG)	Nishikori (JPN)
Aug 12	Men's Doubles	Spain	Romania	United States
Aug 13	Women's Singles	Puig (PUR)	Kerber (GER)	Kvitova (CZE)
Aug 14	Women's Doubles	Russia	Switzerland	Czech Rep.
Aug 14	Mixed Doubles	United States	United States	Czech Rep.

*Joy for Puerto Rico, an independent National Olympic Committee, with the women's singles gold medal in Monica Puig. Same for Britain, with Andy Murray defending his 2012 Olympic title from London.*

• **Triathlon/Summary**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Gold</b>	<b>Silver</b>	<b>Bronze(s)</b>
Aug 18	Men	A. Brownlee (GBR)	J. Brownlee (GBR)	Schoeman (RSA)

*Back-to-back Olympic triumphs for Alistair Brownlee of Britain, and a silver for brother Jonathan!*

• **Water Polo: Women**

<i>The formchart:</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Bronze</i>
OG '12 London	United States	Spain	Australia
WCh '13 Barcelona	Spain	Australia	Hungary
WCh '15 Kazan	United States	Netherlands	Italy

The women's water polo tournament has been held four times and the United States has medaled in each. The U.S. is the defending champion and is in the final match once again, against Italy.

The Americans won their group matches by 11-4, 11-4 and 11-6 scores, then burst past Brazil, 13-3, and Hungary (for the second time), 14-10, to reach the gold-medal game. Italy was 3-0 in Group A, then defeated China, 12-7, and Russia, 12-9, to reach the final.

Italy beat the U.S. in a group-stage match, 10-9, at last year's World Championships in Russia, but the Americans will be favored in Rio to defend their title from London.

• **Weightlifting/Summary**

Date	Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze(s)
Aug 7	M 56 kg	Long (CHN)	Om (PRK)	Kruaithong (THA)
Aug 8	M 62 kg	Figuerola (COL)	Irawan (INA)	Kharki (KAZ)
Aug 9	M 69 kg	Shi (CHN)	Ismayilov (TUR)	Artykov (KGZ)
Aug 10	M 77 kg	Rahimov (KAZ)	Lyu (CHN)	Mahmoud (EGY)
Aug 12	M 85 kg	Rostami (IRI)	Tian (CHN)	Sincraian (ROU)
Aug 13	M 94 kg	Moradi (IRI)	Straltsou (BLR)	Didzbalis (LTU)
Aug 15	M 105 kg	Nuruidinov (UZB)	Martirosyan (ARM)	Zaichikov (KAZ)
Aug 16	M +105 kg	Talakhadze (GEO)	Minasyan (ARM)	Turmanidze (GEO)
Aug 6	W 48 kg	Tanasan (THA)	Agustiana (INA)	Miyake (JPN)
Aug 7	W 53 kg	Hsu (TPE)	Diaz (PHI)	Yoon (KOR)
Aug 8	W 58 kg	Srisurat (THA)	Sirikaew (THA)	Kuo (TPE)
Aug 9	W 63 kg	Deng (CHN)	Choe (PRK)	Goricheva (KAZ)
Aug 10	W 69 kg	Xiang (CHN)	Zhapparkul (KAZ)	Ahmed (EGY)
Aug 12	W 75 kg	Rim (PRK)	Naumava (BLR)	Valentin (ESP)
Aug 14	W +75 kg	Meng (CHN)	Kim (KOR)	Robles (USA)

*The first weightlifting world record of the 2016 Games was delivered by Wei Deng of China, who lifted a combined 262 kg (578 lbs.) to add one kilogram to the prior standard. Not to be outdone, Kianoush Rostami of Iran set a new world mark in the 85 kg division at 396 kg (873 lbs.). Wow!*

• **Wrestling/Summary**

Date	Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze(s)
Aug 14	Greco-Roman/M 59 kg	Borrero (CUB)	Ota (JPN)	Tasmuradov (UZB) Berge (NOR)
Aug 16	Greco-Roman/M 66 kg	Stefanek (SRB)	Arutyunyan (ARM)	Bolkvadze (GEO) Chunayev (AZE)
Aug 14	Greco-Roman/M 75 kg	Vlasov (RUS)	Madsen (DEN)	Kim (KOR) Abdavi (IRI)

Date	Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze(s)
Aug 15	Greco-Roman/M 85 kg	Chakvetadze (RUS)	Beleniuk (UKR)	Hamzatu (BLR) Kudla (GER)
Aug 16	Greco-Roman/M 98 kg	Aleksanyan (ARM)	Lugo Cabrera (CUB)	Ildem (TUR) Rezaei (IRI)
Aug 15	Greco-Roman/M 130 kg	Lopez (CUB)	Kayaalp (TUR)	Shariati (AZE) Semenov (RUS)
Aug 17	Freestyle/W 48 kg	Tosaka (JPN)	Stadnik (AZE)	Sun (CHN) Yankova (BUL)
Aug 18	Freestyle/W 53 kg	Maroulis (USA)	Yoshida (JPN)	Sinishin (AZE) Mattsson (SWE)
Aug 17	Freestyle/W 58 kg	Icho (JPN)	Koblova Zholobova (RUS)	Amri (TUN) Malik (IND)
Aug 18	Freestyle/W 63 kg	Kawai (JPN)	Mamashuk (BLR)	Larionova (KAZ) Michalik (POL)
Aug 17	Freestyle/W 69 kg	Dosho (JPN)	Vorobeva (RUS)	Fransson (SWE) Syzykova (KAZ)
Aug 18	Freestyle/W 75 kg	Wiebe (CAN)	Manyurova (KAZ)	Zhang (CHN) Bukina (RUS)

*The Cubans and Russians enjoyed the Greco-Roman competition the most, but medals went to a remarkable 16 countries. The first day of women's competition was a clean sweep for Japan.*

• **Wrestling: Men's Freestyle 57 kg**

The formchart:	Gold	Silver	Bronze
OG '12 London (55 kg)	D. Otarsultanov (RUS)	Khinchegashvili (GEO)	Kyong-il Yang (PRK)-Sunichi Yumoto (JPN)
WCh '13 Budapest	Hassan Rahimi (IRI)	Amit Kumar (IND)	Sezar Akgul (TUR)-Nariman Israpoliv (RUS)
WCh '14 Tashkent	Kyong-il Yang (PRK)	Khinchegashvili (GEO)	Hassan Rahimi (IRI)-Ulad. Andreyev (BLR)
WCh '15 Las Vegas	Khinchegashvili (GEO)	Hassan Rahimi (IRI)	Erden. Bekhbayar (MGL)-V. Lebedev (RUS)

This class was at 55 kg in 2012 and 2013, but was changed to 57 kg for the 2014 World Championships and beyond.

No doubt that Georgia's **Vladimir Khinchegashvili** is the man to beat. He won silver in London and is the reigning World Champion, having defeated the 2014 champion, Iran's **Hassan Rahimi**. Both are back, as is the 2014 champion, **Kyong-il Yang** of DPR Korea.

Khinchegashvili leads the upper bracket and could face a tough test with **Haji Aliyev** of Azerbaijan. Rahimi is in the lower bracket and has plenty of quality company in both of the 2015 World Champs bronze winners – Russia’s **Viktor Lebedev** and Mongolia’s **Erdenebat Bekhbayar** – and former world champ Yang.

Khinchegashvili decisioned Rahimi, 5-4, in the 2015 World final. It could be just as close this time.

• **Wrestling: Men’s Freestyle 74 kg**

<i>The formchart:</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Bronze</i>
OG ‘12 London	Jordan Burroughs (USA)	Sadegh Goudarzi (IRI)	Gabor Hatos (HUN)-Denis Tsargush (RUS)
WCh ‘13 Budapest	Jordan Burroughs (USA)	Ezza. Akbari (IRI)	Ali Shabanau (BLR)-Rashid Kurbanov (UZB)
WCh ‘14 Tashkent	Denis Tsargush (RUS)	Sosuke Takatani (JPN)	Jordan Burroughs (USA)-Livan Lopez (CUB)
WCh ‘15 Las Vegas	Jordan Burroughs (USA)	Pur. Onorbat (MGL)	Nar. Yadav (IND)-Aniuar Geduev (RUS)

**Jordan Burroughs** of the U.S. is back to defend his London gold and has been almost unbeatable. His 2014 World Championships conquerer, Denis Tsargush is not in the draw; instead, 2015 bronze medalist **Aniuar Geduev** will try to make his mark against Burroughs.

Worlds bronze medalists India’s **Narsingh Yadav** (2015) and Cuba’s **Livan Lopez** (2014) are in the lower bracket and will contend with Japan’s 2014 Worlds silver medalist **Sosuke Takatani** for the likely opportunity to try and stop the Burroughs Express.

## ***Trials Tracker***

One of the raging debates, especially in track & field, is about the dates selected for the U.S. Olympic Trials vs. the competition dates at the Olympic Games. Too soon, and it makes it hard for athletes to keep their edge, some say. Too late and there isn’t enough recovery time.

So we’re keeping track of the Trials vs. Games performance of U.S. athletes in swimming and track & field (coming; we really have to do this), comparing the Trials finals marks vs. the last round achieved in the Games. The swimmers were amazing, with the men bettering their Trials marks in 14/26 instances (53.8%) and the women were even better: 16 of 26 for 61.5 percent!

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