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*Lane One Leads  
to Gold!*

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### On the Cover

A happy U.S. women's 4x100 m Relay squad, celebrating an unlikely victory from lane one. From left, Tianna Bartoletta, Torie Bowie, English Gardner (hidden) and Allyson Felix.  
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## ***Lane One: Happy and Sad***

Saturday is the final full day of competition in Rio and all but eight of the sports venues will close for the last time at the 2016 Olympic Games.

This is both the happiest and saddest time for the Rio 2016 staff and the volunteers who made the Games happen.

Happy because they produced a memorable Games. Yes, short on the organizational end thanks to a brutal national economic situation that cut the resources needed to create the Games that everyone wanted. But the Games were a success. The competitions were outstanding, with magical performances – Usain Bolt, Simone Biles, Katie Ledecky, Michael Phelps and many more – and world records that will keep Rio's name in the record books for many years to come. The Rio team, despite all the difficulties, made it happen.

Sad because the Games are almost over. The expectations, training, anxiety, effort and friendships you make as a member of an organizing committee will stay with everyone who worked on this event for a lifetime. But very soon, it will be over. So much was hoped for and for many, working at the Games was a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Having worked on more than a dozen multi-sport Games, the end is always bittersweet.

But there are also a whole lot of people who are really tired. The mental and physical strain, especially for the full-time Rio 2016 staff, has been enormous and will take time to recover. But they will.

Their experience is part of the legacy of the Rio Games. There are many, many people in Brazil

who now have an idea, a taste, perhaps an inspiration about organizing a mega-event for the world stage. This aspect of Games is never appreciated, but it is very real. Brazil will be touched by it in ways it cannot yet imagine, but there will be positive rewards from it.

The judgments about how good or bad the Rio Games were is for the chattering class. For the people who made the Games happen, they will agree with Charles Dickens' opening line from *A Tale of Two Cities*: "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times."

Rich Perelman  
Editor

## ***What is The Sports Examiner?***

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)!





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## ***Rio 2016: U.S. and China lead Day 14***

A full schedule of 22 finals were held on Day 14 and the United States, as it has each day of the Games, led the daily scoring at 75.5, but just barely, ahead of China (73.5).

The U.S. has now scored 1,118.1 points at the Games, extending its overall lead after 14 days, ahead of China (751). 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 having 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 14, with 264 of 306 events scored, the leaders:

1.	1,118.1	USA	16.	155	Ukraine	31.	77.5	Croatia
2.	751	China	17.	152.3	Hungary		77.5	Switzerland
3.	679	Great Britain	18.	141	Kazakhstan	33.	75.5	DPR Korea
4.	498.5	Russia	19.	137	Poland	34.	71	Uzbekistan
5.	472.5	Germany	20.	125	Denmark	35.	68	Thailand
6.	434.5	France	21.	124.5	Kenya	36.	65	Greece
7.	426	Australia	22.	122.5	Sweden	37.	64.5	Georgia
8.	423	Japan	23.	111	Cuba	38.	64	Mexico
9.	354	Italy	24.	110	Belarus	39.	63	Iran
10.	258.5	Netherlands	25.	106	Jamaica	40.	62	Ethiopia
11.	253.5	Canada	26.	105	Azerbaijan	41.	54.5	Turkey
12.	240.5	Brazil	27.	104.8	South Africa	42.	54	Romania
13.	197	New Zealand	28.	95	Colombia	43.	52.3	Argentina
14.	194	Korea	29.	90.5	Czech Rep.	44.	52	Egypt
15.	186.8	Spain	30.	82.5	Belgium	45.	50	Slovakia

Day 12-only scoring leaders:

1.	75.5	USA	12.	22.5	Azerbaijan	14	Slovakia	
2.	73.5	China	13.	20.5	Italy	14	Turkey	
3.	51	Great Britain	14.	18	Jamaica	25.	13	Mexico
4.	43.5	Australia	15.	17.5	Korea	26.	10	Belarus
5.	41	Japan	16.	16	Colombia		10	Ethiopia
6.	36	Russia		16	Spain		10	Georgia
7.	32	France		16	Sweden		10	Greece
8.	30.5	Canada	19.	15.5	Cote d'Ivoire		10	Malaysia
9.	26.5	Germany		15.5	Iran		10	Tajikistan
10.	23	Kenya		15.5	Poland	32.	8	India
	23	Netherlands	22.	14	Brazil		8	Switzerland

	8	Ukraine		5	New Zealand		3	Belgium
35.	7.5	Ireland	43.	4	Norway		3	Portugal
36.	7	Hungary		4	Trinidad	52.	2.5	Thailand
37.	6.5	Finland	45.	3.5	Bulgaria	53.	2	Egypt
38.	6	Qatar		3.5	Chinese Taipei	54.	1.5	Haiti
	6	Venezuela		3.5	Kazakhstan	55.	1	DPR Korea
40.	5.5	Tunisia		3.5	Uzbekistan		1	Nigeria
41.	5	Cuba	49.	3	Argentina			

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 56 National Olympic Committees scored on Day 14. We’ll update the scores daily for the leading countries, and have a full tally at the end of the Games.



Cycling BMX quarterfinal action, including U.S. riders Corben Sharrah and eventual gold medalist Connor Fields (USA TODAY Sports/Guy Rhodes)

## **Rio 2016:** **Capsule Previews of August 20 Finals**

*Olympic finals tracker:*

Days completed: 14 of 16 / Events completed: 264 / Events Remaining: 42

Today: 30 finals in 16 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? Nope. *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. Oh well.

### • ***Archery/Summary***

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Gold</b>	<b>Silver</b>	<b>Bronze(s)</b>
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***

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Gold</b>	<b>Silver</b>	<b>Bronze(s)</b>
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)
Aug 17	M 3000 m Steeplechase	C. Kipruto (KEN)	Jager (USA)	Mekhisssi (FRA)
Aug 13	M 10,000 m	Farah (GBR)	Tanui (KEN)	Tola (ETH)



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<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Gold</b>	<b>Silver</b>	<b>Bronze(s)</b>
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 19	M 4x100 m	Jamaica	Japan	Canada
Aug 12	M 20 km Walk	Wang (CHN)	Cai (CHN)	Bird-Smith (NZL)
Aug 20	M 50 km Walk	Toth (SVK)	Tallent (AUS)	Arai (JPN)
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)	Jasinski (GER)
Aug 19	M Hammer	Nazarov (TJK)	Tsikhan (BLR)	Nowicki (POL)
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 19	W 5000 m	Cheruiyot (KEN)	Obiri (KEN)	Ayana (ETH)
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 18	W 400 m Hurdles	Muhammad (USA)	Petersen (DEN)	Spencer (USA)
Aug 19	W 20 km Walk	Liu (CHN)	Gonzalez (MEX)	Lu (CHN)
Aug 20	W 4x100 m	United States	Jamaica	Great Britain
Aug 19	W Pole Vault	Stefanidi (GRE)	Morris (USA)	McCartney (AUS)



Date	Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze(s)
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)
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 1,500 m**

The formchart:		Gold	Silver	Bronze
OG '12	London	Taoufik Makhloufi (ALG)	Leonel Manzano (USA)	Abdalaati Iguider (MAR)
WCh '13	Moscow	Asbel Kiprop (KEN)	M. Centrowitz (USA)	Johan Cronje (RSA)
WCh '15	Beijing	Asbel Kiprop (KEN)	Elijah Manangoi (KEN)	Abdalaati Iguider (MAR)

No doubt about the favorite here: Kenya's **Asbel Kiprop**, the three-time defending World Champion and world leader in 2016 at 3:29.33. The only question is whether he wants to run a fast time, or simply settle for the win.

The other 12 in the final aren't going to hand the gold medal to Kiprop, however; he's going to have to earn it. London champ **Taoufik Makhloufi** of Algeria is back, as is bronze medalist **Abdalaati Iguider** of Morocco, both have run in the 3:31s this year and are quite fit.

Kiprop's countryman **Ronald Kwemoi** is second on the world list (3:30.49), but this will be his first test at the Olympic/Worlds level. Djibouti's **Ayanleh Souleiman** has 1:44 800 m speed and will be dangerous if he's in position to strike, especially off a slow pace.



And there's American **Matthew Centrowitz**, whose tactical acumen and ability to seize opportunities over the final 200 m makes him extremely dangerous.

- **Athletics/Men's 5,000 m**

<i>The formchart:</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Bronze</i>
OG '12 London	Mo Farah (GBR)	D. Gebremeskel (ETH)	Thomas Longosiwa (KEN)
WCh '13 Moscow	Mo Farah (GBR)	Hagos Gebrhiwet (ETH)	Isiah Koech (KEN)
WCh '15 Beijing	Mo Farah (GBR)	Caleb Ndiku (KEN)	Hagos Gebrhiwet (ETH)

**Mo Farah** won the 10,000 m with his trademark long kick and expects to do the same in the 5,000 m final as well. There are 15 finalists ... and no Kenyans; none of them made it through the qualifying round.

That leaves challenges from a formidable Ethiopian trio of **Dejen Gebremeskal** (Olympic silver in 2012), **Hagos Gebrhiwet** (World Champs silver in 2014) and **Muktar Edris**, second on the world list for 2016 at 12:59.43.

Championships races tend to be slow, tactical affairs, which opens opportunities for those who want to shake up the pace, or have strong finishing speed. Perhaps for Eritrea's **Abrar Osman** (13:04.12 this year) or even the 41-year-old **Bernard Lagat** of the U.S., whose last-lap speed may be unmatched in the field other than by Farah.

- **Athletics/Men's 4x400 m**

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

The U.S. has dominated this event, but is very vulnerable. LaShawn Merritt was the only finalist in the open 400 m and looked tired down the straight in the men's 200 m final. Can the other Americans – Gil Roberts, David Verburg and likely Tony McQuay or Kerron Clement – pick up the slack?

Trinidad, Jamaica, Great Britain and perhaps Belgium could all make a run at the U.S.

- **Athletics/Men's Javelin**

<i>The formchart:</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Bronze</i>
OG '12 London	Keshorn Walcott (TRI)	<del>O. Pyatnytsya (UKR)</del>	Antti Ruuskanen (FIN)
WCh '13 Moscow	Vitezslav Vesely (CZE)	Tero Pitkamaki (FIN)	Dmitry Tarabin (RUS)
WCh '15 Beijing	Julius Yego (KEN)	Ihab El-Sayed (EGY)	Tero Pitkamaki (FIN)

In an event which has been dominated by Europeans, the previous three major championships have produced winners from Trinidad and Kenya. Both **Keshorn Walcott** – the Olympic winner in 2012 – and Kenya's **Julius Yego** – last year's World Champion – are back for the final. Walcott bombed a season's best 88.68 m (290-11) – no. 2 on the world list for 2016 – in the qualifying round to show his fitness.

But the big throws so far this year have come from Germany's trio of **Thomas Rohler** (91.28 m/299-6), **Johannes Vetter** (88.23 m/289-5) and **Julian Weber** (88.04 m/288-10) and Finland's **Antti Ruuskanen** (88.23 m/289-5), the latter the 2012 bronze medalist.

- ***Athletics/Women's 800 m***

<i>The formchart:</i>		<i>Gold</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Bronze</i>
OG '12	London	Mariya Savinova (RUS)	Caster Semenya (RSA)	Ekaterina Poistogova (RUS)
WCh '13	Moscow	Eunice Sum (KEN)	Mariya Savinova (RUS)	Brenda Martinez (USA)
WCh '15	Beijing	M. Arzamasava (BLR)	Melissa Bishop (CAN)	Eunice Jepkoech Sum (KEN)

There will be lots of talk about testosterone levels in women and who should be allowed to run, but eight athletes will line up at the start line to contest the 800. The overwhelming favorite is South Africa's **Caster Semenya**, the 2009 World Champion and Olympic silver winner four years ago. She's run 1:55.33 this year, nearly a second faster than anyone else.

Canada's **Melissa Bishop** has run 1:57.43 this year and looked sharp in the prelims; she won silver at the World Championships this year. World Champion **Marina Arzamasova** of Belarus looked shaky in the semis, but Kenya's **Margaret Wambui** qualified easily, as did Burundi's **Francine Niyonsaba**, the 2016 World Indoor Champion.

Wild card: Poland's **Joanna Jozwik** scored a seasonal best of 1:58.93 in winning her semi with a ferocious stretch run; if there's more there for the final, she could be dangerous.

- ***Athletics/Women's 4x400 m Relay***

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

The U.S. had three finalists in the 400 m, including silver medalist Allyson Felix, so there's little doubt about the favorites.

Jamaica and Great Britain look next best, but this race should be for second.

- ***Athletics/Women's High Jump***

<i>The formchart:</i>		<i>Gold</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Bronze</i>
OG '12	London	Anna Chicherova (RUS)	Brigetta Barrett (USA)	Svetlana Shkolina (RUS)
WCh '13	Moscow	Svet. Shkolina (RUS)	Brigetta Barrett (USA)	A. Chicherova (RUS)-Ruth Beitia (ESP)
WCh '15	Beijing	Mariya Kuchina (RUS)	Blanka Vlasic (CRO)	Anna Chicherova (RUS)

This is an event where the Russian absence due to the IAAF ban is really felt. **Chaunte Lowe** of the U.S. has the world-leading mark of 2.01 m (6-7) and has been sixth in the last two Olympic Games. This might be her day.

Just as entertaining will be 18-year-old **Vashti Cunningham**, the prodigy who won the World Indoor Championship in Portland in March. She's jumped 1.98 m indoors (6-6) and just two centimeters less outdoors ... so far.

They'll be challenged by a bevy of jumpers who have all jumped between 1.95 m (6-4 3/4) and 1.99 m (6-6 1/4): **Marie-Laurence Jungfleisch** (GER), **Kamilia Licwinko** (POL – fourth in the World Championships last year), **Ruth Beitia** of Spain (bronze medalist in 2013), **Desiree Rossit** of Italy and 2008 Olympic silver winner **Blanka Vlasic**, who was World Champion in 2007 and 2009.

#### • *Badminton/Summary*

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Bronze(s)</i>
Aug 19	Men's Doubles	China	Malaysia	Great Britain
Aug 19	Women's Singles	Marin (ESP)	Pusarla (IND)	Okuhara (JPN)
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 Singles*

<i>The formchart:</i>		<i>Gold</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Bronze</i>
OG '12	London	Dan Lin (CHN)	Chong Wei Lee (MAS)	Long Chen (CHN)
WCh '13	Guangzhou	Dan Lin (CHN)	Chong Wei Lee (MAS)	Pengyu Du (CHN)-Tien Minh Nguyen (VIE)
WCh '14	Copenhagen	Long Chen (CHN)	<del>Chong Wei Lee (MAS)</del>	Viktor Axelsen (DEN)-Tommy Sugiarto (INA)
WCh '15	Jakarta	Long Chen (CHN)	Chong Wei Lee (MAS)	Kento Momota (JPN)-Jan Jorgensen (DEN)

Third time may be the charm for **Chong Wei Lee** of Malaysia in his gold-medal match with rival **Long Chen** of China.



Lee dispatched Dan Lin of China in his semifinal, 2-1, while Chen swept Viktor Axelsen of Denmark, 2-0, setting up the third straight year in which the two have faced off for the singles title.

In 2014, Chen edged Lee in straight sets by identical 21-19 scores; Lee was subsequently suspended for eight months for a doping violation considered to be technical and not trying to gain an athletic advantage. In 2015, Chen again won in two sets, by 21-14 and 21-17 scores.

Lee lost to China's Lin for the gold medal in both Beijing and London. Can he get a gold this time?

### • **Basketball: Women**

<i>The formchart:</i>		<i>Gold</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Bronze</i>
OG '12	London	United States	France	Australia
WCh '14	Turkey	United States	Spain	Australia

The U.S. team will go for its sixth straight Olympic gold medal in the final against Spain, a replay of the 2014 World Cup final, won by the U.S., 77-64.

That would be a lot closer than any of the U.S. games so far. The Americans have won by scores of 121-56, 103-63 (vs. Spain), 110-84, 81-51, 105-62, 110-64 in the quarterfinals vs. Japan and 86-67 vs. France in the semifinals.

Spain edged Turkey, 64-62 in the quarterfinals, then overwhelmed Serbia, 68-54 in the semis to earn a rematch with the U.S. Good luck!

### • **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

*Despite rain at Copacabana, the Brazilian men's duo of Alison Cerutti and Bruno Oscar Schmidt sent a delirious home crowd home happy with a straight-set 21-19, 21-17 win over Italy.*

### • **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)

Date	Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze(s)
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)
Aug 15	Men's 91 kg	Tishchenko (RUS)	Levit (KAZ)	Tulaganov (UZB) Savon (CUB)
Aug 19	Women's 60 kg	Mossely (FRA)	Yin (CHN)	Potkonen (FIN) Beliakova (RUS)

*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/Men's Bantamweight (56 kg)**

The formchart:		Gold	Silver	Bronze
OG '12	London	Luke Campbell (GBR)	John Joe Nevin (IRL)	Lazaro Alvarez (CUB)-Satoshi Shimizu (JPN)
WCh '13	Almaty	Javid Chalabiyev (AZE)	Vladimir Nikitin (RUS)	Mykola Butsenko (UKR)-K. Yeraliyev (KAZ)
WCh '15	Doha	Michael Conlan (IRL)	M. Akhmedaliyev (UZB)	Shiva Thapa (IND)-Dzmitry Asanau (BLR)

**Shakur Stevenson (USA) vs. Robeisy Ramirez (CUB)**

Stevenson represents an American renaissance in Olympic boxing. Embarrassingly shut out of the medals in London, the U.S. men have a bronze from Nico Hernandez at 49 kg and now fights for gold at bantamweight.

Stevenson won two fights on unanimous decisions in the round of 16 and quarterfinals, the advanced to the final on a walkover against Vladimir Nikitin of Russia. Ramirez, a southpaw, won his four fights on 3-0 decisions except for a 2-1 win in the round of 16. He opened his tournament with an impressive 3-0 win over 2015 bronze medalist Shiva Thapa of India.

Ramirez rates as the favorite, significantly because of his Olympic gold medal in London in the flyweight class; experience counts. But the New Jersey-based Stevenson has been up to every challenge so far. No surprise if he continues.

• **Boxing/Men's Middleweight (75 kg)**

<i>The formchart:</i>		<i>Gold</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Bronze</i>
OG '12	London	Ryota Murata (JPN)	Esquiva Falcao (BRA)	Anthony Ogogo (GBR)-Abbos Atoev (UZB)
WCh '13	Almaty	Zh. Alimkjanuty (KAZ)	Jason Quigley (IRL)	Antony Fowler (ENG)-Art. Chebotarev (RUS)
WCh '15	Doha	Arlen Lopez (CUB)	Bek. Melikuziev (UZB)	Hosam Abdin (EGY)-Michael O'Reilly (IRL)

### **Arlen Lopez (CUB) vs. Bektemir Melikuziev (UZB)**

A re-match of the 2015 AIBA World Championships final in this class, where Lopez won a split (2-1) decision to win the title.

Both fighters have been strong throughout the tournament. Lopez and Meliuziev both won unanimous decisions in their quarterfinal and semifinal bouts. The final: based on last year's bout, it's too close to call. Based on Rio being in the Western Hemisphere – like Cuba – let's make Lopez a slight favorite.

### • **Boxing/Women's Flyweight (51 kg)**

<i>The formchart:</i>		<i>Gold</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Bronze</i>
OG '12	London	Nicola Adams (GBR)	Cancan Ren (CHN)	Marlen Esparza (USA)-Mary Kom (IND)
WCh '14	Jeju City	Marlen Esparza (USA)	Lisa Whiteside (ENG)	Terry Gordini (ITA)-Clelia Marques (BRA)
WCh '16	Astana	Nicola Adams (GBR)	Peam. Laopeam (THA)	Z. Shekerbekova (KAZ)-Ourahmoune (FRA)

### **Nicola Adams (GBR) vs. Sarah Ourahmoune (FRA)**

No doubt about Nicola Adams's pedigree, the Flyweight gold medalist in 2012 in front of home fans in London and 2016 World Champion. Ourahmoune won bronze in the 2016 Worlds in this class, but did not fight Adams, who was in the opposite bracket.

In Rio, both have won unanimous decisions in their quarterfinal and semifinal bouts. Ourahmoune defeated co-2016 bronze medalist Zhaina Shekerbekova of Kazakhstan in the quarterfinals, before beating Colombia's Victoria Valencia in the semis.

Adams breezed through the quarterfinal, then defeated China's Cancan Ren in a rematch of the 2012 Olympic final. That makes Adams the favorite, although both have been impressive so far.

### • **Canoeing/Summary**

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Bronze(s)</i>
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)



Date	Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze(s)
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)
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.*

• **Canoeing: Sprint/Men's Doubles (C-2) 1,000 m**

The formchart:		Gold	Silver	Bronze
OG '12	London	Germany	Belarus	Russia
WCh '13	Duisberg	Hungary	Russia	Czech Republic
WCh '14	Moscow	Romania	Hungary	Germany
WCh '15	Milan	Brazil	Hungary	Poland

No doubt about the quality of Germany's **Sebastian Brendel and Jan Vandrey** or Brazil's duo of **Erlon da Souza Silva and Isaquias Queiroz dos Santos**. They won places in the final from big wins in their heats, with no one within a second and a half.

But between the two? Certainly, the Brazilians – World Champions at this distance last year – will feed off of the crowd and being on home waters.

Ukraine, Cuba and Uzbekistan had the fastest boats in the semis and rate the favorites to try and claim the bronze.

• **Canoeing: Sprint/Men's Kayak Singles (K-1) 200 m**

The formchart:		Gold	Silver	Bronze
OG '12	London	Ed McKeever (GBR)	Saul Cravotto (ESP)	Mark de Jonge (CAN)

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WCh '13	Duisberg	Petter Ostrom (SWE)	Mark de Jonge (CAN)	Saul Cravotto (ESP)
WCh '14	Moscow	Mark de Jonge (CAN)	Petter Menning (SWE)	Ed McKeever (GBR)-Saul Cravotto (ESP)
WCh '15	Milan	Mark de Jonge (CAN)	Max. Beaumont (FRA)	Petter Menning (SWE)

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Canada's **Mark de Jonge**, who has dominated this event for the past two years, was the last qualifier in semifinal one, just behind Spain's Olympic silver medalist, **Saul Cravotto**. The fastest time was turned on by Britain's **Liam Heath** (34.076), trailed by Germany's **Ronald Rauhe**.

France's 2015 Worlds silver medalist, **Maxime Beaumont** (34.398) restored order in the second semi, ahead of Australia's **Stephen Bird**.

Heath and Rauhe have been the fastest in the heats and semis and will start the race in the middle, along with Beaumont. They're the ones to watch, but can de Jonge pull a surprise from lane one?

• **Canoeing: Sprint/Men's Kayak Fours (K-4) 1,000 m**

<i>The formchart:</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Bronze</i>
OG '12 London	Australia	Hungary	Czech Republic
WCh '13 Duisberg	Russia	Czech Republic	Australia
WCh '14 Moscow	Czech Republic	Portugal	Hungary
WCh '15 Milan	Slovakia	Hungary	Czech Republic

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Germany (2:52.836) fought off Worlds Champs Slovakia in the first heat to punch their ticket straight to the finals. The Czech Republic (2:52.027) did the same in heat two.

Slovakia won its semifinal by daylight and will join the two heat winners as favorites. Australia and Portugal look like possible medal winners if one of the favorites falters.

• **Canoeing: Sprint/Women's Kayak Fours (K-4) 500 m**

<i>The formchart:</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Bronze</i>
OG '12 London	Hungary	Germany	Belarus
WCh '13 Duisberg	Hungary	Germany	Belarus
WCh '14 Moscow	Hungary	Poland	Belarus
WCh '15 Milan	Belarus	Hungary	Germany

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The World Champions from Belarus (1:30.320) and Worlds silver medalists Hungary (1:29.497) led the qualifying with heat wins that put them directly into the final. The semis were much slower, but Ukraine, New Zealand and Germany should be fighting for medals as well.

• **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)
Aug 19	BMX: Men	Fields (USA)	Van Gorkom (NED)	Ramirez (COL)
Aug 19	BMX: Women	Pajon (COL)	Post (USA)	Hernandez (VEN)

*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/Mountain Bike: Women**

The formchart:		Gold	Silver	Bronze
OG '12	London	Julie Bresset (FRA)	Sabine Spitz (GER)	Georgia Gould (USA)
WCh '13	Pietermaritzb'g	Julie Bresset (FRA)	M. Wloszczowska (POL)	Esther Suss (SUI)
WCh '14	Lillehammer	Cath. Prendel (CAN)	Irina Kalentieva (RUS)	Lea Davison (USA)



WCh '15 Vallnord P. Ferrand-Prevot (FRA) Irina Kalentieva (RUS) Yana Belomoyna (UKR)  
WCh '16 Nove Mesto Annika Langvad (DEN) Lea Davidson (USA) Emily Batty (CAN)

A total of 29 riders are scheduled to start the 5,400 m cross-country course in the morning. Current World Champion **Pauline Ferrand-Prevot** (FRA), silver medalist **Irina Kalentieva** of Russia and bronze medalist **Yana Belomoyna** (UKR) are all in the field, along with 2014 World Champion **Catherine Prendel** of Canada and bronze medalist **Lea Davison** of the U.S.

However, one of these are among the UCI's top-ranked riders! Those positions go to **Annika Langvad** of Denmark, ranked no. 1, Germany's 2012 silver medal-winner **Sabine Spitz** and Switzerland's **Jolanda Neff**. Wild card? How about Italy's **Eva Lechner**, who won the pre-Olympic test event on this course last October.

### • 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.*

### • Diving/Men's 10 m Platform

The formchart:	Gold	Silver	Bronze
OG '12 London	David Boudia (USA)	Bo Qiu (CHN)	Tom Daley (GBR)
WCh '13 Barcelona	Bo Qiu (CHN)	David Boudia (USA)	Sascha Klein (GER)
WCh '15 Kazan	Bo Qiu (CHN)	David Boudia (USA)	Tom Daley (GBR)

Eighteen divers qualified for the semifinals, to be cut to 12 finalists. The scores are distinct for each round, but the familiar names were at or near the top of the qualifying leaderboard. They included Great Britain's **Tom Daley** (the qualifying leader), China's **Bo Qiu** and **Aisen Chen**, defending gold medalist **David Boudia** of the U.S., **Benjamin Affrutt** of France and Germany's **Sascha Klein**.

Certainly, those six are the favorites for the three medals. In the Diving World Cup held in Rio in February, Qiu and Chen went 1-2, with David Dinsmore and Steele Johnson of the U.S. third and fourth, and Klein fifth.

• ***Equestrian/Summary***

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Gold</b>	<b>Silver</b>	<b>Bronze(s)</b>
Aug 15	Dressage/Individual	Dujardin (GBR)	Werth (GER)	Broring-Sprehe (GER)
Aug 12	Dressage/Team	Germany	Great Britain	United States
Aug 19	Jumping/Individual	Skelton (GBR)	Fredricson (SWE)	Lamaze (CAN)
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!*

• ***Fencing/Summary***

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Gold</b>	<b>Silver</b>	<b>Bronze(s)</b>
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/Summary**

Date	Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze(s)
Aug 19	Women	Germany	Sweden	Canada

Close? After a 0-0 first half, Germany went ahead, 1-0, on a 48th-minute goal by Dzsenifer Marozsan. Then the Swedish defense gave up an own goal (Linda Sembrant) in the 62nd minute that proved to be the difference. A goal in the 67th minute by Stina Blackstenius for Sweden proved to be too little, too late. Germany 2, Sweden 1.

- **Football/Men**

The formchart:		Gold	Silver	Bronze
OG '12	London	Mexico	Brazil	Korea

It's hard to get excited about a U-23 tournament with three overage performers thrown in; why is this even in the Olympic Games?

But a lot of Brazilians will be watching their side – with Neymar – try once again to best Germany, which trounced the hosts in the 2014 World Cup semifinal, 7-1. It doesn't mean the same thing, but Brazil has never won an Olympic gold in soccer and lost in the 2012 final to Mexico.

Perhaps a way for Brazil to feel a little better about the Games, and its football team? Brazil won its group despite a 0-0 draw with Iraq, and then sailed past Colombia, 2-0 and Honduras, 6-0.

The Germans beat Portugal, 4-0, in the quarters and Nigeria, 2-0, in the semis. They've scored 21 goals in five games and never less than two. Brazil hasn't given up a goal in the tournament; something has to give.

- **Golf/Summary**

Date	Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze(s)
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.



## • *Golf/Women*

Women's golf is back in the Games for the first time since 1900, when the only prior tournament was played.

After three rounds in 2016, 14 players are within seven shots of the lead. But the leaderboard looks quite familiar, with Korea's **Inbee Park** leading at -11 (on the par 71 course) at 202, followed closely by New Zealand's **Lydia Ko** and America's **Gerina Pillier** at 204 and China's **Shanshan Feng** at 205. Then come three more at 208 and seven at 209 to make for a potentially wild finish.

But there's little doubt about Park, a 17-time winner on the LPGA Tour, the last coming in 2015. Korean-born Ko, just 19, has four LPGA wins this year, while Pillier (31) has not won on the LPGA Tour and an Olympic triumph would be a career achievement.

## • *Gymnastics/Summary*

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Bronze(s)</i>
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)
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.

### • **Gymnastics ~ Rhythmic/Individual All-Around**

<i>The formchart:</i>		<i>Gold</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Bronze</i>
OG '12	London	Yev. Kanayeva (RUS)	Darla Dmitrieva (RUS)	Liubov Charkashyna (BLR)
WCh '13	Kiev	Y. Kudryatseva (RUS)	G. Rizatdinova (UKR)	Melitina Standiouta (BLR)
WCh '14	Izmir	Y. Kudryatseva (RUS)	Margarita Mamun (RUS)	Ganna Rizatdinova (UKR)
WCh '15	Stuttgart	Y. Kudryatseva (RUS)	Margarita Mamun (RUS)	Melitina Standiouta (BLR)

Ten finalists will move through four rotations, featuring Hoop, Ball, Clubs and Ribbon, in that order.

In the qualification round, the big names were all at the top: Russia's **Margarita Mamun** (74.383), three-time defending World Champion **Yana Kudryatseva** (73.998), Ukraine's **Ganna Rizatdinova** (73.392) and **Melitina Standiouta** of Belarus (72.575). That foursome is where the medals will be decided.

Mamun won the qualifying with a big score on Ribbon, and it may come down to that last event once again in the All-Around.

### • **Handball/Women**

<i>The formchart:</i>		<i>Gold</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Bronze</i>
OG '12	London	Norway	Montenegro	Spain
WCh '13	Serbia	Brazil	Serbia	Denmark
WCh '15	Denmark	Norway	Netherlands	Romania

Both finalists – France and Russia – have squeaked through match after match to get to the gold-medal game.

France edged Spain, 27-26, in the quarterfinals and then got by the Netherlands, 24-23, in the semis. The Russians overcame Angola, 31-27, in their quarterfinal, and then played a tough match against Norway, winning 38-37.

Who has the edge? It's too close to call. Both teams played in Group B and the result of their pool play match was predictably close: Russia 26, France 25.



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• **Hockey/Summary**

Date	Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze(s)
Aug 18	Men	Argentina	Belgium	Germany
Aug 19	Women	Great Britain	Netherlands	Germany

*Argentina overcame a 1-0 deficit in the final to score a solid 4-2 win over Belgium to earn the men's gold. The women's gold-medal final was a 3-3 tie, only resolved by a penalty shoot-out, 2-0, for the British.*

• **Judo/Summary**

Date	Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze(s)
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)

Date	Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze(s)
Aug 10	W 70 kg	Tachimoto (JPN)	Alvear (COL)	Conway (GBR) Vargas Koch (GER)
Aug 11	W 78 kg	Harrison (USA)	Tcheumeo (FRA)	Aguilar (BRA) Velensek (SLO)
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/Summary**

Date	Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze(s)
Aug 19	Women	Esposito (AUS)	Clouvel (FRA)	Nowacka (POL)

*A tight finish in the women's pentathlon, as Chloe Esposito's superior run/shoot combo (570 points) overtook everyone in the final event.*

• **Modern Pentathlon/Men**

The formchart:		Gold	Silver	Bronze
OG '12	London	David Svoboda (CZE)	Zhongrong Cao (CHN)	Adam Marosi (HUN)
WCh '13	Kaoshiung	Justinas Kinderis (LTU)	N. Woodbridge (GBR)	Aleksander Lesun (RUS)
WCh '14	Warsaw	Alex. Lesun (RUS)	Amro El Gaziry (EGY)	Jan Kuf (CZE)
WCh '15	Berlin	P. Timoshchenko (UKR)	Alex. Lesun (RUS)	Andriy Fedechko (UKR)
WCh '16	Moscow	Valentin Belaud (FRA)	Alek. Lesun (RUS)	Jin-hwa Jung (KOR)

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 men will start the contest on Saturday morning, led by the defending gold medalist **David Svoboda** of the Czech Republic and all four World Champions since: **Justinas Kinderis** of Lithuania, **Alexander Lesun** of Russia, **Pavlo Tymoshchenko** of Ukraine and the 2016 winner, **Valentin Belaud** of France.

None of these are top-ranked, however. The current no. 1-ranked pentathlete is Britain's **James Cooke**, winner of two World Cup events earlier this year. **Valentin Prades** of France ranks no. 3, followed by Belaud.



The winner can lay claim to being the modern pentathlete of the half-decade!

• **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
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**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Gold</b>	<b>Silver</b>	<b>Bronze(s)</b>
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
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	Great Britain	New Zealand	France
Aug 18	W 49er FX	Brazil	New Zealand	Denmark
Aug 16	Mxd Nacra 17	Argentina	Australia	Austria

*Traditional maritime powers Great Britain and the Netherlands each scored two wins, with medals going to 17 different countries on five continents.*

• **Shooting/Summary**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Gold</b>	<b>Silver</b>	<b>Bronze(s)</b>
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)

Date	Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze(s)
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)
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

Date	Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze(s)
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)
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
Aug 19	Team	Russia	China	Japan

*No doubt about the Russian win in Duets, a remarkable 2.6222 clear of the silver medalists from China. Same in the Team: Russia +3.1598 and the Chinese another 2.4660 ahead of Japan.*

### • **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)
Aug 18	Men 68 kg	Abughaush (JOR)	Denisenko (RUS)	Gonzalez (ESP) Lee (KOR)
Aug 19	Men 80 kg	Cisse (CIV)	Muhammad (GBR)	Beigi Harchegani (AZE) Oueslati (TUN)
Aug 17	Women 49 kg	Kim (KOR)	Bogdanovic (SRB)	Abakarova (AZE) Wongpattanakit (THA)

Date	Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze(s)
Aug 18	Women 57 kg	Jones (GBR)	Calvo (ESP)	Alizadeh (IRI) Wahba (EGY)
Aug 19	Women 67 kg	Oh (KOR)	Niare (FRA)	Gbagbi (CIV) Tatar (TUR)

First it's Jordan's first-ever medal with Ahmad Abughaush's win at 68 kg, then the Cote d'Ivoire doubles its all-time medal count in a single day with a win at 80 kg (Cheick Sallah Cisse, Jr.) and then a bronze in the women's 67 kg class with Ruth Gbagbi. The CIV had not won a medal since 1984 with Gabriel Tiacoh in the men's 400 m in track & field. Talk about global diversity!

### • Taekwondo: Men's +80 kg

The formchart:	Gold	Silver	Bronze
OG '12 London	Carlo Molletta (ITA)	Anthony Obame (GAB)	Robelis Despaigne (CUB)-Xiaobo Liu (CHN)
WCh '13 Puebla	Anthony Obame (GAB)	Sajjad Mardani (IRI)	Robelis Despaigne (CUB)-I. Trajkovic (SLO)
WCh '15 Chelyabinsk	Dmitry Shokin (UZB)	Firmin Zokou (CIV)	Anthony Obame (GAB)-R. Despaigne (CUB)

World Champions **Dmitry Shokin** of Uzbekistan and **Anthony Obame** of Gabon anchor the brackets. Obame will have to deal with the man he beat for the 2013 World title, **Sajjad Mardani** of Iran, then could face third-ranked **Radik Isaev** of Azerbaijan or 2008 gold medalist **Dong-min Cha** of Korea.

But for Obame, these are all opportunities, as he is the only medalist in Gabon's Olympic history. He won a silver in London, the first medal in the 40 years that Gabon had been participating in the Games.

### • Taekwondo: Women's +67 kg

The formchart:	Gold	Silver	Bronze
OG '12 London	Milica Mandic (SRB)	Anne-C. Graffe (FRA)	Baryshnikova (RUS)-Maria Espinoza (MEX)
WCh '13 Puebla	Olga Ivanova (RUS)	Briseida Acosta (MEX)	Anne-C. Graffe (FRA)-Ana Bajic (SRB)
WCh '15 Chelyabinsk	Bianca Walkden (GBR)	Gwl. Epangue (FRA)	Nafia Kus (TUR)-Olga Ivanova (RUS)

London 2012 gold medalist **Milica Mandic** of Serbia is back to defend her title, but she has lots of challengers. Ranked no. 1 by the World Taekwondo Federation at present is the London bronze medalist, **Maria Espinoza** of Mexico. They anchor different brackets and could meet in the final.

Mandic's lower bracket includes current World champion **Bianca Walkden** of Great Britain, 2015 Worlds runner-up **Gwladys Epangue** of France and no. 2-ranked **Shuyin Zheng** of China.

No such royalty on Espinoza's side, so she has a good path to the final ... barring an upset.

### • **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!*

### • **Triathlon/Women**

12: Nicola Spirig/SUI Lisa Norden/SWE Erin Densham/AUS (Jorgenson 38th)

A total of 55 women are booked for the 7 a.m. start at Fort Copacabana for the 1.5 km swim, 40 km bike race and 10 km run for Olympic gold. All three medalists from 2012 are back: winner **Nicola Spirig**(SUI), silver medalist **Lisa Norden** of Sweden and bronze winner **Erin Densham** (AUS).

None are ranked in the top 10, however. On the World Cup circuit, America's **Gwen Jorgensen** has been the most consistent racer over the past three months, winning the Yokohama and Leeds events and finishing third in Hamburg on July 16.

Bermuda's **Flora Duffy** won in Stockholm on July 2 (with Jorgensen absent) and ranks no. 1 in the world at present. American **Katie Zaferes** won in Hamburg and was in the top 10 in Yokohama and Stockholm. **Rachel Klammer** (NED) was second in Hamburg and seventh at Leeds. Britain's **Jodie Stimpson** was fourth at both Leeds and Hamburg. Any of these could be winners in Rio.

### • **Volleyball/Women**



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<i>The formchart:</i>		<i>Gold</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Bronze</i>
OG '12	London	Brazil	United States	Japan
WCh '14	Italy	United States	China	Brazil

China and Serbia will meet for the gold medal, an upset in view of the strong presence of Brazil and the U.S. in this tournament.

These Chinese got by Brazil, 3-2, in the quarterfinals and then cruised past the Netherlands in the semis. Serbia had to get past the U.S. and did so, 3-2, to get an opportunity for its first women's Olympic volleyball medal. The Serbian men's team won the Olympic tournament in 2000.

The two gold-medal game sides did meet in pool play, however. Serbia swept China, 3-0, on August 12. That seems like a long time ago, now.

- **Water Polo/Summary**

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Bronze(s)</i>
Aug 19	Women	United States	Italy	Russia

*Back-to-back gold medals for the U.S. women, who completed an undefeated Games, never scoring less than 10 goals and beating Italy, 12-5, in the final.*

- **Water Polo: Men**

<i>The formchart:</i>		<i>Gold</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Bronze</i>
OG '12	London	Croatia	Italy	Serbia
WCh '13	Barcelona	Hungary	Montenegro	Croatia
WCh '15	Kazan	Serbia	Croatia	Greece

Croatia and Serbia will meet for the gold medal, a fitting showdown between the defending Olympic gold medalist (Croatia) and the 2015 World Champions, Serbia.

Neither team won their group, but the Croats got by Brazil, 10-6 in the quarters and then Montenegro by a 12-8 count. Serbia edged Spain, 10-7 and then Italy, 10-8, to earn a place in the final.

The two sides met for the World title last year in Kazan, with Serbia winning handily, 11-4.

- **Weightlifting/Summary**

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Bronze(s)</i>
Aug 7	M 56 kg	Long (CHN)	Om (PRK)	Kruaithong (THA)



Date	Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze(s)
Aug 8	M 62 kg	Figueroa (COL)	Irawan (INA)	Kharki (KAZ)
Aug 9	M 69 kg	Shi (CHN)	Ismayilov (TUR)	Artykov (KAZ) (doping)
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)
Aug 15	Greco-Roman/M 85 kg	Chakvetadze (RUS)	Beleniuk (UKR)	Hamzatu (BLR) Kudla (GER)

Date	Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze(s)
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 19	Freestyle/Men's 57 kg	Khinchegashvili (GEO)	Higuchi (JPN)	Aliyev (AZE) Rahimi (IRI)
Aug 19	Freestyle/Men's 74 kg	Yazdanicharati (IRI)	Geduev (RUS)	Hasanov (AZE) Demirtas (TUR)
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) Syzydykova (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 86 kg**

The formchart:	Gold	Silver	Bronze
OG '12 London (84 kg)	Sharif Sharifov (AZE)	Jaime Espinal (PUR)	Dato Marsagishvili (GEO)-E. Lashgari (IRI)
WCh '13 Budapest	Ibragim Aldatov (UKR)	Reineris Salas (CUB)	Istvan Vereb (HUN)-Ehsan Lashgari (IRI)
WCh '14 Tashkent	Abdul. Sadulaev (RUS)	Reineris Salas (CUB)	Selim Yasar (TUR)-M.H. Mohammadian (IRI)
WCh '15 Las Vegas	Abdul. Sadulaev (RUS)	Selim Yasar (TUR)	Alireza Karimi (IRI)-S. Aminashvili (GEO)

This class was at 84 kg in 2012 and 2013, but was changed to 57 kg for the 2014 World Championships and beyond.

Defending Olympic champion **Sharif Sharifov** of Azerbaijan is back to defend, but the brackets are anchored by the gold and silver medalists from the 2015 World Championships.

The upper bracket starts with Russia's **Abdulrashid Sadulaev**, who will have to deal quickly with Hungary's 2013 bronze medalist, **Istvan Vereb**, and possibly later, with Sharifov or Georgia's 2015 bronze winner, **Sandro Aminashvili**.

Turkey's **Selim Yasar**, who was blanked by Sadulaev in last year's final, 6-0, will face a major threat in Cuba's **Reineris Salas**, twice World Champs runner-up in 2013-14. That quarterfinal winner may then have to get by Iran's **Alireza Karimi** in a semifinal.

That means both of the 2015 World finalists have a long road to meet again.

- **Wrestling: Men's Freestyle 125 kg**

<i>The formchart:</i>		<i>Gold</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Bronze</i>
OG '12	London (120)	Artur Taymazov (UZB)	Modzmanashvili (GEO)	Komeil Ghasemi (IRI)-Bilyal Makhov (RUS)
WCh '13	Budapest	Khad. Gatsalov (RUS)	Alen Zasyayev (UKR)	Taha Akgul (TUR)-Geno Petriashvili (GEO)
WCh '14	Tashkent	Taha Akgul (TUR)	Komeil Ghasemi (IRI)	Khad. Gatsalov (RUS)-Tervel Dlagnev (USA)
WCh '15	Las Vegas	Taha Akgul (TUR)	J. Magomedov (AZE)	Geno Petriashvili (GEO)-Bil. Makhov (RUS)

This class was at 120 kg in 2012 and 2013, but was changed to 125 kg for the 2014 World Championships and beyond.

The big boys of the wrestling world will be trying to take down the two-time World Champion **Taha Akgul** of Turkey. He heads the upper bracket and has a favorable draw.

The lower half of the bracket has past medal winners galore, including **Jamaladdin Magomedov** of Azerbaijan, the 2015 runner-up; **Tervel Dlagnev** of the U.S., bronze medalist in 2014, and both 2015 bronze-medal winners in Russia's **Bilyal Makhov** and Georgia's **Geno Petriashvili**. Throw in Iran's 2014 silver medalist **Komeil Ghasemi** for good measure and it will be a tough road to try and get to the final.

Akgul will more than likely be waiting.

## ***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



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instances (53.8%) and the women were even better: 16 of 26 for 61.5 percent!

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