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Two unforgettable personalities of the Rio Games: American gymnastics gold medalists Simone Biles (left) and Aly Raisman at the Closing Ceremony.
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Lane One: Rio 2, Critics 1 (OT)

The Games of the XXXI Olympiad was a win for Rio, 2-1, in overtime. But a win for sure.

We noted back on [July 31](#) that if the Brazilians could keep people safe, get the competitions running on time, let the paying spectators in and keep the television and results systems working, they could declare victory.

And so they have, and all to their credit. It wasn't easy.

Today's Olympic Games are too large, too expensive and too complex. The questions about the future of the Games amid the cost, doping scandals and now ticket scalping are legitimate and will have to be taken up by the responsible party – the International Olympic Committee – forthwith.

But for the Brazilians, they can be happy that they pulled it off. It was not the extravagant showcase they might have envisioned in 2009 when they scored by winning the Games, the first in South America, put on by a nation then on the rise.

When the first athletes and journalists showed up, things weren't quite ready, but they turned out well enough. This is normal for most Games and every organizer goes through the pain of "doing" rather than planning; some better than others. The critics scored a point and it took overtime for the hosts to get ahead, but they got there in the end.

Those who were at the Games as coaches, media and officials had, by many accounts, a difficult time. But they don't count. Too many empty seats? For sure, but those who came were loud and appreciative.

What will be remembered will be Usain Bolt, Michael Phelps, Simone Biles, beach volleyball at Copacabana and, especially, Neymar's heroics in the football final to give Brazil a victory for the ages.

Rio will not be remembered as a revolutionary Games that changed the way sports are presented. But they were wonderful in their own way, in line with the city and country that organized it. And that's just fine.

Final: Rio 2, Critics 1 (overtime).

Rich Perelman
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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. team overwhelms Rio

Although the U.S. team headed to Rio was considered to be the best in the world, and favored to win the most medals, no one foresaw the overwhelming show of athletic force displayed in Rio.

In all, the U.S. won 121 medals in Rio, the most for a single nation in any Games since the USSR picked up 132 in Seoul in 1988. The American team – its largest ever – comprised 555 athletes and earned a stunning 222 placements in the top eight, scoring 10.7% of all points in the Games.

Using our Games-wide scoring system to eight places of 10-8-6-5-4-3-2-1, the U.S. scored 1,280.6 points, with China second at 824.5 and Great Britain third at 759. Astonishing.

The Americans led the team scoring each and every day of the Games, scoring as many as 112.3 points in a single day and a low of 51 on the final day, when only 12 finals were held.

We used 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). Over 306 events, there were 11,934 points available.

With all the events in, the final team scores:

1.	1,280.6	United States		151.5	Kenya	43.	63.5	Romania
2.	824.5	China	23.	145	Denmark	44.	58.3	Argentina
3.	759	Great Britain	24.	136	Sweden	45.	58	Slovakia
4.	602.5	Russia	25.	134.5	Belarus	46.	54.5	Egypt
5.	550	Germany	26.	122.5	Uzbekistan	47.	51	Slovenia
6.	513	France	27.	122	Jamaica	48.	50	Malaysia
7.	448	Australia	28.	114.8	South Africa	49.	48.5	Armenia
8.	432.5	Japan	29.	133.5	Czech Rep.	50.	42.5	Chinese Taipei
9.	394.5	Italy	30.	109	Colombia	51.	41.5	Venezuela
10.	287	Brazil	31.	105	Croatia	52.	39.5	Indonesia
11.	286.5	Canada	32.	104.5	Switzerland		39.5	Ireland
12.	276.5	Netherlands	33.	91.5	Mexico	54.	38.5	India
13.	242.5	Korea	34.	87.5	Belgium	55.	38	Portugal
14.	242.3	Spain	35.	82.5	Iran	56.	37	Lithuania
15.	217	New Zealand	36.	78	Ethiopia	57.	36	Bulgaria
16.	196	Ukraine		78	Turkey	58.	32.5	Estonia
17.	183.3	Hungary	38.	75.5	DPR Korea	59.	32	Mongolia
18.	160.5	Poland	39.	73.5	Georgia	60.	31	Austria
19.	159.5	Kazakhstan	40.	73	Serbia	61.	29.5	Norway
20.	152.5	Azerbaijan	41.	70.5	Thailand	62.	28.5	Algeria
21.	151.5	Cuba	42.	68	Greece		28.5	Cote d'Ivoire



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63.	28	Bahrain	82.	11	Fiji	4	Mauritius	
64.	25.5	Tunisia		11	Hong Kong	4	Tanzania	
65.	25	Israel	84.	10.5	Niger	103.	3.5	Cameroon
66.	23.5	Morocco	85.	10	Grenada	104.	3	Albania
67.	23	Trinidad & T.		10	Kosovo		3	Pap.-N.Guinea
68.	22	Vietnam		10	Tajikistan		3	St. Lucia
69.	20	Bahamas	88.	9.5	Philippines		3	Uruguay
	20	Singapore	89.	8	Botswana		3	Zimbabwe
71.	16	Dom. Rep.		8	Burundi	109.	2	Guyana
	16	Ind. (Kuwait)		8	Chile		2	Panama
	16	Latvia	92.	7	Eritrea	111.	1.5	Haiti
	16	Moldova		7	Uganda		1.5	Nepal
	16	Qatar	94.	6	Cyprus		1.5	Peru
76.	14.5	Kyrgyzstan	95.	5.5	UAE	114.	1	Angola
77.	13.5	Finland	96.	5	Congo		1	Bermuda
	13.5	Nigeria		5	Djibouti		1	Guatemala
79.	13	Puerto Rico		5	Honduras		1	Samoa
80.	12.5	Jordan		5	Montenegro		1	Senegal
81.	12	Ecuador	100.	4	Iceland		1	Syria /119/

Of the 206 National Olympic Committees which attended the Games, 119 (57.8%) scored points.

Day 16-only scoring leaders:

1.	51	United States	17.	9.5	Cuba	4	Tanzania	
2.	41	Russia	18.	8	Czech Rep.	34.	3.5	Argentina
3.	33.5	Uzbekistan		8	Ethiopia		3.5	Georgia
4.	27	France		8	Netherlands		3.5	Mongolia
5.	26.5	Azerbaijan		8	Serbia	37.	3	Israel
6.	20.5	Italy	22.	7.5	Poland		3	Slovenia
7.	20	Spain	23.	7	Bulgaria	39.	2.5	Algeria
8.	15	Switzerland	24.	6.5	Colombia		2.5	Canada
9.	14.5	Brazil	25.	5.5	Romania		2.5	Morocco
10.	13.5	Croatia		5.5	Ukraine		2.5	Turkey
	13.5	China		5.5	Venezuela	43.	2	Lithuania
12.	12	Kazakhstan	28.	5	Australia	44.	1	Japan
13.	11.5	Germany		5	Eritrea		1	Nigeria
14.	10.5	Great Britain	30.	4.5	Iran		1	Qatar
15.	10	Denmark	31.	4	Belarus		1	Uganda /48/
	10	Kenya		4	Jordan			

Although the Olympic Charter states, “The IOC and OCOG (organizing committee of the Olympic Games) shall not draw up any global ranking per country,” we picked up the slack. Please note that the IOC and Rio 2016 awarded not only medals to the top three finishers, but also diplomas to the top eight place winners. So we also adopted eight places for our scoring purposes as well.

Rio 2016: Sport-by-Sport summaries

Olympic finals tracker:

Days completed: 16 of 16 / Events completed: 306 / Events Remaining: 0

Today: none

The Games of the XXXI Olympiad has been concluded and the Olympic flame extinguished in Rio. Here are summaries of the 306 events contested at the Games:

- **Archery/Summary**

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

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

- **Athletics: Summary**

Date	Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze(s)
Aug 14	M 100 m	Bolt (JAM)	Gatlin (USA)	DeGrasse (CAN)
Aug 19	M 200 m	Bolt (JAM)	DeGrasse (CAN)	Lemaitre (FRA)
Aug 14	M 400 m	van Niekerk (RSA)	James (GRN)	Merritt (USA)
Aug 15	M 800 m	Rudisha (KEN)	Makhloufi (ALG)	Murphy (USA)
Aug 20	M 1500 m	Centrowitz (USA)	Makhloufi (ALG)	Willis (NZL)
Aug 17	M 3000 m Steeplechase	C. Kipruto (KEN)	Jager (USA)	Mekhissi (FRA)
Aug 20	M 5000 m	Farah (GBR)	Chelimo (USA)	Gebrhiwet (ETH)
Aug 13	M 10,000 m	Farah (GBR)	Tanui (KEN)	Tola (ETH)
Aug 21	M Marathon	Kipchoge (KEN)	Lilesa (ETH)	Rupp (USA)



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Date	Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze(s)
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)
Aug 17	W 100 m Hurdles	Rollins (USA)	Ali (USA)	Castlin (USA)
Aug 18	W 400 m Hurdles	Muhammad (USA)	Petersen (DEN)	Spencer (USA)

Date	Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze(s)
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.

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 ...

• **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 21	Men	United States	Serbia	Spain
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.

The American men weren't far behind, routing Serbia to win the gold medal. The U.S. has now won six of the last seven gold medals in Olympic play. Since the restructuring of USA Basketball in 2005, the American men have won 71 straight under Mike Krzyzewski, who has compiled an 83-1 record as national coach; the only blemish was a loss to Greece in the 2006 World Championships.

• **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)
Aug 21	Men's 52 kg	Zoirov (UZB)	Aloian (RUS)	Finol (VEN) Hu (CHN)
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)

Date	Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze(s)
Aug 21	Men's 64 kg	Gaibnazarov (UZB)	Sotomayor (AZE)	Dunaytsev (RUS) Harutyunyan (GER)
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 21	Men's +91 kg	Yoka (FRA)	Joyce (GBR)	Hrgovic (CRO) Duchko (KAZ)
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)
Aug 21	Women's 75 kg	Shields (USA)	Fortijn (NED)	Li (CHN) Shakimova (KAZ)

The first boxing title went to 23-year-old Hasanboy Dusmatov of Uzbekistan, who decisively defeated Yurberjen Martinez of Colombia, 3-0, in the final. That proved prophetic, as the Uzbeks won seven medals, more than Cuba and France, which each won six. A total of 17 countries won medals.

• **Canoeing/Summary**

Date	Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze(s)
Aug 18	Sprint/M C-1 200 m	Cheban (UKR)	Demyanenko (AZE)	Queiroz (BRA)
Aug 16	Sprint/M C-1 1000 m	Brendel (GER)	Queiroz d.Santos (BRA)	Tarnovschi (MDA)
Aug 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

Date	Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze(s)
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
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	Chourrout (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	Ligtle (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)

Date	Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze(s)
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 21	Mountain Bike: Men	Schurter (SUI)	Kulhavy (CZE)	Coloma (ESP)
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 were wonderfully wild and 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.

• **Diving/Summary**

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

Date	Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze(s)
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 21	Rhythmic/Team	Russia	Spain	Bulgaria
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 and Vault later. She now has more Olympic/World Champs medals than any female gymnast in U.S. history, with 19.

Russia swept the Rhythmic golds in both the Individual All-Around and the Team event, continuing their dominance in this discipline.

• **Handball/Summary**

Date	Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze(s)
Aug 21	Men	Denmark	France	Germany
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.

Denmark's first-ever Olympic medal in men's handball was a gold, earned in defeating France, 28-26, thanks to eight goals from Mikkel Hansen and four each from Lasse Svan, Kasper Sondergaard, Henrik Toft Hansen and Morten Olsen.

• **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)	Aguiar (BRA) Velensek (SLO)
Aug 12	W +78 kg	Andeol (FRA)	Ortiz (CUB)	Yamabe (JPN) Yu (CHN)

The loudest cheers of the tournament 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

Date	Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze(s)
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

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

Date	Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze(s)
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. Italy won four golds and Germany three, but Vietnam won a gold and a silver and DPR Korea a bronze. Kim Rhode of the United States won an amazing sixth medal in shooting in her sixth Olympic Games.

• **Swimming/Summary**



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

Date	Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze(s)
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
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)

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: a record total of 28 Olympic medals (and 23 gold) for Michael Phelps, who struck gold on three U.S. 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 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 21	Men	Brazil	Italy	United States
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.

Brazil's victory in the men's tournament was greeted with delirious cheers from the home fans, who enjoyed every moment of their straight-set sweep of Italy.

• **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)
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.).

With Russia, Bulgaria and Azerbaijan excluded, China won five golds, but 16 nations won medals, including Egypt, the Philippines, Iran and Chinese Taipei, a plus for the sport going forward.

• **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 21	Freestyle/Men's 65 kg	Ramonov (RUS)	Asgarov (AZE)	Chamizo (ITA) Navruzov (UZB)
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 21	Freestyle/Men's 97 kg	Snyder (USA)	Goziyev (AZE)	Saritov (ROU) Ibragimov (UZB)
Aug 20	Freestyle/Men's 125 kg	Akgul (TUR)	Ghasemi (IRI)	Saidau (BLR) Petriashvili (GEO)
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)



Date	Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze(s)
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) Syzdykova (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.

Russia had two wins and three medals in the men’s Freestyle events, but medals were distributed to 12 countries on three continents. The Azerbaijanis were outstanding, collecting five medals in six classes.

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 kept track of the Trials vs. Games performance of U.S. athletes in swimming and track & field, 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 32 medals!

Trials vs. Games – Athletics				
Event	Men’s Performance	%	Women’s Performance	%
100 m	0/3	0	0/3	0
200 m	0/3	0	1/3	33

Event	Men's Performance	%	Women's Performance	%
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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