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Redemption in Zurich?

Allyson Felix v. Elaine Thompson at 200 m

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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

On the Cover

Allyson Felix won a silver medal in the women's 400 m in Rio, but never got to contest her favorite race, the 200 m. She faces the gold and silver-medal winners at 200 m in Zurich today. (Photo: USA TODAY Sports/Kirby Lee)



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Errata

Mistakes, yes. In our August 29 issue, we (1) listed the wrong event prize money for the FINA Swimming World Cup: it's \$1,500-1,000-500 for the first three places, and (2) had "Sep" instead of "Aug" on some of the Stage dates in the story on the Vuelta a Espana cycling race.

And see p. 13 for our problems with fractions. Aarrgh!

Lane One: On Doping: it's about Time



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There is world-class worry in the Olympic Movement about performance-enhancing drugs and their impact, but not just about the horrific long-term effects on the bodies of the users. That's only the start:

- The International Olympic Committee worries that the continuing scandal of state-sponsored doping described in Russia – and suspected elsewhere – will collapse interest in the Olympic Games.
- The International Federations that govern each sport and the National Olympic Committees are worried about selling television rights, sponsorships and tickets to their events that the public may see as contests essentially between chemically-created Frankenstein monsters.
- The broadcast networks who own such rights – NBC has locked up the Olympic television rights in the U.S. through 2032 – worry about the ratings.
- Athletes in countries which have robust anti-doping programs are growing apoplectic over competing against others who have much less scrutiny ... and are winning medals that could have been awarded to them.
- Perhaps most importantly, fans of Olympic sports are getting tired of reading long lists of drug suspensions that change the results on events they watched. What good is it to watch an event when the results will change in weeks or months, or even years as the recent disclosures of new doping positives from the 2008 and 2012 Olympic Games?

This brings us to consider the value of time.

The IOC has floated the idea of turning all drug-testing activity in Olympic sport over to an independent body – like the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) – in order to ensure independence. This will require a mammoth change in oversight, as WADA's governance has interlocking relationships with the IOC and other groups that must be de-linked in order to create truly independent testing and reporting.

And it will require much more funding. The IOC has seen this issue before, in dealing with the host broadcaster function in the 1980s. After the 1984 Winter Games in Sarajevo and summer Games in Los Angeles, it was determined that the host broadcasting function – which was supposed to be independent of the domestic rights-holder in the host country – needed to be provided by a truly separate organization. In order to make this possible, 10% of the total television rights sales was allocated to this function, and the host broadcaster has worked as an independent body ever since.



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The same can be done with doping, but this time using a percentage – also 10% perhaps? – of the money from worldwide sponsorships collected by the IOC. If it worked for the highly-technical field of television, why not for the equally-complex work of medicine and chemistry.

But part of that effort has to be to shorten the time between the end of an event and the confirmation or revision of the results. If athletes, organizers and fans are to have confidence that what has happened on the field of play is to be trusted, weeks, months and years must not go by.

There are many problems with implementing such a concept and the costs can be enormous. But if tackled in cooperation with the governmental and private sectors involved in employee testing for human resources purposes, solutions can be found. What is it worth to a corporate human resources department to have same-day results from drug testing? For them, the sooner, the better.

Moreover, results of drug testing at events need to be reported publicly to give athletes passing these tests the credit for doing so. Alongside the 100-meter time for Usain Bolt needs to be a confirmation that he passed his drug test. That requires an increase in speed that even Bolt would be proud of.

It was not too long ago that diabetics had to undergo a lengthy process to determine and monitor their blood-sugar levels. But the now-familiar blood-glucose meter was introduced in 1970 and today results are available almost immediately. We need the same for doping, and we need it now.

Because it's about time.

Rich Perelman
Editor

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Agenda: Competition Calendar

The worldwide sports carousel is back in full swing. 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>	
• <i>28 August-03 September:</i>				
Cycling	20 Aug-11 Sep	UCI World Tour ~ Vuelta a Espana	ESP	Spain
Tennis	29 Aug-11 Sep	ATP/WTa Tour ~ U.S. Open	USA	New York
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
• <i>04-10 September:</i>				
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
• <i>11-17 September:</i>				
Cycling	11 Sep	UCI Women’s World Tour ~ Madrid Challenge	ESP	Madrid
Triathlon	11 Sep-18 Sep	World Triathlon Championships	MEX	Cozumel
Volleyball	14 Sep-18 Sep	Beach/Swatch FIVB World Tour Final	CAN	Toronto
• <i>18-24 September:</i>				
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
• <i>25 September-01 October:</i>				
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: USC alum Morozov sets second World Record in a week!**



*FINA/airweave Swimming World Cup no. 2
Berlin (GER) ~ 30-31 August 2016*

Russia's **Vladimir Morozov** came close to a bronze medal in Rio on the 4x100 m freestyle relay, but his team finished fourth.

So the 2012 Olympic freestyle relay bronze medalist is making up for it by setting short-course world records. He broke the world short-course (25 m pool) mark for the 100 m individual medley with a 50.60 time in the first World Cup meet in Paris on 26 August. In Berlin four days later, he did it again, lowering the standard to 50.30.

Those two swims – for a total combined time of 1:40.90 – earned him \$23,000 for the two first-place finishes and a \$10,000 bonus for each world record! Adding in his other place-winnings for Paris – \$3,500 more – and Berlin – \$3,500 more for winning the 50 & 100 m Freestyles and a third in the 50 m Breaststroke – and he's headed to a higher tax bracket, collecting a total of \$30,000 in the first two of nine World Cup events.

Morozov is hardly a mystery to American swimming fans. He attended Torrance High School in Southern California and then USC, and was a three-time NCAA champion for the Trojans in 2013, including the 50 m and 100 m freestyle events.

On the women's side, Hungary's indefatigable **Katinka Hosszu** continued to be busy, racking up seven wins in 11 events in the 200 and 400 m Freestyles, 100 and 200 m Backstrokes and 100-200-400 m Medleys, plus a second in the 50 m Back and thirds in the 100 m Free and 50 and 100 m Flys. For her effort, she earned \$13,000, giving her a two-meet total of \$27,000!

FINA's nine-event, short-course tour will pay \$2,178,000 to swimmers, including major bonuses to the overall points leaders, and leaders after each of the three grouped "clusters."

The third World Cup should be fun for Morozov: it's in Moscow, on 03-04 September. Summaries:

*FINA/airweave Swimming World Cup (short course) no. 2:
Berlin (GER), 30-31 August ~ 1st three places win
US\$1,500-1,000-500. (Full results [here](#)):*

MEN

50 m Free, Vladimir Morozov (RUS), 20.79; 2. Chad le Clos (RSA), 21.12; 3. Andrii Govorov (UKR), 21.15; ... 8. Michael Andrew (USA), 21.96. 100 m Free, Morozov

(RUS), 45.79; 2. Adam Barrett (GBR), 47.07; 3. Shinri Shioura (JPN), 47.07 ... 8. Andrew (USA), 49.56. 200 m Free, James Guy (GBR), 1:42.22; 2. Phillip Heintz (GER), 1:44.60; 3. Jack Gerrard (AUS), 1:44.70. 400 m Free, Guy (GBR), 3:39.20; 2. Bobby Hurley (AUS), 3:43.02; 3. Poul Zellmann (GER), 3:44.04. 1500 m Free, Florian Wellbrock (GER), 14:35.79; 2. Jan Micka (CZE), 14:40.17; 3. Yasunari Hirai (JPN), 14:51.18.

50 m Back, Pavel Sankovich (BLR), 23.14; 2. Stanislav Donets (RUS), 23.40; 3. Hurley (AUS), 23.44. 100 m Back, Donets (RUS), 50.06; 2. Hurley (AUS), 50.34; 3. Mitchell Larkin (AUS), 50.51. 200 m Back, Larkin (AUS), 1:48.81; 2. Hurley (AUS), 1:51.80; 3. Hiromasa Fujimori (JPN), 1:52.42.

50 m Breast, Cameron van der Burgh (RSA), 25.75; 2. Kirii Prigoda (RUS), 26.04; 3. Felipe Lima (BRA), 26.21; ... 5. Andrew (USA), 26.82. 100 m Breast, van der Burgh (RSA), 56.56; 2. Prigoda (RUS), 56.63; 3. Morozov (RUS), 57.01; ... 6. Andrew (USA), 58.81. 200 m Breast, Marco Koch (GER), 2:01.92; 2. Prigoda (RUS), 2:03.97; 3. van der Burgh (RSA), 2:03.97.

50 m Fly, le Clos (RSA), 22.15; 2. Govorov (UKR), 22.45; 3. Barrett (GBR), 22.64. 100 m Fly, le Clos (RSA), 48.66; 2. Barrett (GBR), 49.60; 3. Sankovich (BLR), 50.39; 4. Tim Phillips (USA), 51.51. 200 m Fly, le Clos (RSA), 1:49.33; 2. Heintz (GER), 1:52.56; 3. Yun Hao (CHN), 1:53.51.

100 m Medley, **Morozov (RUS), 50.30 (World Record; old, 50.60, Morozov 2016)**; 2. Fujimori (JPN), 51.33; 3. Heintz (GER), 51.81; 4. Andrew (USA), 53.80. 200 m Medley, Heintz (GER), 1:51.92; 2. Fujimori (JPN), 1:52.12; 3. Koch (GER), 1:55.98; 4. Andrew (USA), 1:57.94. 400 m Medley, Heintz (GER), 4:02.84; 2. Koch (GER), 4:09.18; 3. Daniil Pasyukov (RUS), 4:11.50.

WOMEN:

50 m Free, Jeanette Ottesen (DEN), 23.58; 2. Madeline Groves (AUS), 24.32; 3. Katie Meili (USA), 24.35. 100 m Free, Ottesen (DEN), 51.87; 2. Groves (AUS), 52.06; 3. Katinka Hosszu (HUN), 52.25. 200 m Free, Hosszu (HUN), 1:52.08; 2. Groves (AUS), 1:52.52; 3. Zsuzsanna Jakabos (HUN), 1:55.40. 400 m Free, Hosszu (HUN), 4:02.11;

2. Yiwen Shao (CHN), 4:03.04; 3. Leah Neale (AUS), 4:05.90. 800 m Free, Franziska Hentke (GER), 8:22.83; 2. Jakabos (HUN), 8:22.91; 3. Neale (AUS), 8:27.39.

50 m Back, Emily Seebohm (AUS), 26.38; 2. Hosszu (HUN), 26.45; 3. Daryna Zevina (UKR), 26.81. 100 m Back, Hosszu (HUN), 55.60; 2. Zevina (UKR), 56.44; 3. Seebohm (AUS), 56.58. 200 m Back, Hosszu (HUN), 2:00.52; 2. Zevina (UKR), 2:00.75; 3. Seebohm (AUS), 2:01.58.

50 m Breast, Alia Atkinson (JAM), 29.00; 2. Yuliya Efimova (RUS), 29.08; 3. Meili (USA), 29.37. 100 m Breast, Meili (USA), 1:02.92; 2. Atkinson (JAM), 1:03.10; 3. Efimova (RUS), 1:03.17; ... 5. Breeja Larson, 1:05.59. 200 m Breast, Rie Kaneto (JPN), 2:16.27; 2. Efimova (RUS), 2:16.88; 3. Larson (USA), 2:23.13.

50 m Fly, Ottesen (DEN), 24.95; 2. Barratt (AUS), 25.68; 3. Hosszu (HUN), 25.73. 100 m Fly, Ottesen (DEN), 55.86; 2. Groves (AUS), 55.97; 3. Hosszu (HUN), 56.75. 200 m Fly, Hentke (GER), 2:04.06; 2. Groves (AUS), 2:05.30; 3. Siqi Wang (CHN), 2:05.51.

100 m Medley, Hosszu (HUN), 57.12; 2. Meili (USA), 58.02; 3. Seebohm (AUS), 58.51. 200 m Medley, Hosszu (HUN), 2:05.57; 2. Jakabos (HUN), 2:06.29; 3. Efimova (RUS), 2:06.93. 400 m Medley, Hosszu (HUN), 4:25.69; 2. Miho Takahashi (JPN), 4:28.85; 3. Hannah Miley (GBR), 4:29.80.

MIXED:

4x50 m Free Relay, Russia, 1:32.07 (Prigoda, Morozov, Ustinova, Efimova); 2. United States, 1:33.11 (Andrew, Phillips, Larson, Meili); 3. Australia, 1:34.34 (Gerrard, Hurley, Barratt, Groves). 4x50 m Medley Relay, Russia, 1:39.77 (Donets, Efimova, Morozov, Ustinova); 2. Australia, 1:41.41 (Hurley, Bremer, Barratt, Groves); 3. United States, 1:42.25; (Andrew, Roberts, Phillips, Meili).

• **Athletics: Allyson Felix hunting Rio 200 m medalists in Zurich**

IAAF Diamond League no. 13
Zurich (SUI) ~ 1 September 2016

What could have been? But for a leg injury that set her training back more than a month, **Allyson Felix** would have attempted a grueling 400/200m double at the 2016 Olympic Games. But she missed making the U.S. team in the 200 m by 0.01 and had to settle for the 400 m only, losing a gold medal on an at-the-tape dive by Shaunae Miller of The Bahamas, but winning two golds on the U.S. 4x100 m and 4x400 m relay teams.



Now, after the Games, Felix will be back in action at her favorite distance – 200 m – against the gold and silver medalists from Rio: **Elaine Thompson** of Jamaica and **Dafne Schippers** of the Netherlands.

Thompson doubled in the 100 and 200 m in Rio and Schippers was visibly upset at losing in the race where she was World Champion in 2015, 21.78-21.88.

Add in 2004 and 2008 Olympic champ – and long-time Felix nemesis – **Veronica Campbell-Brown** of Jamaica and all the ingredients are there for an epic clash of the titans in women's sprinting. Between them: 25 World or Olympic gold medals!

The Weltklasse Zurich meet is traditionally one of the best – if not the best – meet on the European circuit. The Letzigrund Stadium will be full and 14 Olympic champions are scheduled to compete.

This is one of two Diamond League final meets; the 32 Diamond Race events are evenly split between Zurich and the Van Damme Memorial in Brussels on 9 September. The winner of each event's season-long "Diamond Race" will receive \$40,000 in addition to the individual-event prize money of \$10,000-6,000-4,000-3,000-2,500-2,000-1,500-1,000 for places 1-8.

Among the highlights of the meet – to be shown on BeIN Sports – are U.S. gold and silver medalists **Ryan Crouser** and **Joe Kovacs** against bronze winner **Thomas Walsh** of New Zealand in the men's shot put; gold medalist **Christian Taylor** in the triple jump and gold-and-silver winners **Tianna Bartoletta** and **Brittney Reese** in the women's long jump.

On the track, the Rio medalists in the women's steeplechase who finished in the same order in the world-record run in Paris by Bahrain's **Ruth Jebet** will go once again: Jebet, Kenya's **Hyvin Kiyeng Jepkemboi** and American **Emma Coburn**. Surprise American silver medal winner in the 5000 m, **Paul Chelimo**, will join **Bernard Lagat**, **Ryan Hill** and steeplechase silver winner **Evan Jager** of the U.S. in the 5000 m against a strong field.

World-record holder **Ken Harrison** will go for the U.S. in the 100 m Hurdles and South Africa's **Caster Semenya** will be back in the women's 800 m. She was thought to have a good shot at the 1983 world record of Czechoslovakia's Jarmila Kratochvilova (1:53.28) at the Games, but settled for winning the race instead. This might be her shot at the record.

As part of a growing movement to bring track & field (especially field) to the public, the women's pole vault was held yesterday in the Zurich train station! Rio fifth-placer **Holly Bradshaw** of Great Britain won on fewer misses at 4.76 m (15-7 1/4) over Rio silver medalist **Sandi Morris** of the U.S., with gold medalist **Katerina Stefanidi** of Greece third at 4.71 m (15-5 1/2).

Wonder if the competition messed up the train schedules? Nah, this is Switzerland, right?

• **Canoeing: Slalom World Cup headed to Prague**

ICF Canoe-Slalom 2016 no. 4
Prague (CZE) ~ 02-04 September



Six medal winners from the Rio Games will be back in competition on the canoe slalom course in Prague, Czech Republic over the weekend for the fourth of five [World Cup](#) races for 2016.

The field is naturally headed by men's K-1 bronze medalist **Jiri Prskavec**, the home favorite and the defending champion in the event. The other top entries include:

- Rio men's C2 gold medalists **Ladislav and Peter Skantar** (SVK);
- Men's C1 silver medalist **Matej Benus** (SVK);
- Men's C2 silver medalists **Gauthier Klauss and Mattieu Perche** (FRA);
- Men's K1 silver medalist **Peter Kauzer** (SLO);
- Women's K1 bronze medalist **Jessica Fox** (AUS).

Also scheduled to compete are two legendary slalom stars from nearby Slovakia: 2000-04-08 C2 Olympic gold medalist brothers **Peter and Pavol Hochschorner** (SVK) and 2000-04 K1 gold medalist **Elena Kaliska**.

The final slalom World Cup of the season will be held in Tacen, Slovenia (near Ljubljana) on 7-11 September.

• **Cycling/Road: Froome looking to double in Vuelta a Espana**

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



For Britain's **Chris Froome**, winning the Tour de France is not enough. He wants to own the Iberian Peninsula as well.

Froome won the 168.6 km flat Stage 11 on Wednesday and moved up to second overall at the Vuelta a Espana, just 54 seconds behind Colombia's **Nairo Quintana**, with 10 stages remaining.

If Froome were to pull off the Tour/La Vuelta double, he's be the first to do it in 38 years and only the third ever ... and the first not from France! Bernard Hinault won both races in 1978 and prior to that, only Jacques Anquitol – in 1963 – accomplished the feat.

The red jersey of the overall race leader has been changing hands frequently in recent stages.

Colombia's Quintana got it back from Spain's **David de la Cruz** after Stage 10 and continues to hold it, but by a slim margin. De la Cruz took the overall lead after Stage 9 after Quintana's countryman **Darwin Atapuma** held it from Stages 4-7 and Quintana after Stage 8.

The 2016 race – the 71st edition – will cover 3,315.4 km in all (2,060.1 miles) in 21 stages, 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. Nairo Quintana (COL), 42:21:48 | 6. Leopold Konig (CZE), 42:24:57 |
| 2. Chris Froome (GBR), 42:22:42 | 7. Simon Yates (GBR), 42:25:13 |
| 3. Alejandro Valverde (ESP), 42:22:53 | 8. Michele Scarponi (ITA), 42:25:22 |
| 4. Johan Esteban Chaves (COL), 42:24:22 | 9. David de la Cruz (ESP), 42:25:33 |
| 5. Alberto Contador (ESP), 42:24:56 | 10. Samuel Sanchez Gonzalez (ESP), 42:25:44 |

Continuing to move up the leaderboard are two of the most revered names in cycling – and both from Spain – **Alejandro Valverde** (now third) and **Alberto Contador** (fifth). The latter is a three-time winner of La Vuelta, in 2008-12-14 and Valverde won in 2009.

The upcoming stages:

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| • 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 16 (05 Sep.): 156.4 km (Flat) | Alcaniz to Peniscola |
| • Rest day (06 Sep.) | |

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 Calmejane (FRA), 4:05:19; 2. Darwin Atapuma (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 Felling (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. Felling, 4:05:22; 4. Ben Hermans (BEL), 4:05:22; 5. Kenny Elissonde (FRA), 4:05:22.

Stage 7 (26 Aug.): 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 Aug.): 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 Aug.): 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.

Stage 10 (29 Aug): 188.7 km (Mountain) – 1. Nairo Quintana (COL), 4:50:31; 2. Robert Gesink (NED), 4:50:55; 3. Chris Froome (GBR), 4:50:56; 4. Omar Fraile (ESP), 4:50:59; 5. Alberto Valverde (ESP), 4:50:59.

Stage 11 (31 Aug): 168.6 (Flat) – 1. Chris Froome (GBR), 3:44:47; 2. Nairo Quintana (COL), 3:44:47; 3. Alejandro Valverde (ESP), 3:44:53; 4. Leopold Konig (CZE), 3:44:53; 5. Alberto Contador (ESP), 3:44:55.

• **Cycling/Mountain Bike: World Cup finale in Vallnord**

UCI Mountain Bike World Cup no. 9
Vallnord (AND) ~ 02-04 September



The final Mountain Bike World Cup stop of the 2016 season will take place in Vallnord – remember your high school geography class – located in the principality of Andorra, located between France

and Spain in the Pyrenees Mountains.

The events include a downhill course of 2.7 km (1.7 miles) and an Olympic-class cross-country circuit of 4.2 km (2.6 miles).

In the cross-country race, the seasonal World Cup winner will be determined between current no. 1 **Julien Absalon** of France (2,007 points) and the only rider close to him, Rio gold medalist **Nino Schurter** (SUI), standing at 1,990. On the women's side, seasonal leader Annika Langvad (DEN);s 1,911 points have clinched the trophy for 2016, well ahead of **Jenny Rissveds** (SWE) at 1,502 and Poland's **Maja Wloszczowska** (1,452).

In the non-Olympic downhill races, **Aaron Gwin** of the U.S. holds a precarious World Cup points lead over **Troy Brosnan** (AUS) 1,331-1,242, with **Danny Hart** (GBR) in striking distance at 1,193. The remarkable **Rachel Atherton** (GBR) will be the World Cup winner this season – she has 1,880 points and a 530-point lead – but will be trying to win her 12th event in 15 outings. In the three she didn't win: she was second.

The Vallnord seasonal finale will be televised live by [Red Bull online](#) starting at 8:30 a.m. EDT (2:30 p.m. local time) on 3 September and 5:00 a.m. EDT (11 a.m. local time) on 4 September.

- **Triathlon: Mola and Duffy hold tight leads heading into Edmonton**



A tight race in both the men's and women's seasonal standings makes the Edmonton stop on the International Triathlon Union's World Series a critical stepping stone to the World Championships in Cozumel, Mexico in mid-September.

Men's point leader **Mario Mola** of Spain (3,833 points) was eighth in Rio, but has been brilliant in the World Triathlon Series in 2016, winning at Abu Dhabi, Gold Coast, Cape Town, Yokohama and the Sprint at Hamburg. In Edmonton, he'll contest another Sprint: 750 m swim, 20 km bike and 5 km run.

Olympic silver medalist **Jonathan Brownlee** (GBR, 2,905 points) has been just as consistent, but just one place down. He was second at Cape Town (a Sprint), Leeds and Stockholm in early July, and third at the Gold Coast event in April.

They're the headliners, but France's fourth-ranked **Pierre LeCorre** (four top-six finishes on the circuit this year) and Mexico's 10th-ranked **Crisanto Grajales** (Yokohama runner-up in May) must also be considered.

On the women's side, six of the top ten on the points table are entered, starting with top-ranked **Flora Duffy** of Bermuda. She stands at 3,491 points, just 345 ahead of Britain's **Jodie Stimpson**, currently second; winners get 800 points for a World Series win, then 740 for second, 685 for third, 633 for fourth, 586 for fifth and on and on.

Duffy has been in the top four five times so far this season, compared to four for Stimpson. Third-ranked **Andrea Hewitt** (NZL) has four top-six placements, but none in Sprint races. That makes seventh-ranked American **Katie Zaferes** someone to watch, as she won the Sprint race in Hamburg on 16 July, and ninth-ranked **Rachel Klammer** of the Netherlands was second in that race.

Panorama

Athletics: Americans **Jenny Simpson** and **Emma Coburn** won the bronze medals in Rio in the women's 1,500 m and Steeplechase, respectively, in Rio, then promptly headed overseas to race again on the Diamond League circuit in Paris last Saturday and Zurich today. Then they're traveling 3,927 miles to run a one-mile race in New York on Saturday! It's for the [New Balance Fifth Avenue Mile](#), put on by the New York Road Runners Club and run south from roughly 80th Street to 60th Street in midtown Manhattan. Simpson is a four-time winner of the race, but she and Coburn (and others) will likely be chasing Britain's **Laura Muir**, who set a national record for 1,500 m in Paris of 3:55.23 and looked very impressive in the process. The men's favorite will be Rio 1,500 m gold medalist **Matthew Centrowitz**, also a former winner of this unique road mile race. The event will be televised live at 1:15 p.m. EDT online at [USATF.tv](#).



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Baseball: One of the best – and least-appreciated – events in baseball is the [World Baseball Classic](#), now set with venues and pools for next March. Two new first-round venues were announced: Guadalajara, Mexico and Seoul, South Korea, in addition to Miami, Florida (Marlin Park) and Tokyo, Japan (Tokyo Dome), from 7-12 March. The schedule makers didn't do the U.S. any favors, pairing the Americans with defending champs Dominican Republic, Canada and Colombia in Miami, while 2006/2009 champion Japan gets Australia, China and Cuba in Tokyo. The top two finishers in each pool will move to second-round games in Tokyo and San Diego (Petco Park) from 12-18 March with the top two in that round heading to Dodger Stadium in Los Angeles for the finals on 20 and 22 March.

Volleyball: With the Rio Games complete, the FIVB released its final [World Rankings](#) for 2016. No doubt about the leaders: Olympic champions Brazil in the men's division and China in the women. After that, the situation is more complex. The U.S. (third in Rio) and Poland tied for second in men's rankings, followed by silver medalists Italy, then fourth-placer Russia and quarterfinalists Argentina, Iran and Canada in 5-7. On the women's side, the bronze-medal-winning U.S. finished second in the rankings, ahead of silver winners Serbia and quarterfinalists Brazil, Russia and Japan ended up ahead of semifinalist Netherlands, in seventh.

Vox Populi

Bad with Fractions

"There may be a discrepancy in your [August 29] 'Lane One' story. It says the Olympic and Winter Olympics receives 2/3s, the NOCs get 1/3 and the Sports Federations get 1/3. That's 4/3s?"
~ Steve Rutledge

Thanks to sharp-eyed Steve, the 1984 Olympic venue press chief for wrestling. Correction: the Olympic organizing committees do get about two-thirds of the money the IOC collects from television rights and sponsorships. The other one-third is *split* equally between the International Federations and the National Olympic Committees, so each of those groups gets 1/6th of the total.

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Russia's Vladimir Morozov in action in Santa Clara in 2015; he's set two short-course world records in the first two meets of the 2016 FINA World Cup season. (Photo: USA TODAY Sports/Bob Stanton)