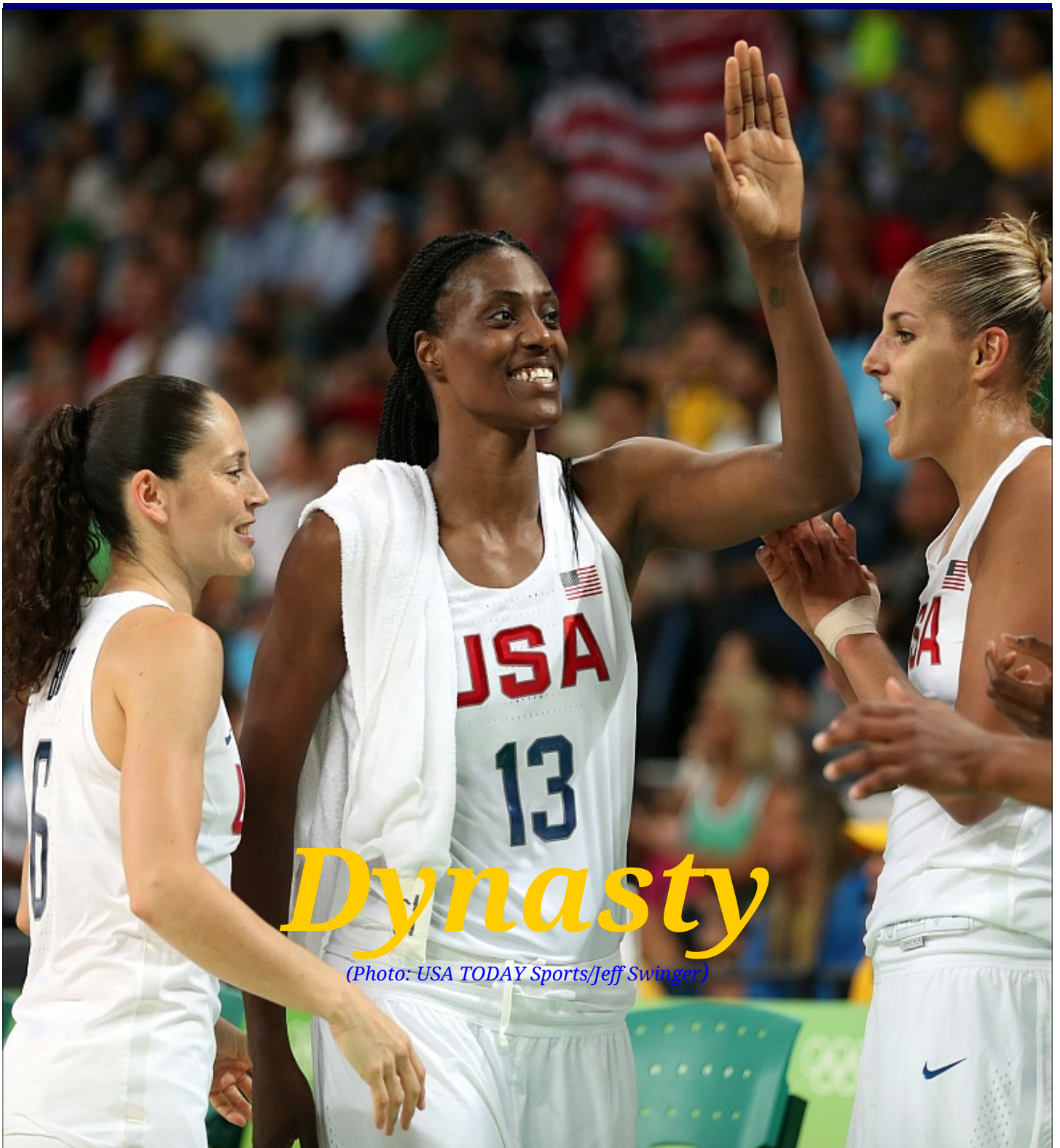


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Dynasty: U.S. women's basketball stars Sue Bird and Sylvia Fowles (13) celebrating their victory in the basketball final against Spain, the U.S.'s amazing sixth straight gold in the event.
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Lane One: Cubs win! Cubs win!

One drought of 108 years is over. So another must be about to overturned, right?

Leading off a dreadfully slow pace, American Matthew Centrowitz won the Olympic 1,500 meters on Saturday in the pathetic time of 3:50.00, nearly 16 seconds slower than he ran to win the U.S. Olympic Trials! But he was happy to receive the gold medal.

The time was so slow that women's world-record holder Genzebe Dibaba of Ethiopia could have been right with him at the tape. Her world 1,500 m record is 3:50.07.

But Centrowitz's win broke a 108-year drought for the U.S. in the metric mile, dating back to Mel Sheppard's come-from-behind victory in the London Games of 1908.

Longtime friend Pete Cava, the former communications director of the AAU and (what is now) USA Track & Field, wrote a story about Sheppard's win, noting:

"(Britain's Harold) Wilson had the lead heading into the straightaway when, noted the Washington Post, 'it became apparent that he had sprinted too soon.'

"Now Sheppard went into overdrive, passing (Britain's Norman) Hallows and then taking the lead from Wilson with about fifteen yards to go. The American finished first in 4:03.4, tying the Olympic record. Second was Wilson in 4:03.6, with Hallows third in 4:04.0."

In the year that the Ford Model T was introduced and Theodore Roosevelt occupied the White House, the Chicago Cubs also won their last World Series. Cava notes that 92 days

after Sheppard's gold-medal performance, the Cubs – with the Hall of Fame infield of Tinkers-to-Evers-to-Chance and pitcher Mordecai "Three-Fingers" Brown – wrapped up a 4-1 Series victory over the Ty Cobb-led Detroit Tigers.

We won't have to wait as long as in 1908 to find out if both of these 108-year old curses will be expunged in 2016. The first day of the World Series is scheduled for October 27, just 68 days after Centrowitz ended the American drought in the metric mile. *Cubs win! Cubs win!*

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.

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!

Rio 2016: U.S. Romps on Day 15

A overloaded schedule of 30 (!) finals on Saturday wrapped up most of the competitions at the 2016 Rio Games, with just 12 events left for Sunday. As usual, the United States led the scoring parade – as it has each day of the Games – at 105.5 points, but more than a third of all the countries competing scored a point on Saturday.

The remarkable U.S. team has scored an astonishing 1,223.6 points at the Games, extending its overall lead after 15 days, ahead of China (811). The Americans have scored as many as 112.3 points in a single day and a low of 55, with three days over 100. Great Britain has had a brilliant Games, third with 748.5.

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 15, with 294 of 306 events scored, the leaders:

1.	1,223.6	USA	17.	173.3	Hungary	33.	89.5	Switzerland
2.	811	China	18.	153	Poland	34.	89	Uzbekistan
3.	748.5	Great Britain	19.	147.5	Kazakhstan	35.	87.5	Belgium
4.	559.5	Russia	20.	142	Cuba	36.	75.5	DPR Korea
5.	537.5	Germany	21.	141.5	Kenya	37.	73	Iran
6.	483	France	22.	136	Sweden	38.	70.5	Thailand
7.	443	Australia	23.	135	Denmark	39.	70	Georgia
8.	431.5	Japan	24.	134.5	Belarus	40.	68	Greece
9.	374	Italy	25.	126	Azerbaijan		68	Ethiopia
10.	284	Canada	26.	122	Jamaica	42.	65	Serbia
11.	272.5	Brazil	27.	114.8	South Africa	43.	58	Slovakia
12.	268.5	Netherlands	28.	105.5	Czech Rep.	44.	54.8	Argentina
13.	226.5	Korea	29.	102.5	Colombia	45.	54.5	Egypt
14.	222.3	Spain	30.	101	Turkey	46.	54	Romania
15.	217	New Zealand	31.	91.5	Croatia	47.	50	Malaysia
16.	190.5	Ukraine		91.5	Mexico			

Day 15-only scoring leaders:

1.	105.5	USA		35.5	Ukraine	15.	21	Azerbaijan
2.	69.5	Great Britain	9.	32.5	Korea		21	Hungary
3.	65	Germany	10.	32	Brazil		21	Turkey
4.	61	Russia	11.	30.5	Canada	18.	20.5	Belarus
5.	60	China	12.	29.5	Cuba	19.	20	Italy
6.	48.5	France	13.	27.5	Mexico		20	New Zealand
7.	35.5	Spain	14.	25	Serbia	21.	18	Uzbekistan

22.	17	Australia	8	Belgium	60.	3.5	Armenia
	17	Kenya	42.	7.5		3.5	Ireland
24.	16	Jamaica		7.5		3.5	Venezuela
	16	Poland	44.	6.5	63.	3	Finland
26.	15	Czech Rep.	45.	6		3	St. Lucia
27.	14	Croatia		6		3	Greece
28.	13.5	Sweden		6		3	Uganda
29.	12	Switzerland		6	67.	2.5	Argentina
30.	11	Bulgaria		6		2.5	Chinese Taipei
31.	10	Denmark		6		2.5	Egypt
	10	Iran		6		2.5	Mongolia
	10	Malaysia	52.	5.5		2.5	Thailand
	10	Netherlands	53.	5	73.	2	Puerto Rico
	10	South Africa		5	74.	1.5	Philippines
36.	8.5	Japan		5		1.5	Nepal
37.	8	Algeria		5	76.	1	Angola
	8	Burundi	57.	4		1	Bermuda
	8	Niger		4		1	Eritrea
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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!



An amazing total of 78 National Olympic Committees – 38% of all NOCs attending the Games – scored – meaning they had a finisher in the top eight – on Day 15. That’s a remarkable tribute to the quality of the athletes and nations participating in the Games.

We’ll have a full tally at the end of the Games.

Rio 2016: Capsule Previews of August 21 Finals

Olympic finals tracker:

Days completed: 15 of 16 / Events completed: 294 / Events Remaining: 12

Today: 12 finals in eight 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? No 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. After that, we tried harder, but still missed some.

• **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)
Aug 20	M 1500 m	Centrowitz (USA)	Makhloufi (ALG)	Willis (NZL)
Aug 17	M 3000 m Steeplechase	C. Kipruto (KEN)	Jager (USA)	Mekhissi (FRA)



August 21, 2016

Date	Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze(s)
Aug 20	M 5000 m	Farah (GBR)	Chelimo (USA)	Gebrhiwet (ETH)
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 19	M 4x100 m	Jamaica	Japan	Canada
Aug 20	M 4x400 m	United States	Jamaica	Bahamas
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 20	M Javelin	Rohler (GER)	Yego (KEN)	Walcott (TTO)
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 20	W 800 m	Semenya (RSA)	Niyonsaba (BDI)	Wambui (KEN)
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)

Date	Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze(s)
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 4x100 m	United States	Jamaica	Great Britain
Aug 20	W 4x400 m	United States	Jamaica	Great Britain
Aug 19	W 20 km Walk	Liu (CHN)	Gonzalez (MEX)	Lu (CHN)
Aug 20	W High Jump	Beitia (ESP)	Demireva (BUL)	Vlasic (CRO)
Aug 19	W Pole Vault	Stefanidi (GRE)	Morris (USA)	McCartney (AUS)
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 & 4x100 m titles in a row? Oh well, no world records there ...

• **Athletics/ Men's Marathon**

The formchart:		Gold	Silver	Bronze
OG '12	London	Steph. Kiprotich (UGA)	Abel Kirui (KEN)	Wilson Kipsang Kiprotich (KEN)
WCh '13	Moscow	Steph. Kiprotich (UGA)	Lelisa Desisa (ETH)	Tadese Tola (ETH)
WCh '15	Beijing	G. Gebreslassie (ERI)	Yemane Tsegay (ETH)	Solomon Mutai (UGA)

A very large field – for an Olympic marathon – of 155 runners is slated to start at the Sambodromo, which will revert back to the home of Carnival parades after Sunday’s race.

Unlike the paced big-city marathons which can produce remarkable times, championship races tend to be slower and more tactical. That’s why the Olympic marathon best is a respectable 2:06:32 by the late Sammy Wanjiru of Kenya from 2008 vs. the world best of 2:02.57 by Kenya’s Dennis Kimetto in 2014.

But the folks to watch, as always, are the Kenyans and Ethiopians:

- *Kenya*: **Eliud Kipchoge** (London Marathon winner in 2015 and 2016 and ‘08 Olympic silver), **Stanley Biwott** (London runner-up the last two years and New York winner in 2015) and **Wesley Korir** (Boston winner in 2012).
- *Ethiopia*: **Tesfaye Abera** (Dubai winner in 2016), **Lemi Berhanu Hayle** (2016 Boston Marathon winner and 15th in last year’s World Championships) and **Feyisa Lilesa** (2011 Worlds bronze medalist).

You can add to these teams several talented individuals who can challenge them: defending Olympic winner **Stephen Kiprotich** of Uganda (also the 2013 World Champion), **Ghirmay Ghebreslassie** of Eriteria (2015 World Champion) and **Galen Rupp** of the U.S., who won the U.S. Trials on a hot day in Los Angeles in 2:11:13, his marathon debut.

African runners have swept the medals in the last two Olympics. In 2004, Stefano Baldini of Italy won it, with **Meb Keflezighi** of the U.S. second. Keflezighi is back again, at age 41, for one more try and if the pace is slow, his tactical acumen might give him an opportunity.

• ***Badminton/Summary***

Date	Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze(s)
Aug 20	Men’s Singles	Lee (MAS)	Chen (CHN)	Axelsen (DEN)
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

In all, 11 of 15 medals were won by Asian countries, but Spain, Great Britain and Denmark (2) broke through for a medal of each color.

• ***Basketball/Summary***

Date	Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze(s)
Aug 20	Women	United States	Spain	Serbia

This is what a dynasty looks like: six Olympic titles in a row and 49 consecutive victories in Olympic play. That's the legacy of the United States women's team, which rolled through the tournament in Rio, winning each of its eight games by an average of 37.2 and not less than 19 points. And four gold medals for Diana Taurasi, Sue Bird and Tamika Catchings.

• **Basketball: Men**

The formchart:		Gold	Silver	Bronze
OG '12	London	United States	Spain	Russia
WCh '14	Spain	United States	Serbia	France

The unbeaten U.S. team will face Serbia, which finished fourth in Group A, and lost to the U.S. by a 94-91 count on August 12.

The Americans held on in that one, leading 50-41 at halftime and 72-62 after three quarters, but was outscored 29-22 in the fourth quarter. Kyrie Irving led the winners with 15 points and DeAndre Jordan had 13 points off the bench. The U.S. shot 49.1% from the floor for the game.

The Serbs shot 51.7% for the game and received a huge boost from Denver Nuggets center Nikola Jokic, who had 25 points, plus 18 each from center Miroslav Raduljica and guard Milos Teodosic.

So the issue is defense for the U.S., which excelled in stopping opponents in their Olympic steamroller performances in 2008 and 2012. If they're asleep again, watch out ...

• **Beach Volleyball/Summary**

Date	Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze(s)
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**

Date	Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze(s)
Aug 14	Men's 49 kg	Dusmatov (UZB)	Martinez (COL)	Hernandez (USA) Argilagos (CUB)

Date	Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze(s)
Aug 20	Men's 56 kg	Ramirez (CUB)	Stevenson (USA)	Akhmadaliev (UZB) Nikitin (RUS)
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 20	Men's 75 kg	Lopez (CUB)	Melikuziev (UZB)	Rodriguez (MEX) Shakhshuvarly (AZE)
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 20	Women's 51 kg	Adams (GBR)	Ourahmoune (FRA)	Ren (CHN) Valencia Victoria (COL)
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 Flyweight (52 kg)**

The formchart:		Gold	Silver	Bronze
OG '12	London	Shiming Zou (CHN)	K. Pongprayoon (THA)	Paddy Barnes (IRL)-David Ayrapetyan (RUS)
WCh '13	Almaty	Birzh. Zhakypov (KAZ)	Mohammed Flissi (ALG)	Yosvany Veitia (CUB)-David Jimenez (CRC)
WCh '15	Doha	E. Mamishzada (AZE)	Yosbany Veitia (CUB)	Jianguan Hu (CHN)-Mohammed Flissi (ALG)

Shakhobidin Zoirov (UZB) vs. Misha Aloian (RUS)

Both Zoirov and Aloian have clean records, having won unanimous decisions in each of their bouts. Aloian outpointed 2015 bronze medalist Jianguan Hu of China in his semi.

The southpaw Aloian, 27, owns two World titles, having won in Baku in 2011 and Almaty in 2013. He'll be favored over his younger opponent; Zoirov, 23, was the 2014 Asian Games silver-medal winner, but this is his first appearance in a World or Olympic final.

• **Boxing/Men's Light Welterweight (64 kg)**

<i>The formchart:</i>		<i>Gold</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Bronze</i>
OG '12	London	Roniel Iglesias (CUB)	Denys Berinchyk (UKR)	Vin. Mangiacapre (ITA)-Monkh-Erdene (MGL)
WCh '13	Almaty	Merey Akshalov (KAZ)	Yasniel Toledo (CUB)	Everton Lopez (BRA)-Monkh-Erdene (MGL)
WCh '15	Doha	Vitaly Dunatsev (RUS)	Faz. Gaibnazarov (UZB)	Yasniel Toledo (CUB)-Wuttichai Masuk (THA)

Fazliddin Gaibnazarov (UZB) vs. Lorenzo Sotomayor (AZE)

Sotomayor served notice in the quarterfinals that he was on a roll, defeating former countryman Yasniel Toledo of Cuba – the 2015 Worlds bronze medalist – on a unanimous decision. Gaibnazarov matched the feat by out-pointing last year’s World Champion, Vitaly Denatsev of Russia, on a split (2-1) decision in his semi.

Lefty Gaibnazarov, who boxed in the 2012 Games in the Lightweight class, was the Worlds silver winner last year and now stands ready to claim his first global title. He can become the second Uzbek gold medalist in boxing with a win.

Sotomayor, now 31, was born in Cuba and was a national boxing champion, but left in 2013 for Azerbaijan to live and train under a Cuban coach. He’ll win Azerbaijan’s seventh boxing medal in history, win or lose.

• **Boxing/Men’s Super Heavyweight (+91 kg)**

<i>The formchart:</i>		<i>Gold</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Bronze</i>
OG '12	London	Anthony Joshua (GBR)	Rob. Cammarelle (ITA)	Mag. Majidov (AZE)-Ivan Dychko (KAZ)
WCh '13	Almaty	Mago. Majidov (AZE)	Ivan Dychko (KAZ)	Rob. Cammarelle (ITA)-Erik Pfeifer (GER)
WCh '15	Doha	Tony Yoka (FRA)	Ivan Dychko (KAZ)	Joseph Joyce (UKR)-Bakh. Jalolov (UZB)

Tony Yoka (FRA) vs. Joe Joyce (GBR)

This is a rematch of a 2015 World Boxing Championships super-heavy semifinal, where Yoka decisioned Joyce, 3-0.

Joyce, 30, got to the final by unanimous decision over the 2015 silver medalist, Ivan Dychko of Kazakhstan, after beating his co-bronze medalist from 2015, Bakhodir Jalolov of Uzbekistan (also 3-0).

Yoka, 24, got by Croatia’s 2015 European Super-Heavyweight champ Filip Hrgovic in the semis on a split (2-1) decision, and given his win over Joyce last year, is the favorite to add another gold to pair with his 2010 Youth Olympics gold medal.

• **Boxing/Women’s Middleweight (75 kg)**

<i>The formchart:</i>		<i>Gold</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Bronze</i>
OG '12	London	Claessa Shields (USA)	Nad. Torlopova (RUS)	Jinzi Li (CHN)-Marina Volnova (KAZ)
WCh '14	Jeju City	Claessa Shields (USA)	Qian Li (CHN)	Ariane Fortin (CAN)-Nouchka Fontijn (NED)
WCh '16	Astana	Claessa Shields (USA)	Nouchka Fontijn (NED)	Savannah Marshall (GBR)-Nien-c.Chen (TPE)

Claessa Shields (USA) vs. Nouchka Fontijn (NED)

Claessa Shields of the U.S. will try for a sweep of the London-to-Rio quadrennial, having won both World titles in 2014 and 2016, facing her 2016 World Championships opponent **Nouchka Fontijn** of the Netherlands once again.

Shields and Fontijn have both won their two fights on points, with Shields getting unanimous decisions in her bouts and Fontijn winning her quarterfinal by 2-0 and then a split, 2-1 decision in her semi with China's Qian Li.

At the 2016 Worlds held in Astana earlier this year, Shields won a unanimous decision (3-0) and will be favored to do so once again. If so, she will join Britain's Nicola Adams as two-time women's boxing gold medalists.

• **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 20	Sprint/M C-2 1000 m	Germany	Brazil	Ukraine
Aug 20	Sprint/M K-1 200 m	Health (GBR)	Beaumont (FRA)	Craviotto (ESP)-Rauhe (GER)
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 20	Sprint/M K-4 1000 m	Germany	Slovakia	Czech Rep.
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 20	Sprint/W K-4 500 m	Hungary	Germany	Belarus

Date	Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze(s)
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. The Sprint races saw seven countries win gold, but the Germans (four golds) and Hungarians (three) had the most to celebrate. In total, Europeans won 41 of the 54 medals.

• **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	Ligtee (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)
Aug 20	Mountain Bike: Women	Rissveds (SWE)	Wloszczowska (POL)	Pendrel (CAN)

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: Men**

The formchart:	Gold	Silver	Bronze
OG '12 London	Jaroslav Kulhavy (CZE)	Nino Schurter (SUI)	Marco Aurelio Fontana (ITA)
WCh '13 Pietermaritzb'g	Nino Schurter (SUI)	Manuel Fumic (GER)	Jose Antonio Hermida (ESP)
WCh '14 Lillehammer	Julien Absalon (FRA)	Nino Schurter (SUI)	Marco Aurelio Fontana (ITA)
WCh '15 Vallnord	Nino Schurter (SUI)	Julien Absalon (FRA)	Ondrej Cink (CZE)
WCh '16 Nove Mesto	Nino Schurter (SUI)	Jaroslav Kulhavy (CZE)	Julien Absalon (FRA)

A total of 49 riders are scheduled to start the 5,400 m cross-country course at 8:30 in the morning. Since 2012, the men’s cross-country event has essentially been the personal property of Switzerland’s **Nino Schurter** (three times World Champion) and France’s **Julien Absalon** (2014 World Champion). These two will start side-by-side.

However, defending Olympic gold medalist **Jaroslav Kulhavy** is not conceding the race to either, and was runner-up at the 2016 World Championships, ahead of Absalon. Absalon’s teammate, **Maxime Marotte**, is third-ranked worldwide and has finished in the top three in four of his six World Cup appearances this year.

Not to be underestimated are prior World Champs medalists **Ondrej Cink** (CZE) and Italy’s **Marco Aurelio Fontana**, who seem to be best when medals are being handed out.

• **Diving/Summary**

Date	Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze(s)
Aug 16	M 3 m Springboard	Cao (CHN)	Laugher (GBR)	Hausding (GER)
Aug 20	M 10 m Platform	Chen (CHN)	Sanchez (MEX)	Boudia (USA)
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)

Date	Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze(s)
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 synchronized 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 steamed on, taking gold in seven of eight events.

• **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 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 Britain, Germany and France, which shared the gold medals evenly in the six events. Thirteen of the 18 medals went to Europe.

• **Fencing/Summary**

Date	Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze(s)
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

Date	Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze(s)
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 20	Men	Brazil	Germany	Nigeria
Aug 19	Women	Germany	Sweden	Canada

Like the football version of “The Natural,” it was national hero Neymar scoring the lone goal in regulation and then the clinching penalty shot to give Brazil its first Olympic football championship. The burst of emotion for the winners – and the wild Brazilian crowd – was a moment of redemption for Brazilian football and for the country in the midst of terrible economic and political turmoil.

• **Golf/Summary**

Date	Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze(s)
Aug 14	Men	Rose (GBR)	Stenson (SWE)	Kuchar (USA)
Aug 20	Women	Park (KOR)	Ko (NZL)	Feng (CHN)

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.

Inbee Park of Korea, a familiar face in the LPGA winner’s circle, got to the top of the leaderboard early and never let up, shooting 66-66-70-66 for -16 and a final score of 268 and the gold medal.

• **Gymnastics/Summary**

Date	Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze(s)
Aug 8	Artistic/M Team	Japan	Russia	China

Date	Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze(s)
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)	Abylazin (RUS)
Aug 15	Artistic/M Vault	Ri (PRK)	Abylazin (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 20	Rhythmic/Individual	Mamun (RUS)	Kudryavtseva (RUS)	Rizatdinova (UKR)
Aug 13	Trampoline: Men	Hancharou (BLR)	Dong (CHN)	Gao (CHN)
Aug 12	Trampoline: Women	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/Team All-Around**

The formchart:	Gold	Silver	Bronze	
OG '12	London	Russia	Belarus	Italy
WCh '13	Kiev	Belarus	Italy	Russia
WCh '14	Izmir	Bulgaria	Italy	Belarus
WCh '15	Stuttgart	Russia	Bulgaria	Spain

Eight teams qualified for the final, led by the 2015 World Championships bronze-medal winners from Spain, just 0.233 ahead of Russia, with Belarus and Italy close behind. In fact, the top six teams were all within a single point.

Two rotations will take place on Sunday, the first with 5 Ribbons and the second with 3 Clubs and 2 Hoops. The Spanish and Russians look to be close at the finish; they are the only two countries to have won this event (Spain in 1996, Russia since).

Belarus, Italy and Japan also look close for the bronze medal.

• **Handball/Summary**

Date	Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze(s)
Aug 20	Women	Russia	France	Norway

Russia won its first-ever Olympic women's handball tourney (not counting its prior days with the Soviet Union), defeating France, 22-19. The win broke a streak of five straight Games in which a Nordic team – Norway or Denmark – had won gold.

• **Handball/Men**

The formchart:		Gold	Silver	Bronze
OG '12	London	France	Sweden	Croatia
WCh '13	Spain	Spain	Denmark	Croatia
WCh '15	Qatar	France	Qatar	Poland

Denmark and France both squeezed into the final by the slimmest of margins – one goal – in their semifinals. The French overcame Germany, 29-28, and the Danes edged Poland by the same score!

Interestingly, both were in the same group, but neither won it. Croatia and France both had eight points, with the Danes at six. But Croatia promptly lost to Poland, 30-27, in the quarterfinals.

In the Group A match between the France and Denmark on August 15, France won, 33-30, taking command in the second half after the game was 25-25. Kentin Mahe went crazy with nine goals, Daniel Narcisse had eight (on eight shots) and Valentin Porte had six. For the Danes, Mikkel Hansen led with eight goals (8-10 shooting), Lasse Svan had six and Casper Mortensen and Morten Olsen had five each.

Given that France is the current World Champion, they are favored to stand atop the podium and sing “Le Marseillaise” for the third consecutive time at the Olympic Games.

• **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)
Aug 10	W 70 kg	Tachimoto (JPN)	Alvear (COL)	Conway (GBR) Vargas Koch (GER)

Date	Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze(s)
Aug 11	W 78 kg	Harrison (USA)	Tcheumeo (FRA)	Aguiar (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 20	Men	Lesun (RUS)	Tymoschenko (UKR)	Hernandez (MEX)
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. Alexander Lesun's big score in the fencing segment gave him a lead he never relinquished and proved to be the difference in the men's event.

• **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

Date	Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze(s)
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

Of the 42 total medals on offer, 30 went to Europeans. 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
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**

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)
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)

Date	Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze(s)
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)
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)

Date	Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze(s)
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
Open Water				
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)

Date	Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze(s)
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 20	Men +80 kg	Isaev (AZE)	Issofou Alfaga (NIG)	Cha (KOR) Siquiera (BRA)
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)
Aug 19	Women 67 kg	Oh (KOR)	Niare (FRA)	Gbagbi (CIV) Tatar (TUR)
Aug 20	Women +67 kg	Zheng (CHN)	Espinosa (MEX)	Galloway (USA) Walkden (GBR)

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!

• **Tennis/Summary**

Date	Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze(s)
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**

Date	Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze(s)
Aug 18	Men	A. Brownlee (GBR)	J. Brownlee (GBR)	Schoeman (RSA)
Aug 20	Women	Jorgenson (USA)	Spirig (SUI)	Holland (GBR)

Back-to-back Olympic triumphs for Alistair Brownlee of Britain, and a silver for brother Jonathan! Gwen Jorgenson of the U.S. was the women's favorite going in and she delivered, winning by 40 seconds. She was 23rd out of the water, but up to fourth by the transition from bike to run and took the lead in the first of three loops of the run. Her 34:09 10 km time gave her the winning margin.

• **Volleyball/Summary**

Date	Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze(s)
Aug 20	Women	China	Serbia	United States

China missed a medal in the women's competition in 2012 and hadn't won since 2004. But its four-set win over Serbia is China's third gold overall.

• **Volleyball/Men**

The formchart:		Gold	Silver	Bronze
OG '12	London	Russia	Brazil	Italy
WCh '14	Poland	Poland	Brazil	Germany

The home fans will be cheering loudly for the Brazilians, as they take on Italy in the men's final.

Volleyball is a big deal in Brazil and Ary Graca, the president of the international volleyball federation (FIVB) is a Brazilian, so have no doubt about who will have the crowd's energy.

The Italians couldn't care less, having overcome a 2-1 deficit to the U.S. in their semifinal, winning the last two sets 25-22 and 15-9. Italy also won its group, losing only to Canada, but beating the Brazilians, 3-1 in a group match on August 13.

Brazil took the lead in that match with a 25-23 first-set win, but the Italians won two close sets by 25-23 and 25-22 and then cruised in set four to win the match, 25-15.

The Brazilians won silver in 2012 and the Worlds in 2014. They could be looking at their third runner-up spot in a row, all to different opponents!

• **Water Polo/Summary**

Date	Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze(s)
Aug 19	Women	United States	Italy	Russia
Aug 20	Men	Serbia	Croatia	Italy

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. Serbia had won silver or bronze in four straight Games, but finally got to the top step with an 11-7 win over defending champs Croatia.

• **Weightlifting/Summary**

Date	Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze(s)
Aug 7	M 56 kg	Long (CHN)	Om (PRK)	Kruaithong (THA)
Aug 8	M 62 kg	Figueroa (COL)	Irawan (INA)	Kharki (KAZ)
Aug 9	M 69 kg	Shi (CHN)	Ismayilov (TUR)	Artykov (KGZ) (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)

Date	Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze(s)
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)
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 20	Freestyle/Men's 86 kg	Sadulaev (RUS)	Yasar (TUR)	Sharifov (AZE) Cox (USA)
Aug 20	Freestyle/Men's 125 kg	Akgul (TUR)	Ghasemi (IRI)	Saidau (BLR) Petriashvili (GEO)

Date	Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze(s)
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 Japanese dominated the women's competition, winning three of five weights, but there were also memorable wins by Helen Maroulis of the U.S. and Erica Wiebe of Canada.

• **Wrestling: Men's Freestyle 65 kg**

The formchart:	Gold	Silver	Bronze
OG '12 London (66 kg)	Tat. Yonemitsu (JPN)	Sushil Kumar (IND)	Livan Lopez (CUB)-Akz. Tanatarov (KAZ)
WCh '13 Budapest	David Safaryan (ARM)	Livan Lopez (CUB)	M. Kurbanaliev (RUS)-Mandakhnaran (MGL)
WCh '14 Tashkent	Soslan Ramonov (RUS)	Ahm. Mohammadi (IRI)	G. Mandakhnaran (MGL)-Mihai Sava (MDA)
WCh '15 Las Vegas	Frank Chamizo (ITA)	Ikh. Navruzov (UZB)	Soslan Ramonov (RUS)-A. Mohammadi (IRI)

This class was at 66 kg in 2012 and 2013, but was changed to 65 kg for the 2014 World Championships and beyond.

The last two World Champions – **Frank Chamizo** of Italy and **Soslan Ramonov** of Russia – anchor the two brackets in this class. In Chamizo's upper bracket is 2013 World Champion **David Safaryan** of Armenia and they will meet in the round of 16. No easy openers at the Olympics!

Ramonov's lower bracket is also filled with challenges, especially 2015 silver medalist **Ikhtiyor Navruzov** of Uzbekistan and 2013 and 2014 bronze-medal winner **Ganzorig Mandakhnaran** of Mongolia. Navruzov beat Ramonov at last year's Worlds in the semifinal; a rematch could be epic.

• **Wrestling: Men's Freestyle 97 kg**



<i>The formchart:</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Bronze</i>
OG '12 London (96 kg)	Jake Varner (USA)	Valerii Andriitsev (UKR)	G. Gogshelidze (GEO)-K. Gazyumov (AZE)
WCh '13 Budapest	Reza Yazdani (IRI)	Khe. Gazyumov (AZE)	Pavlo Olynyk (UKR)-A. Boltukayev (RUS)
WCh '14 Tashkent	Abdu. Gadisov (RUS)	Khe. Gazyumov (AZE)	Javier Cortina (CUB)-Val. Andriytsev (UKR)
WCh '15 Las Vegas	Kyle Snyder (USA)	Abdu. Gadisov (RUS)	Khe. Gazyumov (AZE)-Pavlo Olynyk (UKR)

This class was at 96 kg in 2012 and 2013, but was changed to 97 kg for the 2014 World Championships and beyond.

Surprise 2015 World Champion **Kyle Snyder** of the U.S., just 20 years old, anchors the top half of the bracket and will immediately be tested by Cuba's 2014 Worlds bronze medalist, **Javier Cortina**.

Khetag Gazyumov of Azerbaijan has been the most consistent wrestler in this class over the last four years, winning medals in the 2012 Games (bronze) and either silver or bronze medals in each of the last three World Championships. He will have his hands full trying to advance against Iran's **Reza Yazdani**, the 2013 World Champion and Ukraine's 2014 bronze winner, **Valerii Andriitsev**.

Snyder is a prodigy, displacing 2012 Olympic gold medalist Jake Varner to earn his place on the American Olympic squad. His test in Rio will be no one difficult or tense than his battle with Varner last April. But if he wins, he becomes the face of American wrestling for the next quadrennial.

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 (done; see below!), comparing the Trials finals marks vs. the last round achieved in the Games.

The American swimmers were unconscious, 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! Overall: 30/52 for an astonishing 57.7%.

The track & field team is never that efficient; the events are much more diverse and there are 38 individual athletics events on the track (road events are not included) compared to 26 in pool swimming (open-water not included). But anything over .300 – like a baseball batting average – is pretty good in track, and the U.S. track & field squad “batted” .329 ... and won a marvelous 31 medals!

<i>Trials vs. Games – Athletics</i>				
<i>Event</i>	<i>Men's Performance</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>Women's Performance</i>	<i>%</i>
100 m	0/3	0	0/3	0

Event	Men's Performance	%	Women's Performance	%
200 m	0/3	0	1/3	33
400 m	2/3	67	1/3	33
800 m	1/3	33	0/3	0
1500 m	0/3	0	0/3	0
Steeplechase	3/3	100	2/3	67
5000 m	3/3	100	0/3	0
10,000 m	3/3	100	2/3	67
100/110 m H	0/3	0	0/3	0
400 m H	2/3	67	1/3	33
High Jump	3/3	100	0.5/3	16
Pole Vault	0/3	0	1/3	33
Long Jump	1/3	33	1/3	33
Triple Jump	2/3	67	1/3	33
Shot Put	1/3	33	2/3	67
Discus	1/3	33	0/3	0
Hammer	0/3	0	0/3	0
Javelin	1/3	33	1/3	33
Decathlon/Heptathlon	1/3	33	0/3	0
<i>Totals (19 events):</i>	<i>24/57</i>	<i>42.1%</i>	<i>13.5/57</i>	<i>23.7%</i>

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