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I'm in the Money!

Katinka Hosszu wins \$14,000 in two days at 2016 FINA World Cup opener

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On the Cover

A happy Katinka Hosszu of Hungary gets ready to receive one of her gold medals in Rio. A week after the Games ended, she was swimming for money in the FINA World Cup opener in Paris (see page 6). *(Photo: USA TODAY Sports/Rob Schumacher)*



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What are all those codes and symbols?

It wouldn't be sports without symbols, right? First and foremost, we use the International Olympic Committee's three-letter country codes; the complete list can be found [here](#). Other common symbols:

kg - kilograms
m = meters

w = wind-aided in athletics

Lane One: *Which sports are most important?*



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Ask your friends about NBC's coverage of the 2016 Olympic Games and one of the responses you're certain to hear is: "They only showed four sports! What happened to the others?"

Good question, but NBC knows the same thing that the sports themselves know: some sports are more important/popular than others.

Is the ranking a secret? Hardly, when it's all about money.

The International Olympic Committee [collects](#) billions of dollars each Olympic cycle for television rights (about 74% of the total), global sponsorships (18%) and other items and distributes about 90% of it to three groups:

- Olympic and Olympic Winter organizing committees (which get about two-thirds of the total: more than \$2.2 billion for 2012 and 2014);
- National Olympic Committees in each country recognized by the IOC (total about one-third: \$719 million for 2012/2014), and
- International Sports Federations for sports on the Olympic program (also about one-third: \$719 million for 2012/2014).

The division of that money by the International Federations is done according to a formula agreed upon by those federations. For the federations on the summer Games program, they agreed to [distribute](#) their share from Rio (it was \$520 million from London) according to five tiers of sports, based essentially on their popularity and position in the Games:

- Tier A: Athletics, Gymnastics, Swimming;
- Tier B: Basketball, Cycling, Football, Tennis, Volleyball;
- Tier C: Archery, Badminton, Boxing, Equestrian, Handball, Hockey, Judo, Rowing, Shooting, Table Tennis, Weightlifting;
- Tier D: Canoeing, Fencing, Sailing, Taekwondo, Triathlon, Wrestling;
- Tier E: Modern Pentathlon, plus the new sports of Golf and Rugby Sevens.

So there you have it: three sports at the top, five more just below and then the rest. The shares for golf and rugby sevens will be evaluated again for Tokyo based on the attendance and viewership of those sports in Rio.

The money attached to these tiers varies from \$32-40 million for Tier A, an expected \$25 million for Tier B, \$17.7 million for Tier C, \$15.3 million for Tier D and \$13 million for Tier E. The actual figures



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for distribution won't be known for some months while the accounting takes place.

The IOC will be reviewing the standings of these sports on the program for 2024 next year, after approving 25 core sports for Tokyo 2020 at the IOC Session in 2013. Only wrestling is guaranteed a place for 2024, as it is not a "core sport," but was accepted for inclusion in a special election, also in 2013. But every other sport will have to pass inspection.

Moreover, the IOC's "Agenda 2020" program moves the Games to include "events" rather than "sports," with the goal of gender equality and maintaining the limit of 10,500 athletes in the Games. So athletics could be maintained, but – for example – the walking events could be eliminated.

The pressure will be on some of the larger sports to maintain the events they have on the program, especially in those which have many more men than women: boxing, obviously, is in for changes (and knows it).

The pressure will continue on those sports in Tier D and E. Is Modern Pentathlon really necessary? Is Golf in trouble because a handful of the top players did not attend the Rio Games? How many combat sports are needed, especially with Karate coming in as an added sport for 2020?

The politics in this area will be thick, with the decision coming next year. But the pecking order is clear, and is very much a reflection of the standing of each sport in the public eye worldwide. Now you know.

Rich Perelman
Editor

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Agenda: Competition Calendar

The Closing Ceremony of the Games of the XXXI Olympiad hadn't started when athletes from the Games and elsewhere got going with the resumption of the worldwide sports carousel. Here are highlights of the top-level (Championships ~ Grand Prix ~ World Cup) competitions in Olympic sports for the coming weeks:

<i>Sport</i>	<i>Date(s)</i>	<i>Type ~ Event</i>	<i>Site</i>	
• 28 August-03 September:				
Rowing	21 Aug-28 Aug	World Championships (non-Olympic events)	NED	Rotterdam
Tennis	29 Aug-11 Sep	ATP/WTA Tour ~ U.S. Open	USA	New York
Swimming	30 Aug-31 Aug	FINA World Cup (25 m) ~ airweave World Cup #2	GER	Berlin
Athletics	01 Sep	Diamond League ~ Weltklasse	SUI	Zurich
Canoeing	02 Sep-04 Sep	Slalom/World Cup	CZE	Prague
Triathlon	02 Sep-04 Sep	World Triathlon Series no. 8	CAN	Edmonton
Cycling	03 Sep-04 Sep	World Cup ~ Cross Country & Downhill	AND	Vallnord
Swimming	03 Sep-04 Sep	FINA World Cup (25 m) ~ airweave World Cup #3	RUS	Moscow
• 04-10 September:				
Swimming	04 Sep	Open Water Grand Prix no. 3	ITA	Capri-Napoli
Cycling	06 Sep-11 Sep	Mtn Bike/World Championships ~ Downhill & 4x	ITA	Vai de Sole
Canoeing	07 Sep-11 Sep	Slalom/World Cup Final	SLO	Ljubljana
Athletics	09 Sep	Diamond League ~ Van Damme Memorial	BEL	Brussels
Cycling	09 Sep-11 Sep	UCI World Tour ~ Grand Prix Cycliste de Quebec	CAN	Montreal
• 11-17 September:				
Cycling	11 Sep	UCI Women's World Tour ~ Madrid Challenge	ESP	Madrid
Triathlon	11 Sep-18 Sep	World Triathlon Championships	MEX	Cozumel
• 18-24 September:				
Cycling	19 Sep-25 Sep	UCI World Tour ~ Eneco Tour	BEL & NED	
Badminton	20 Sep-26 Sep	World Superseries ~ Yonex Open Japan	JPN	Tokyo
Archery	24 Sep-25 Sep	World Cup ~ Hyundai World Cup Final	DEN	Odense
• 25 September-01 October:				
Athletics	25 Sep	World Marathon Majors: BMW Berlin Marathon	GER	Berlin
Badminton	27 Sep-01 Oct	World Superseries ~ Victor Korea Open	KOR	Seoul
Cycling	30 Sep-01 Oct	BMX/Supercross World Cup	USA	Rock Hill
Swimming	30 Sep-01 Oct	FINA World Cup (25 m) airweave ~ World Cup #4	CHN	Beijing
Wrestling	30 Sep-01 Oct	Grand Prix ~ Golden Grand Prix Final	AZE	Baku
Cycling	01 Oct	UCI World Tour ~ Il Lombardia	ITA	Lombardy

For you fans of winter sports, don't worry ... your time is coming. The first World Cup race in alpine skiing is less than two months away: the Giant Slaloms at Soelden, AUT on 22-23 October!

Featured Attractions

• **Swimming: Hosszu collects \$14,000 for two days in Paris**



*FINA/airweave Swimming World Cup no. 1
Paris (Chartres), FRA ~ 25-26 August 2016*

If you thought **Katinka Hosszu** of Hungary was busy at the Rio Olympics – winning four medals, including three gold – that was nothing compared to her two-day work at L’Odyssee pool in Chartres at the first Swimming World Cup event of 2016. The nine-event, short-course tour will pay \$2,178,000 to swimmers, including major bonuses to the overall points leaders.

Hosszu seemingly swam in every event, with heats in the morning and finals in the afternoon and wound up in 13 events all together:

25 August:

- 1st: 200 m Free 1:53.34
- 1st: 100 m Butterfly 56.09
- 1st: 200 m Indiv. Medley, 2:06.64
- 2nd: 800 m Free, 8:25.23
- 2nd: 200 m Back, 2:01.80
- 3rd: 50 m Back, 26.47
- 5th: 50 m Free, 24.51

26 August:

- 1st: 100m Back, 55.93
- 1st: 400 m Free, 4:02.83
- 1st: 100 m Indiv. Medley, 57.63
- 1st: 400 m Indiv. Medley, 4:27.67
- 2nd: 100 m Free, 52.12
- 6th: 50 m Butterfly, 26.52

For her effort, she collected \$14,000 in prize money, paid \$1,500 for wins, \$1,000 for seconds and \$500 for thirds. She also collected valuable points for the overall women’s race in the first three-meet cluster, which will pay a \$50,000 bonus (down to \$5,000 for sixth place) for the swimmers with the most points in the Paris-Berlin-Moscow group; there are three clusters on the 2016 World Cup tour.

Who says it doesn’t pay to swim? Hosszu knows what she’s doing: she led all money winners at \$325,500 for the World Cup tour in 2015!

Other highlights of the lightly-attended meet included a world short-course (25 m pool) record for Russia’s **Vladimir Morozov** (worth a \$10,000 bonus!) in the men’s 100 m Individual Medley, in 50.60. Jamaica’s **Alia Atkinson** tied her own world record for the women’s 100 m Breaststroke at 1:02.36; sorry, but ties get no world record bonus!

The second World Cup will come up next week in Berlin on 30-31 August. Summaries:

*FINA/airweave Swimming World Cup (short course) no. 1:
Paris, 26-27 August ~ 1st three places win US\$3,000-
1,500-500. (Full results [here](#)):*

*MEN
50 m Free, Vladimir Morozov (RUS), 20.81; 2. Andrii
Govorov (UKR), 20.96; 3. Shinri Shioura (JPN), 21.33.*

100 m Free, Morozov, 45.47; 2. Shioura, 47.26; 3. Govorov, 47.60. 200 m Free, Philip Heintz (GER), 1:43.13; 2. James Guy (GBR), 1:43.72; 3. Jordan Pothain (FRA), 1:44.33. 400 m Free, Pothain, 3:40.56; 2. Guy, 3:42.46; Bobby Hurley (AUS), 3:43.92. 1500 m Free, Jan Micka (CZE), 14:56.21; 2. Yasunari Hirai (JPN), 14:56.60; 3. Poul Zellmann (GER), 15:03.00.

50 m Back, Jeremy Stravius (FRA), 22.85; 2. Pavel Sankovich (RUS), 23.30; 3. Mitchell Larkin (AUS), 23.31. 100 m Back, Hurley, 50.51; 2. Larkin, 50.54; 3. Sankovich, 50.57. 200 m Back, Larkin, 1:50.10; 2. Hurley, 1:54.22; 3. Jack Gerrard (AUS), 1:55.06.

50 m Breast, Cameron van der Burgh (RSA), 25.98; 2. Kirill Prigoda (RUS), 26.16; 3. Felipe Lima (BRA), 26.46. 100 m Breast, van der Burgh, 56.42; 2. Prigoda, 56.71; 3. Vladimir Morozov (RUS), 56.96. 200 m Breast, van der Burgh, 2:05.12; 2. Prigoda, 2:05.86; 3. Johannes Dietrich (AUT), 2:07.23.

50 m Butterfly, Chad le Clos (RSA), 22.17; 2. Govorov, 22.41; 3. Jeremy Stravius (FRA), 22.78. 100 m Butterfly, Le Clos, 49.05; 2. Adam Barrett (GBR), 49.31; 3. Sankovich, 50.44. 200 m Butterfly, Le Clos, 1:51.25; 2. Philip Heintz (GER), 1:51.84; 3. Nic Brown (AUS), 1:54.69.

100 m Indiv. Medley, **Morozov, 50.60 (World Short-Course Record, old: 50.66, Deibler (GER), 2014)**; 2. Heintz, 51.87; 3. Hiromasa Fujimori (JPN), 51.97. 200 m Indiv. Medley: Heintz, 1:52.03; 2. Fujimori, 1:53.58; 3. le Clos, 1:54.96. 400 m Indiv. Medley: Heintz, 4:03.51; 2. Mark Meszaros (HUN), 4:14.46; 3. Sebastian Steffen (AUT), 4:17.29.

WOMEN:

50 m Free, Jeanette Ottesen (DEN), 23.72; 2. Anna Santamans (FRA), 24.43; 3. Katie Meili (USA), 24.49. 100 m Free, Ottesen, 51.84; 2. Katinka Hosszu (HUN), 52.12; 3. Zsuzsanna Jakabos (HUN), 53.50.

200 m Free, Hosszu, 1:53.34; Leah Neale (AUS), 1:54.89; 3. Madeline Groves (AUS), 1:55.44. 400 m Freestyle, Hosszu, 4:02.83; 2. Yiwen Shao (CHN), 4:03.95; 3. Neale, 4:04.01. 800 m Freestyle, Franziska Hentke (GER), 8:24.66; 2. Hosszu, 8:25.23; 3. Neale, 8:30.59.

50 m Back, Emily Seebohm (AUS), 26.15; 2. Daryna Zevina (UKR), 26.43; Hosszu, 26.47. 100 m Back, Hosszu, 55.93; 2. Seebohm, 56.42; 3. Zevina, 56.43. 200 m Back, Zevina, 1:59.35; 2. Hosszu, 2:01.80; 3. Seebohm, 2:02.46.

50 m Breast, Alia Atkinson (JAM), 29.25; 2. Yuliya Efimova (RUS), 29.34; 3. Meili, 29.75. 100 m Breast, **Atkinson, 1:02.36 (=World Short-Course Record, Meilutyte (LTU), 2013 and Atkinson, 2014)**; 2. Meili, 1:03.52; 3. Efimova, 1:04.14. 200 m Breast, Rie Kaneto (JPN), 2:16.99; 2. Efimova, 2:17.32; 3. Miho Takahashi (JPN), 2:20.61.

50 m Butterfly, Ottesen, 25.09; 2. Kimberly Buys (BEL), 25.77; 3. Holly Barratt (AUS), 25.92. 100 m Butterfly, Hosszu, 56.09; 2. Ottesen, 56.54; 3. Groves, 56.77. 200 m Butterfly, Hentke, 2:05.16; 2. Groves, 2:06.54; 3. Jakabos, 2:07.09.

100 m Indiv. Medley, Hosszu, 57.63; 2. Atkinson, 57.84; 3. Seebohm, 58.10. 200 m Indiv. Medley, Hosszu, 2:06.64; 2. Atkinson, 2:07.89; 3. Takahashi, 2:08.22. 400 m Indiv. Medley, Hosszu, 4:27.67; 2. Takahashi, 4:31.20; 3. Jakabos, 4:31.71.

MIXED:

4x50 m Free Relay, France, 1:30.74 (Stravius, Manaudou, Cini, Santamans); 2. Russia, 1:31.85 (Prigoda, Morozov, Ustinova, Efimova); 3. Australia, 1:33.57 (Gerrard, Hurley, Barratt, Groves). 4x50 m Medley Relay, France, 1:39.46 (Stravius, Manaudou, Wattel, Santamans); 2. Russia, 1:39.89 (Donets, Efimova, Morozov, Ustinova); 3. Australia, 1:41.71 (Hurley, Bremer, Groves, Barratt).

• **Athletics: World Steeplechase Record for Kenya's Ruth Jebet**

IAAF Diamond League no. 12
Paris (St. Denis), FRA ~ 27 August 2016

The Olympic Games are more of an interruption than a culmination in the annual track & field schedule. The last event of the athletics program – the men's marathon – was held on 21 August and the IAAF's Diamond League resumed the following Thursday.



After a modest re-start to the season at the Athletissima meeting in Lausanne on 25 August, big things happened in the Stade de France on Saturday at the Meeting de Paris:

- **Ruth Jebet**, the tiny – just 5-4 – ex-Kenyan who now runs for Bahrain, smashed the world record in the women's 3000 m Steeplechase at 8:52.78.

The mark is more than six seconds better than Gulnara's Galkina's Olympic-winning time in 2008, and gives Jebet three of the four fastest times ever run. She nearly broke the mark at the Prefontaine Classic last May in Eugene (8:59.97) and then again in winning the gold medal in Rio (8:59.75). This time, she left no doubt, and at age 19, she is both Olympic champion and world-record holder.

Behind her were, as at Rio, **Hyvin Jepkemoi** of Kenya (9:01.96) and American **Emma Coburn**, whose 9:10.19 is the second-fastest time in American history, behind only her Rio bronze-medal performance of 9:07.63.

- A popular win in the pole vault for France's **Renaud Lavillenie**, so bitterly disappointed by his upset loss to Brazil's Thiago da Silva in Rio. He cleared 5.93 m (19-5 1/2) to outdistance **Sam Kendricks** of the U.S. (5.81 m/19-0 3/4), who has nonetheless confirmed his place among the world's elite vaulters this year.
- One centimeter have New Zealand's **Tom Walsh** – bronze-winner in Rio – a win in the shot put over Olympic champion **Ryan Crouser** of the U.S.: 22.00 m to 21.99 m (72-2 1/4 to 71-1 3/4).
- Another swift win in the 100 m Hurdles for **Keni Harrison** of the U.S., who didn't make the Olympic team, but then set the world record in July. She ran 12.44 for her second Diamond League win (= \$20,000!) in three days.

Summaries:

IAAF Diamond League no. 12: Paris (FRA), 27 August ~ Diamond League event placers 1-8 win \$10,000-6,000-4,000-3,000-2,500-2,000-1,500-1,000. (Full results [here](#)):

MEN:

100 m (-0.1 m/s), Ben Youssef Meite (CIV), 9.96; 2. Akani Simbine (RSA), 10.00; 3. Churandy Martin (NED), 10.01; ... 7. Mike Rodgers (USA), 10.14.

800 m, Alfred Kipketer (KEN), 1:42.87; 2. Taoufik Makhloufi (ALG), 1:42.98; 3. Jonathan Kitilit (KEN), 1:43.05; ... Boris Berian (USA), dnf. 3000 m, Yomif Kejelcha (ETH), 7:28.19; 2. Abdalaati Iguider (MAR), 7:30.09; 3. Hagos Gebrhiwet (ETH), 7:30.45; 4. Ryan Hill

(USA), 7:30.93; ... 8. Paul Chelimo (USA), 7:37.98. 400 m Hurdles, Nicolas Bett (KEN), 48.01; 2. Kerron Clement (USA), 48.19; 3. Yasmani Copello (TUR), 48.24; ... 8. Michael Tinsley (USA), 52.11.

Pole Vault, Renaud Lavillenie (FRA), 5.93 m (19-5 1/2); 2. Sam Kendricks (USA), 5.81 m (19-0 3/4); 3. Jan Kudlicka (CZE), 5.71 m (18-8 3/4).

Triple Jump, Chris Carter (USA), 16.92 m (55-6 1/4); 2. Alexis Copello (CUB), 16.90 m (55-5 1/2); 3. John Murillo (COL), 16.90 (55-5 1/2); ... 7. Chris Bernard (USA), 16.51 m (54-2); 8. Omar Craddock (USA), 16.38 m (53-9).

Shot Put, Thomas Walsh (NZL), 22.00 m (72-2 1/4);

2. Ryan Crouser (USA), 21.99 m (72-1 3/4); 3. Kurt Roberts (USA), 20.78 m (68-2 1/4); 4. Ryan Whiting (USA), 20.65 m (67-9); ... 6. Darrell Hill (USA), 20.30 m (66-7 1/4); ... 8. Joe Kovacs (USA), 20.18 (66-2 1/2). Javelin, Jakub Vadlejch (CZE), 88.02 m (288-9); 2. Julian Weber (GER), 87.39 m (286-8); 3. Thomas Rohler (GER), 84.16 m (276-1); ... 7. Cyrus Hostetler (USA), 75.40 m (247-4).

WOMEN:

200 m (+0.1), Dafne Schippers (NED), 22.13; 2. Desiree Henry (GBR), 22.46; 3. Jenna Prandini (USA), 22.48. 400 m, Natasha Hastings (USA), 50.06; 2. Stephenie Ann McPherson (JAM), 50.33; 3. Christine Day (JAM), 50.75.

1500 m, Laura Muir (GBR), 3:55.22; 2. Faith Kipyegon (KEN), 3:56.72; 3. Sifan Hassan (NED), 3:57.13; 4. Shannon Rowbury (USA), 3:58.00; ... 6. Jenny Simpson (USA), 3:58.19. 3000 m Steeple, **Ruth Jebet (BRN), 8:52.78 (World Record; old, 8:58.81, Galkina**

(RUS), 2008); 2. Hyvin Jepkemoi (KEN), 9:01.96; 3. Emma Coburn (USA), 9:10.19;... 8. Stephanie Garcia (USA), 9:19.48; 9. Colleen Quigley (USA), 9:20.00.

100 m Hurdles (+0.2), Keni Harrison (USA), 12.44; 2. Dawn Harper Nelson (USA), 12.65; 3. Cindy Ofili (GBR), 12.66; 4. Jasmin Stowers (USA), 12.76.

High Jump, Ruth Beitia (ESP), 1.98 m (6-6); 2. Lavern Spencer (LCA), 1.96 m (6-5); 3. Alessia Trost (ITA), 1.93 m (6-4); ... Inika McPherson (USA), 1.93 m (6-4).

Long Jump, Ivana Spanovic (SRB), 6.90 m (22-7 3/4), 2. Lorraine Ugen (GBR), 6.80 (22-3 3/4); 3. Ksenija Balta (EST), 6.75 m (22-1 3/4); ... 7. Tiana Bartoletta (USA), 6.28 m (20-7 1/4).

Discus, Sandra Perkovic (CRO), 67.62 m (221-10); 2. Melina Robert-Michon (FRA), 64.36 m (211-2); 3. Denia Caballero (CUB), 61.98 m (203-4); ... 9. Whitley Ashley (USA), 55.50 m (182-1).

• ***Athletics: Sensational sprints in Lausanne for Thompson & Harrison***

*IAAF Diamond League no. 11
Lausanne (SUI) ~ 25 August 2016*

One could be forgiven for expecting modest results in Lausanne as the Diamond League resumed just days after the track & field competition concluded in Rio. Forget it.

Jamaica's Olympic 100/200 champ **Elaine Thompson** flattened a good field in a fabulous 10.78 for 100 meters, while American world-record holder **Keni Harrison** continued her hot European streak with a 12.42 win in the 100 m Hurdles.

There were impressive U.S. wins by **LaShawn Merritt** in the 400 m (44.50), **Sam Kendricks** in the pole vault (5.92 m/19-5 1/4) and Olympic champ **Dalilah Muhammad** in the 400 m Hurdles (53.78). Summaries:

IAAF Diamond League no. 11: Lausanne (SUI), 25 August ~ Diamond League event placers 1-8 win \$10,000-6,000-4,000-3,000-2,500-2,000-1,500-1,000. (Full results [here](#)):

MEN:

100 m (+0.5 m/s), Asafa Powell (JAM), 9.96; 2. Ben Youssef Meite (CIV), 10.01; 3. Joel Fearon (GBR), 10.05. 200 m (+0.4), Churandy Martina (NED), 19.81; 2. Alonso Edward (PAN), 19.92; 3. Julian Forte (JAM), 20.16. 400 m,

LaShawn Merritt (USA), 44.50; 2. Steven Gardiner (BAH), 44.75; 3. Liemarvin Bonevacia (NED), 45.26.

1000 m, Ayanleh Souleiman (DJI), 2:13.49; Robert Biwott (KEN), 2:13.89; 3. Jonathan Kitilit (KEN), 2:13.95; ... 6. Matthew Centrowitz (USA), 2:16.67. 3000 m Steeple, Abraham Kibiwott (KEN), 8:09.58; 2. Nicholas Kiptonui Bett (KEN), 8:10.07; 3. Abel Mutai (KEN), 8:17.88; ... 6. Don Cabral (USA), 8:20.77; ... 8. Andrew Bayer (USA), 8:23.88.

110 m Hurdles, (+0.5), Orlando Ortega (ESP), 13.11; 2.

Omar McLeod (JAM), 13.12; 3. Dmitri Bascou (FRA), 13.25; ... 7. David Oliver (USA), 13.40. 400 m Hurdles, Rasmus Magi (EST), 48.59; 2. Nicholas Kiplagat Bett (KEN), 48.68; 3. Sergio Fernandez (ESP), 49.22.

High Jump, Mutaz Essa Barshim (QAT), 2.35 m (7-8 1/2); 2. Robert Grabarz (GBR), 2.32 m (7-7 1/4); 3. Erik Kynard (USA), 2.32 m (7-7 1/4). Pole Vault, Sam Kendricks (USA), 5.92 m (19-5 1/4); 2. Renaud Lavillenie (FRA), 5.72 m (18-9 1/4); 3. Piotr Lisek (POL), 5.72 m (18-9 1/4).

Discus, Philip Milanov (BEL), 65.61 m (215-3); 2. Lukas Weissshaidinger (AUT), 64.84 m (212-9); 3. Zoltan Kovago (HUN), 64.52 m (211-8); ... 10. Rodney Brown (USA), 58.77 m (192-9).

WOMEN:

100 m (+0.8), Elaine Thompson (JAM), 10.78; 2. Jenna Prandini (USA), 11.11; 3. Morolake Akinosun (USA), 11.16.

800 m, Francine Niyonsaba (BDI), 1:57.71; 2. Eunice Sum (KEN), 1:58.41; 3. Lynsey Sharp (GBR), 1:58.52.

3000 m, Genzebe Dibaba (ETH), 8:31.84; 2. Hellen Obiri (KEN), 8:33.96; 3. Mercy Cherono (KEN), 8:34.49; ... 8. Alexa Efrainson (USA), 9:11.48.

100 m Hurdles, (+0.7), Keni Harrison (USA), 12.42; 2. Dawn Harper Nelson (USA) 12.71; 3. Jasmin Stowers (USA), 12.75; ... 5. Sharika Nelvis (USA), 12.88. 400 m Hurdles, Dalilah Muhammad (USA), 53.78; 2. Eilidh Doyle (GBR), 54.45; 3. Sara Petersen (DEN), 54.98; 4. Cassandra Tate (USA), 55.14; 5. Shamier Little (USA), 55.20; 6. Ashley Spencer (USA), 55.86.

Long Jump, Ivana Spanovic (SRB), 6.83 m (22-5); 2. Lorraine Ugen (GBR), 6.71 (22-0 1/4); 3. Darya Klishina (RUS), 6.50 m (21-4); ... 5. Tianna Bartoletta (USA), 6.46 m (21-2 1/2). Triple Jump, Caterine Ibarguen (COL), 14.76 m (48-5 1/4); 2. Olga Rypakova (KAZ), 14.53 m (47-8); 3. Paraskevi Papahristou (GRE), 14.18 m (46-6 1/4).

Shot Put, Valerie Adams (NZL), 19.94 m (65-5); 2. Michelle Carter (USA), 19.49 m (63-11 1/2); 3. Christina Schwanitz (GER), 19.33 m (63-5); 4. Brittany Smith (USA), 18.94 m (62-1 3/4); ... 7. Felisha Johnson (USA), 17.54 m (57-6 1/2). Javelin, Madara Palameika (LAT), 65.29 m, (214-2); 2. Barbora Spotakova (CZE), 64.48 m (211-6); 3. Tatsiana Khaladovich (BLR), 64.15 m (210-5).

• **Beach Volleyball: in Long Beach**



Asics World Series of Volleyball ~ Long Beach Open Long Beach, USA ~ 24-28 August

Back on home sand meant back on the top of the podium for American stars **April Ross and Kerri Walsh Jennings** at the Long Beach Open beach volleyball tournament.

The Olympic bronze medalists sailed through three pool matches and a second-round match – winning eight sets to two losses – to get to the quarterfinals. They turned up the intensity and won three matches in straight sets to earn their fourth win on the World Tour this season. Their solid, consistent play defeated Spain's **Liliana Fernandez and Elsa Baquerizo**, 21-16, 21-16 in 50 minutes in the final.

In the men's final, Americans **Nick Lucena and Phil Dalhausser** were top-seeded, but fell in the final in three close sets to Brazil's third-seeded **Pedro Solberg and Evandro Goncalves**, 21-19, 17-21, 15-9.

The third-place finish of Latvian men's duo of **Aleksandrs Samoilovs and Janis Smedins** was fulfilling nonetheless, because it clinched the 2016 FIVB World Tour men's overall title. "After a not-so-successful Olympic Games, it was good for our confidence," said Samoilovs afterwards. "We

had a great season if we're not counting the Olympic Games. Almost every tournament we played in the final four, but the key tournament was the Olympics for sure so it's a little bit bittersweet."

The German women's duo of **Laura Ludwig and Kira Walkenhorst** – Olympic champions in Rio – had secured the women's seasonal title prior to the Long Beach stop.

The FIVB beach season will end with the Swatch FIVB World Tour Finals – 13-18 September in Toronto – with \$100,000 going to each winning team. The tournament will feature the top eight point leaders in each gender from the 2016 World Tour plus four wild card teams in each gender.

Summaries:

ASICS World Series of Volleyball ~ Long Beach Grand Slam (\$800,000): Long Beach (USA), 24-28 August ~ Placers receive from \$57,000 per team for 1st-43,000-32,000-24,000, then 17,000 for 5-8, then 11,000 for 9-16, then 7,000-17-24, then 4,000 for 25-32. (Full results [here](#)):

MEN:

Quarterfinals:

Nick Lucena/Phil Dalhausser (USA) d. Pablo Herrera/Adrian Gavira (ESP), 21-16, 21-19;
Alex Ranghieri/Marco Caminati (ITA) d. Bryl/Kujawiak (POL), 21-16, 19-21, 15-13;
Pedro Solberg/Evandro Goncalves (BRA) d. Juan Virgen/Lombardo Ontiveros (MEX), 21-17, 21-15;
Aleksandrs Samoilovs/Janis Smedins (LAT) d. Piotr Kantor/Bartosz Losiak (POL), 14-21, 21-9, 16-14.

Semifinals:

Pedro Solberg/Evandro (BRA) d. Samoilovs/Smedins (LAT), 14-21, 21-14, 15-11;
Lucena/Dalhausser (USA) d. Ranghieri/Caminati (ITA), 21-15, 17-21, 15-6.

Finals:

1st: Pedro Solberg/Evandro (BRA) d. Lucena/Dalhausser (USA), 21-19, 17-21, 15-9.

3rd: Samoilovs/Smedins (LAT) d. Ranghieri/Caminati (ITA), 21-18, 21-19.

WOMEN:

Quarterfinals:

Liliana Fernandez/Elsa Baquerizo (ESP) d. Larissa Franca/Talita Antunes (BRA), 21-17, 21-18.
Karla Bolger/Britta Buthe (GER) d. Katrin Holtwick/Ilke Semmler (GER), 21-19, 16-21, 15-9.
Chantal Laboureur/Jude Sude (GER) d. Miki Ishii/Megumi Murakami (JPN), 21-13, 21-16.
April Ross/Kerri Walsh Jennings (USA) d. Lauren Fendrick/Brooke Sweat (USA), 21-14, 21-18.

Semifinals:

Liliana/ Elsa (ESP) d. Holtwick/Semmler (GER), 22-24, 21-16, 15-12.
Ross/Walsh Jennings d. Laboureur/Sude (GER), 21-17, 21-16.

Finals:

1st: Ross/Walsh Jennings (USA) d. Liliana/Elsa (ESP), 21-16, 21-16.
3rd: Laboureur/Sude (GER) d. Holtwick/Semmler (GER), 21-16, 21-17.

• **Cycling: Spaniard de la Cruz takes the lead in Vuelta a Espana**

*UCI World Tour ~ Vuelta a Espana
Spain ~ 20 August-11 September*



This 21-stage race, one of three multi-week stage races in Europe – with the Giro d'Italia and Tour de France – began the day before the Olympic Games closed in Rio!

The 2016 race – the 71st edition – will cover 3,315.4 km in all (2,060.1 miles), with seven flat stages, 12 hill and mountain stages, one individual time trial and one team time trial.

The riders are moving through the hills all over northern Spain and through nine stages, the leaderboard:

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| 1. David de la Cruz (ESP), 33:46:24 | 6. Leopold Konig (CZE), 33:48:02 |
| 2. Nairo Quintana (COL), 33:46:46 | 7. Alberto Contador (ESP), 33:48:25 |
| 3. Alejandro Valverde (ESP), 33:47:05 | 8. Darwin Atapuma (COL), 33:48:30 |
| 4. Chris Froome (GBR), 33:47:13 | 9. Gianluca Brambilla (ITA), 33:48:31 |
| 5. Johan Esteban Chaves (COL), 33:47:43 | 10. Samuel Sanchez Gonzalez (ESP), 33:48:32 |

The ninth stage saw a change in leadership, as Spain's **David de la Cruz** took the overall lead – and the red jersey – from Colombians **Darwin Atapuma** (stages 4-7) and **Nairo Quintana** (stage 8).

Both stages 10 and 11 feature mountain finishes and each stage through 15 is either hilly or has an uphill finish. Creeping up the leaderboard are two of the most revered names in cycling – and both from Spain – **Alejandro Valverde** (now third) and **Alberto Contador** (seventh). The latter is a three-time winner of La Vuelta, in 2008-12-14 and Valverde, who won in 2009.

The upcoming stages:

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| • Stage 10 (29 Aug.): 188.7 km (Mountain) | Lugones to Lagos de Covadonga |
| • Stage 11 (31 Aug.): 168.6 km (Flat) | Colunga to Pena Cabarga |
| • Stage 12 (01 Sep.): 192.3 km (Hilly) | Los Corrales de Bueina to Bilbao |
| • Stage 13 (02 Sep.): 213.4 km (Hilly) | Bilbao to Urdax-Dantxarinea |
| • Stage 14 (03 Sep.): 196.0 km (Mountain) | Urdax-Dantxarinea to Aubisque-Gourette |
| • Stage 15 (04 Sep.): 118.5 km (Mountain) | Sabinanigo to Sallent de Gallego |

Stage summaries:

UCI World Tour ~ Vuelta a Espana: Spain: 20 August -11 September. (Full results [here](#)):

Stage 1 (20 Aug.): 27.8 km Time Trial – 1. Peter Kennaugh (GBR), 30:37; 2. Salvatore Puccio (ITA), 30:37; 3. Michal Kwiatkowski (POL), 30:37; 4. Leopold Konig (CZE), 30:37; 5. Chris Froome (GBR), 30:37.

Stage 2 (21 Aug.): 160.8 km Time Trial – 1. Gianni

Meersman (BEL), 4:16:39; 2. Michael Schwarzman (GER), 4:16:39; 3. Magnus Cort Nielsen (DEN), 4:16:39; 4. Kwiatkowski, 4:16:39; 5. Jonas van Genechten (BEL), 4:16:39.

Stage 3 (22 Aug.): 176 km (Hilly) – 1. Alexandre Geniez (FRA), 4:28:36; 2. Ruben Fernandez Andujar (ESP), 4:28:57; 3. Alejandro Valverde (ESP), 4:29:02; 4. Froome, 4:29:02; 5. Johan Esteban Chaves (COL), 4:29:02.

Stage 4 (23 Aug.): 163.5 km (Hilly) – 1. Lilian Calmejjane (FRA), 4:05:19; 2. Darwin Atapuna (COL), 4:05:34; 3. Benjamin King (USA), 4:05:34; 4. Andrey Zeits (KAZ), 4:05:37; 5. Nathan Haas (AUS), 4:05:42.

Stage 5 (24 Aug.): 171.3 km (Flat) – 1. Meersman, 4:16:42; 2. Fabio Feline (ITA), 4:16:42; 3. Kevin Reza (FRA), 4:16:42; 4. Luis-Leon Sanchez Gil (ESP), 4:16:42; 5. Zico Waeytens (BEL), 4:16:42.

Stage 6 (25 Aug.): 163.2 km (Hilly) – 1. Simon Yates (GBR), 4:05:00; 2. Sanchez Gil, 4:05:20; 3. Feline, 4:05:22; 4. Ben Hermans (BEL), 4:05:22; 5. Kenny Elissonde (FRA), 4:05:22.

Stage 7 (26 Sep.): 158.5 km (Hilly) – 1. Jonas van Genechten (BEL), 3:55:44; 2. Daniele Bennati (ITA), 3:55:44; 3. Valverde, 3:55:44; 4. Philippe Gilbert (BEL), 3:55:44; 5. Reza, 3:55:44.

Stage 8 (27 Sep.): 177.0 km (Flat) – 1. Sergey Lagutin (RUS), 4:09:30; 2. Axel Domont (FRA), 4:09:40; 3. Perrig Quemeneur (FRA), 4:09:47; 4. Mattia Cattaneo (ITA), 4:09:54; 5. Pieter Serry (BEL), 4:10:10.

Stage 9 (28 Sep.): 164.5 km (Hilly) – 1. David de la Cruz (ESP), 3:47:56; 2. Dries Devenyns (BEL), 3:48:23; 3. Moreno Moser (ITA), 3:48:29; 4. Sanchez Gil (ESP), 3:48:47; 5. Mathias Frank (SUI), 3:48:47.

• **Cycling: Megan Guarnier clinches UCI Women's World Tour title**



*UCI Women's World Tour ~ Grand Prix de Plouay-Bretagne
Plouay, France ~ 27 August 2016*

Poland's **Eugenia Bujak** won the 121.5 km Grand Prix de Plouay-Bretagne with a sprint at the finish, but the big winner was 31-year-old **Megan Guarnier** of Queensbury, New York, who clinched the UCI Women's World Tour title for 2016.

It's been a big year for Guarnier, who won a bronze medal in the UCI World Road Championships held in Richmond, Virginia, in 2015. She won the Amgen Tour of California in the spring, then triumphed in the mighty Giro d'Italia Femminile in July. Quoting an announcement that she'd clinched the title, the Middlebury College graduate in neuroscience deadpanned, "I am quite excited about this!"

Following her fifth-place finish in Plouay, she has amassed 946 points with one race to go, an astonishing 342 points ahead of Canada's **Leah Kirchmann** (604). American **Evelyn Stevens** is in fifth position with 519 points, just behind Britain's **Elizabeth Armitstead** (545) and Italy's **Elisa Longo Borghini** (523).

Summary:

UCI Women's World Tour ~ Grand Prix de Plouay-Bretagne (121.5 km): Plouay (FRA) ~ 27 August 2016. (Full results [here](#)):

1. Eugenia Bujak (POL), 3:12:31; 2. Elena Cecchini (ITA), 3:12:31; 3. Joelle Numainville (CAN), 3:12:31; 4. Katarzyna Niewiadoma (POL), 3:12:31; 5. Megan Guarnier (USA), 3:12:31; 6. Leah Kirchmann (CAN), 3:12:31; 7. Carmen Small (USA), 3:12:31; 8. Katrin Garfoot (AUS), 3:12:31; 9. Elisa Longo Borghini (ITA), 3:12:31; 10. Alena Amialiusik (BLR), 3:12:31.



UCI Women's World Tour 2016 champion Megan Guarnier (USA) (Photo: Hoebele via Wikipedia Commons)

Matthews (AUS), 5:58:51; 5. John Degenkolb (GER), 5:58:51; 6. Maciej Paterski (POL), 5:58:51; 7. Daniel Hoelgaard (NOR), 5:58:51; 8. Giacomo Nizzolo (ITA), 5:58:51; 9. Matteo Trentin (ITA), 5:58:51; 10. Edvald Boasson Hagen (NOR), 5:58:51.

• **Rowing: Silver medals for American Women's Fours**

FISA World Rowing Championships ~ Non-Olympic events
Rotterdam, NED ~ 21-28 August 2016

Not every event in the FISA World Championships is in the Olympic Games, so these seven events were combined into the World U-23 and World Junior Championships in Rotterdam. The U.S., defending world champion in the Women's Four, won silver this time to Great Britain. Although second for the first 1,000 m, the British stormed ahead in the third quarter of the race and cruised home with a 5+ second victory.

The U.S. won two gold and three medals overall in the World U-23 Champs, with victories in the Women's Four from Kendall Brewer, Gia Doonan, Regina Salmons and Sarah Daugherty, and the

• **Cycling: Belgium's Naesen has a dream come true in Plouay**

UCI World Tour ~ Bretagne Classic Ouest-France
Plouay (FRA) ~ 28 August 2016

"I can't believe I've won a World Tour race," said Belgium's **Oliver Naesen** of Belgium, who out-sprinted Italy's **Alberto Bettiol** to the finish of the 248.9 km race in Plouay on Sunday.

The route featured eight laps of a 26.9 km route, with seven climbs, and a final loop of 13.9 km with a final climb up the Cote de Ty Marrec, with up to a 10% grade in some areas.

Naesen and Bettiol broke away on the final loop to sprint to the finish. For the happy 25-year-old Naesen, he said afterward, "You cannot do better in dreams."

Summary:

UCI World Tour ~ Bretagne Classic Ouest-France (284.9 km): Plouay (FRA), 28 August 2016. (Full results [here](#)):

1. Oliver Naesen (BEL), 5:58:46; 2. Alberto Bettiol (ITA), 5:58:48; 3. Alexander Kristoff (NOR), 5:58:51; 4. Michael

Women's Eight (Erin Briggs, Cassandra Johnson, Brewer, Doonan, Salmons, Daugherty, Georgia Ratcliff, Kendall Chase and Colette Lucas-Conwell). Plus a bronze from Jovanni Stefani and Brennan Wertz in the Men's Pair.

Results were even stronger in the World Juniors, with six American medals: one gold, one silver and four bronze:

- Gold: Women's Double Sculls (W2x): Caroline Sharis, Emily Delleman
- Silver: Men's Eight (M8+): Michael Cuellar, Gordon Holterman, Walter Taylor, Ethan Seder, Cole Ortiz, Nikita Lilichenko, Charles Turina, Gordon Johnson and Jacob Shusko;
- Silver: Women's Pair (W2-): Kailani Marchak, Kaitlyn Kynast;
- Bronze: Men's Quadruple Sculls (M4x): David Orner, Andrew LeRoux, Zachary Skypeck, Clark Dean;
- Bronze: Men's Coxed Four (M4+): Ken Coplan, Pieter Quinton, Kyle Fram, Harrison Burke;
- Bronze: Women's Four (W4-): Abigail Tarquinio, Sarah Ondak, Kelsey McGinley, India Robinson.

Most encouraging of all: the U.S. had nine finalists out of 13 events in the World Juniors and six of 11 events in the U-23 Champs. The future for American rowing looks bright indeed.

World Championships (senior events) summaries:

*FISA World Rowing Championships ~ Non-Olympic events:
Rotterdam, NED ~ 21-28 August 2016. (Full results [here](#)):*

MEN:

Coxed Pairs (M2+): 1. Great Britain (Oliver Cook/bow, Callum McBrierty/stroke, Henry Fieldman/cox), 7:29.69; 2. Canada (Andrew Stewart-Jones, Benjamin De Wit, Kevin Chung), 7:32.05; 3. Italy (Mario Paonessa, Vincenzo Capelli, Andrea Riva), 7:32.22; 4. Netherlands, 7:32.98; 5. United States (Yohann Rigogne, Thomas Peszek, Louis Lombardi Jr.), 7:37.95; 6. Spain, 7:54.31.

Lightweight Single Sculls (LM1x): 1. Paul O'Donovan (IRL), 7:32.84; 2. Peter Galambos (HUN), 7:36.95; 3. Lukas Babac (SVK), 7:38.89; 4. Rajko Hrvat (SLO), 7:41.07; 5. Konstantin Steinhuebel (GER), 7:48.66; 6. Milos Stanojevic (SRB), 7:49.03.

Lightweight Pair (LM2-): 1. France (Augustin Mouterde-Alexis Guerinot), 7:14.18; 2. Denmark (Emil Espensen-Jens Vilhelmsen), 7:15.30; 3. Great Britain (Joel Cassells-Sam Scrimgeour), 7:16.49; 4. Ireland, 7:24.60; 5. China 7:32.48;

6. United States (Andrew Wieland-Peter Gibson), 7:36.91.
Lightweight Quadruple Sculls (LM4x): 1. Germany, 6:23.09; 2. France, 6:24.72; 3. Greece, 6:26.58; 4. Ukraine, 6:28.63; 5. Denmark, 6:29.68; 6. Great Britain, 6:31.71.

WOMEN:

Fours (W4-): 1. Great Britain, 7:16.28; 2. United States (Molly Bruggeman-Emily Huelskamp-Corinne Schoeller-Kristine O'Brien), 7:21.53; 3. Germany, 7:26.15; 4. Belarus, 7:33.61; 5. China, 7:35.01; 6. Canada, 7:38.59.

Lightweight Single Sculls (LW1x): 1. Zoe McBride (NZL), 8:28.45; 2. Emma Fredh (SWE), 8:29.12; 3. Katherine Sauks (CAN), 8:37.96; 4. Mary Jones (USA), 8:38.73; 5. Georgia Dimakou (GRE), 8:41.12; 6. Anastasiia Ianina (RUS), 8:46.34.

Lightweight Quadruple Sculls (LW4x): 1. Great Britain, 7:10.60; 2. Germany, 7:12.45; 3. China, 7:21.04; 4. Canada, 7:23.57; 5. United States (Ashley Amos-Monica Whitehouse-Morgan McGovern-Emily Schmiegl), 7:26.24.

Panorama

The Tokyo 2020 Olympic organizers are looking into the possibility of collecting enough scrap gold and silver from discarded smartphones and other electronic devices to make the medals for the Games. No kidding! The [Nikkei Asian Review](#) noted that for London in 2012 “9.6 kg [21 lbs.] of gold, 1,210 kg [2,668 lbs.] of silver and 700 kg [1,543 lbs.] of copper -- the primary component of bronze -- were used to produce medals.” There was more than enough of each collected in Japan in 2014 from trashed phones and other items: 143 kg [315 lbs.] of gold, 1,566 kg [3,452 lbs.] of silver and 1,112 tons of copper

Athletics: Poland’s **Piotr Malachowski**, the 2008 and 2016 Olympic silver medalist in the discus, [sold](#) his silver medal from the Rio Games to pay for eye cancer treatments for a three-year-old Polish boy named Olek. Malachowski said the sale met the goal of raising the \$130,000 needed for treatment and travel.

Athletics: 2016 Olympic women’s triathlon gold medalist **Gwen Jorgensen** will run her first marathon on November 6 at the TCS New York City Marathon. The New York Road Runners Club [announced](#) that Jorgensen will join other star first-timers including American 10,000 m record-holder **Molly Huddle** and 2012 and 2016 U.S. 5,000 m Olympian **Kim Conley**. Jorgensen plans to compete in the ITU World Championships in Cozumel, Mexico on September 17, and will then have seven weeks to prepare for her marathon debut.

Boxing: International Boxing Association (AIBA) president **C.K. Wu** [spoke at length](#) to the Associated Press on the final day of the Rio Games, noting that boxing’s future could include a change from three rounds to five, changing the judging system (again) to improve transparency, no more shirts for men, no headguards for women and five weight categories for women (up from three now). And as for opening the Games to professional boxers – approved by AIBA earlier this year – Wu said, “to go to the Olympic Games is their dream.”

Weightlifting: The International Weightlifting Federation (IWF) continued to announce more doping positives. On 25 August, provisional doping suspensions were imposed on:

- **Ya-Feng Hsiao** (TPE), sixth in the women’s 75 kg class at the 2016 World Junior Championships;
- **Krzysztof Szramiak** (POL), sixth in the men’s 77kg division at the 2016 European Championships, and
- **Stanislau Chadovich** (BLR), sixth in the men’s 62 kg category at the 2015 World Championships in Houston.

This adds to the 15 provisional suspensions announced on 24 August from IOC re-tests of samples from the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing. On that list were 11 medal-winners from Beijing. Including the first round of re-tests announced in June, a total of 25 lifters were found to be drug-positive from the 2008 Games alone.

Final Whistle

We had several entrants take up our challenge to play the “Naber Game,” designed by the 1976 gold medalist John Naber to create a “fantasy” team for the Rio Games.



August 29, 2016

Each contestant picked 10 athletes from the U.S. and 10 from other countries, but no two from the same sport and no two from the same country. Medalists correctly selected were awarded five points for a gold, three for a silver and one for a bronze.

Our medalists included:

- 62 Team Mindy: Mindy Dougherty
(USA total: 30; International: 32)
- 48 Team Doc Shock: Ellen Shockro
(USA total: 28; International: 20)
- 38 Team Winn-ers: Krista Winn
(USA total: 19; International: 19)

Congratulations to our medalists (you'll have to make up your own medal, sorry) and to all who played the Naber Game with us.

In John Naber's own game, the winner was Phil Wallace of Los Angeles, with an impressive total of 77 points across the two selections.

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