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Victory!

Summer Cook leads a U.S. women's sweep

(Photo: World Triathlon Series)

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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:

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|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| dnf = did not finish | dns = did not start |
| kg = kilograms | m = meters |
| w = wind-aided in athletics | |

On the Cover

Summer Cook led a 1-2-3 finish for the U.S. women in the Edmonton edition of the World Triathlon Series on Sunday. *(Photo: World Triathlon Series)*



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Errata

We're trying harder, but ace statistician Bill Bell notes that swimmer Vladimir Morozov won the NCAA 50 and 100-*yard* freestyle titles while at USC, not at 50/100 meters. We're so international here, we forgot. Thanks, Bill!

We also erred on the UCI World Cup Mountain Bike points standings, but got it right in this issue's story on page 11.

Lane One: Is 40 the new 22?



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When Jesse Owens set or tied four world track & field records in a day in 1935, he was 21 years old.

When he won four gold medals in the 1936 Olympic Games in Berlin, he was

22.

He was booted out of the sport just after the Games, when he agreed to some sponsorship offers and was then [declared ineligible](#) to compete.

Eighty years later, two outstanding sprinters show what could have been if Owens and others of a prior time could have had today's opportunities: Asafa Powell and Kim Collins.

Powell, the Jamaican star who set two world records and preceded Usain Bolt to greatness, won the 100 m at the Diamond League meet in Zurich last week in 9.94 seconds. At age 33, he has run under 10 seconds a record 97 times and will surpass the century mark next season. He shows no indications of retirement.

Collins, from the tiny Caribbean island of St. Kitts and Nevis – and a former sprinter at TCU – is a wonder. Now age 40, he is a five-time Olympian and was the 2003 World Champion in the 100 . Unbelievably, he ran a lifetime best of 9.93 seconds this year – not only another national record, but the first man aged 40 or older to run under 10 seconds for 100 m.

Both men benefit from advance training techniques, better nutrition and weight training, but most of all for more opportunities and the ability to make a living from their sport.

Sport is one of the purest forms of meritocracy. It is a great achievement of our time that athletes like Powell and Collins have the opportunities that should have been available to champions like Owens.



Rich Perelman
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About The Sports Examiner

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These athletes deserve the comprehensive coverage given to a fairly small number of sports which are the most popular in individual countries, such as baseball, basketball, football (several kinds), ice hockey and others. Why not offer an all-in-one briefing, available online, which can provide fans with a 360-degree view of the top-level meets, matches and tournaments in world sport?

Although the Rio Games are a memory, 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!

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>	
• 05-10 September:				
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
Baseball	03 Sep-11 Sep	WSBC Women's World Cup	KOR	Gijang City
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
Football	06 Sep	World Cup Qual. ~ Trinidad & Tobago vs. USA	USA	Jacksonville
Canoeing	07 Sep-11 Sep	Slalom/World Cup Final	SLO	Ljublijana
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
Volleyball	14 Sep-18 Sep	Beach/Swatch FIVB World Tour Final	CAN	Toronto
Ice Hockey	17 Sep-01 Oct	2016 World Cup of Hockey	CAN	Toronto
• 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

• **Aquatics/Swimming: Morozov and Hosszu wrap up Cluster 1 prizes**



*FINA/airweave
Swimming World
Cup no. 3
Moscow (RUS) ~
03-04 September
2016*

Hungary's three-time Olympic gold medalist **Katinka Hosszu** and Russia's **Vladimir**

Morozov ended up as the big winners in the third leg of the FINA airweave Swimming World Cup in Moscow.

Both won big at the meet – Hosszu with seven wins and four seconds and Morozov, despite a cold, with three wins – and after, as our calculations have them as the winners of the “Cluster” prizes awarded by FINA for the top performers in the first three meets of the tour.

First place in the Paris-Berlin-Moscow cluster is worth \$50,000, with prizes for second (\$35,000), third (\$30,000), fourth (\$20,000), fifth (\$10,000) and sixth (\$5,000).

By our calculations, Hosszu won the women's circuit easily with 387 points to 141 for runner-up **Jeanette Ottesen** of Denmark. Morozov – again, unofficially – outpointed South Africa's **Chad le Clos**, 229-192, to win the men's side. FINA did not post the official cluster point tallies by presstime. In all, Hosszu has won \$91,500 for

*FINA/airweave Swimming World Cup (short course) no. 3:
Moscow (RUS), 03-04 September ~ 1st three places win
US\$1,500-1,000-500. (Full results [here](#)):*

three meets so far, with Morozov taking home \$84,500, including two \$10,000 bonuses for world short-course records in the 100 m Medley.

At Moscow, le Clos won all three butterfly races (50-100-200) and Russian breaststroke star **Yuliya Efimova** won all three of her races in the 50m, 100 m and 200 m distances. Le Clos told a news conference before the meet, “It’s great to have an opportunity to take part in World Cup races right after the Olympics. It’s easy for me to switch from the long course to the short course. But not backwards. I’m not completely satisfied with my performance in Rio. So I would like to show what I’m capable [of] in 25 m pool.”

Efimova was also relieved to be competing at home after the controversy over her Rio participation after being previously suspended for doping. “I knew I would get my first [Swimming World Cup] gold here, in Moscow. When you compete at home, you don’t have any other choice – just to win. I didn’t have enough time for the warm-up, because I was talking with my fans and friends. They cheered me up.”

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 second World Cup cluster starts 30 September in Beijing, followed by meets in Dubai and Doha. Summaries:

MEN

50 m Free, Vladimir Morozov (RUS), 20.98; 2. Chad le Clos (RSA), 21.05; 3. Andrii Govorov (RUS), 21.29; ... 7. Michael Andrew (USA), 22.03. 100 m Free, Morozov

(RUS), 46.36; 2. Adam Barrett (GBR), 46.99; 3. Shinri Shioura (JPN), 47.00. 200 m Free, James Guy (GBR), 1:43.77; 2. Bobby Hurley (AUS), 1:44.64; 3. Jack Gerrard (AUS), 1:45.62. 400 m Free, Guy (GBR), 3:40.70; 2. Hurley (AUS), 3:42.76; 3. Poul Zellmann (GER), 3:44.54. 1500 m Free, Zellmann (GER), 14:59.78; 2. Evgeny Drobotov (RUS Club), 15:33.02; 3. Nikolay Chaplinskiy (RUS Club), 15:42.74.

50 m Back, Pavel Sankovich (BLR), 23.13; 2. Mitchell Larkin (AUS), 23.34; 3. Hurley (AUS), 23.40. 100 m Back, Larkin (AUS), 49.62; 2. Sankovich (BLR), 50.29; 3. Hurley (AUS), 50.32. 200 m Back, Larkin (AUS), 1:48.31; 2. Hurley (AUS), 1:53.71; 3. Fujimori (JPN), 1:53.91.

50 m Breast, Cameron van der Burgh (RSA), 25.88; 2. Felipe Lima (BRA), 26.24; 3. Kirill Prigoda (RUS), 26.30; ... 6. Michael Andrew (USA), 26.92. 100 m Breast, van der Burgh (RSA), 56.64; 2. Prigoda (RUS), 57.29; 3. Lima (BRA), 57.79. 200 m Breast, Marco Koch (GER), 2:01.94; 2. Mikhail Dorinov (RUS), 2:04.10; 3. Prigoda (RUS), 2:05.05.

50 m Fly, le Clos (RSA), 22.06; 2. Andrii Govorov (UKR), 22.41; 3. Barrett (GBR), 22.51. 100 m Fly, le Clos (RSA), 49.01; 2. Barrett (GBR), 49.83; 3. Sankovich (BLR), 51.30. 200 m Fly, le Clos (RSA), 1:49.10; 2. Philip Heintz (GER), 1:52.52; 3. Yun Hao (CHN), 1:52.61.

100 m Medley, Morozov (RUS), 51.03; 2. Hiromasa Fujimori (JPN), 51.78; 3. Heintz (GER), 52.19; ... 5. Andrew (USA), 54.46. 200 m Medley, Heintz (GER), 1:52.93; 2. Fujimori (JPN), 1:54.14; 3. Prigoda (RUS), 1:54.48. 400 m Medley, Fujimori (JPN), 4:04.04; 2. Heintz (GER), 4:07.01; 3. Koch (GER), 4:09.26.

WOMEN:

50 m Free, Jeanette Ottesen (DEN), 23.95; 2. Katie Meili (USA), 24.46; 3. Emily Seebohm (AUS), 24.51. 100 m Free, Ottesen (DEN), 51.75; 2. Katinka Hosszu (HUN), 52.76; 3. Natalia Lovtsova (RUS), 54.13. 200 m Free, Hosszu (HUN), 1:54.40; 2. Zsuzsanna Jakabus (HUN), 1:55.46; 3. Daria K. Ustinova (RUS), 1:56.63.

• ***Athletics: Four Americans win seasonal Diamond Races at Weltklasse Zurich***

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

400 m Free, Hosszu (HUN), 4:01.20; 2. Yiwen Shao (CHN), 4:02.32; 3. Anastasiia Kirpichnikova (RUS), 4:04.29. 800 m Free, Hosszu (HUN), 8:26.24; 2. Hannah Miley (GBR), 8:27.75; 3. Kirpichnikova (RUS), 8:28.65.

50 m Back, Darya Zevina (UKR), 26.25; 2. Hosszu (HUN), 26.51; 3. Seebohm (AUS), 26.60. 100 m Back, Hosszu (HUN), 56.08; 2. Zevina (RUS), 56.74; 3. Seebohm (AUS), 57.02. 200 m Back, Zevina (UKR), 2:00.47; 2. Hosszu (HUN), 2:01.24; 3. Seebohm (AUS), 2:02.62.

50 m Breast, Yuliya Efimova (RUS), 29.19; 2. Meili (USA), 29.77; 3. Bree Larson (USA), 30.38. 100 m Breast, Efimova (RUS), 1:02.91; 2. Meili (USA), 1:03.36; 3. Rie Kaneto (JPN), 1:05.47; 4. Larson (USA), 1:05.70. 200 m Breast, Efimova (RUS), 2:16.54; 2. Kaneto (JPN), 2:17.62; 3. Miro Takahashi (JPN), 2:19.31; 4. Larson (USA), 2:21.03.

50m Fly, Ottesen (DEN), 25.02; 2. Seebohm (AUS), 25.71; 3. Daria Tcvtkova (RUS), 26.12; ... 5. Meili (USA), 26.57. 100 m Fly, Ottesen (DEN), 55.80; 2. Hosszu (HUN), 57.08; 3. Lovtsova (RUS), 58.59. 200 m Fly, Jakabos (HUN), 2:06.44; 2. Siqi Wang (CHN), 2:07.12; 3. Kin Lok Chan (HKG), 2:09.17.

100 m Medley, Hosszu (HUN), 57.76; 2. Seebohm (AUS), 59.01; 3. Meili (USA), 59.51; ... 8. Larson (USA), 1:05.03. 200 m Medley, Hosszu (HUN), 2:05.60; 2. Jakabos (HUN), 2:06.69; 3. Efimova (RUS), 2:06.79. 400 m Medley, Hosszu (HUN), 4:28.32; 2. Takahashi (JPN), 4:30.93; 3. Jakabos (HUN), 4:31.98.

MIXED:

4x50 m Free Relay, Russia "A," 1:32.14 (Tikhobaev, Morozov, D.S. Ustinova, Kartashova); 2. United States, 1:33.71 (Andrew, Phillips, Larson, Meili); 3. Russia "B," 1:34.88 (Vekovichchev, Kolesnikov, Vasilenok, Buinaia).

4x50 m Medley Relay, Russia, 1:39.67 (Donets, Efimova, Morozov, D.S. Ustinova); 2. United States, 1:41.79 (Andrew, Larson, Phillips, Meili); 3. Russian Club, 1:42.62 (Lapshin, Geibel, Tcvtkova, Sukova).



On a night when American athletes won eight events, four had 40,000 extra reasons to smile.

Quarter-miler **LaShawn Merritt**, 400 m hurdles Olympic champ **Kerron Clement**, triple jumper **Christian Taylor** and women's 100 m hurdles world-record holder **Ken Harrison** not only won, but earned an additional \$40,000 as the winners of the season-long Diamond Race in their events.

The meet had plenty of highlights, held in front of a capacity crowd of 25,000-plus at the Letzigrund Stadium in Zurich:

- The women's 200 m didn't disappoint, as Olympic champion **Elaine Thompson** came from behind in the final 15 m to edge **Dafne Schippers** of the Netherlands, 21.85-21.86. **Allyson Felix**

IAAF Diamond League no. 13: Zurich (SUI), 1 September ~ 1st eight places win US\$10,000-6,000-4,000-3,000-2,500-2,000-1,500-1,000. (Full results [here](#)):

MEN

100 m (wind +0.4 m/s), Asafa Powell (JAM), 9.94; 2. Akani Simbine (RSA), 9.96; 3. Ben Youssef Meite (CIV), 9.99; ... 9. Mike Rodgers (USA), 10.15.

400 m, LaShawn Merritt (USA), 44.63; 2. Bralon Taplin (GRN), 44.70; 3. Nery Brenes (CRC), 45.18.

5000 m, Hagos Gebrhiwet (ETH), 13:14.82; 2. Paul Chelimo (USA), 13:16.51; 3. Evan Jager (USA), 13:16.86; ... 6. Bernard Lagat (USA), 13:19.73; ... 9. Ryan Hill (USA), 13:20.46; ... dnf, Hassan Mead (USA).

of the U.S. had a season's best of 22.02 for third.

- **Shannon Rowbury** of the U.S. passed Britain's **Laura Muir** on the inside to edge her at the finish, 3:57.78-3:57.85 in a thrilling 1,500 m race.
- Jamaica's **Asafa Powell** won the 100 meters in 9.94, the astonishing 97th time he's run under 10 seconds, with legal wind, far more than anyone else. At age 33, he'll easily surpass the century mark.
- Clement appeared out of his race after the last hurdle, but shot to the finish as if on skis to win the 400 m hurdles, 48.72-48.79 over Puerto Rico's **Javier Culson**.
- Harrison finished a perfect Diamond League season – six wins in six races – with a tight 12.63-12.70 win over **Cindy Ofili** (GBR and the University of Michigan!).

The final Diamond League meet of the season comes on 9 September at the Van Damme Memorial in Brussels, with the remaining 16 events in the Diamond League to be completed. We'll have a full preview on Thursday.

400 m Hurdles, Kerron Clement (USA), 48.72; 2. Javier Culson (PUR), 48.79; 3. L.J. van Zyl (RSA), 48.80.

Pole Vault, tie, Sam Kendricks (USA) and Renaud Lavillenie (FRA), 5.90 m (19-4 1/4); 3. Thiago Braz da Silva (BRA), 5.84 m (19-2).

Triple Jump, Christian Taylor (USA), 17.80 m (58-4 3/4); 2. Troy Doris (GUY), 17.01 m (55-9 3/4); 3. Chris Carter (USA), 16.75 m (54-11 1/2); ... 5. Chris Bernard (USA), 16.71 m (54-10); ... 7. Omar Craddock (USA), 16.56 m (54-4).

Shot Put, Thomas Walsh (NZL), 22.20 m (72-10); 2. Ryan Crouser (USA), 22.00 m (72-2 1/4); 3. Joe Kovacs (USA), 21.20 m (69-6 3/4); 4. Kurt Roberts (USA), 20.99 m (68-10 1/2).

Javelin, Jakub Vadlejch (CZE), 87.28m (286-4); 2. Thomas Rohler (GER), 86.56 m (284-0); 3. Julian Weber (GER), 84.29 m (276-6).

WOMEN:

200 m (+0.2), Elaine Thompson (JAM), 21.85; 2. Dafne Schippers (NED), 21.86; 3. Allyson Felix (USA), 22.02.

800 m, Caster Semenya (RSA), 1:56.44; 2. Francine Niyonsaba (BDI), 1:56.76; 3. Margaret Wambui (KEN), 1:57.04; ... 5. Kate Grace (USA), 1:58.28.

1500 m, Shannon Rowbury (USA), 3:57.78; 2. Laura Muir (GBR), 3:57.85; 3. Sifan Hassan (NED), 3:58.43; 4. Jenny Simpson (USA), 3:58.54.

3000 m Steeplechase, Ruth Jebet (BRN), 9:07.00; 2. Hyvin Kiyeng Jepkemoi (KEN), 9:10.15; 3. Emma Coburn (USA), 9:17.42; ... 10. Colleen Quigley (USA), 9:35.30; dnf, Stephanie Garcia (USA).

100 m Hurdles (+0.4), Keni Harrison (USA), 12.63; 2. Cindy Ofili (GBR), 12.70; 3. Dawn Harper Nelson (USA), 12.73; 4. Jasmin Stowers (USA), 12.78.

400 m Hurdles (not a Diamond League event),

Shamier Little (USA), 53.97; 2. Sara Slott Petersen (DEN), 54.22; 3. Eilidh Doyle (GBR), 54.55.

4x100 m (not a Diamond League event), Jamaica, 41.65; 2. Ukraine, 42.76; 3. Germany, 43.03; ... USA disqualified (pass from Allyson Felix/2 to Jeneba Tarmoh/3 out of the zone).

High Jump, Ruth Beitia (ESP), 1.96 m (6-5); 2. Sofie Skoog (SWE), 1.93 m (6-4); 3. Inika McPherson (USA), 1.93 m (6-4).

Pole Vault (not a Diamond League event; held at the Zurich train station!), Holly Bradshaw (GBR), 4.76 m (15-7 1/4); 2. Sandi Morris (USA), 4.76 m (15-7 1/4); 3. Katerina Stefanidi (GRE), 4.71 m (15-5 1/2).

Long Jump, Brittney Reese (USA), 6.95 m (22-9 3/4); 2. Ivana Spanovic (SRB), 6.93 m (22-9); 3. Darya Klishina (RUS), 6.63 m (21-9); ... 6. Tianna Bartoletta (USA), 6.51 m (21-4 1/4).

Discus, Sandra Perkovic (CRO), 68.44 m (224-6); 2. Melina Robert-Michon (FRA), 63.91 m (209-8); 3. Denia Caballero (CUB), 62.80 m (206-0); ... 8. Whitney Ashley (USA), 57.69 m (189-3).

• **Athletics/Panorama**

Lausanne (SUI), 31 August – The International Olympic Committee [announced](#) that **Tatyana Firova** (RUS), who placed sixth in the 2008 Olympic 400 m and won a silver medal in the 4x400 m Relay, re-tested positive for anabolic steroids. She was retroactively disqualified and the relay team disqualified and ordered to return the silver medals and diplomas.

Beyond her exploits on the track, Firova famously [said](#) in June that “A normal person can take banned substances if they want to. So why can't athletes take them as well? How else can we achieve high results?” Maybe through practice and training?

Berlin (GER), 3 September – Olympic shot put champ **Michelle Carter** underscored her Rio victory with a 19.68 m (64-6 3/4) over New Zealand's 2008-2012 Olympic champ **Valerie Adams** (NZL, 19.63 m [64-5]) at the IAAF World Challenge meet at the ISTAF meet in

Berlin. **Chris Carter** was the other American winner on the day, triple-jumping 17.01 m (55-9 3/4).

The two 800 m races were highlights, with Olympic champs **David Rudisha** (KEN) and South Africa's **Caster Semenya** winning impressively in world-class times of 1:43.31 and 1:55.68, respectively. The crowd of 44,500 in the Olympiastadion especially liked the javelin, where the German quartet of **Johannes Vetter, Julian Weber, Andreas Hofmann** and Olympic champ **Thomas Rohler** went 1-2-3-4, with Vetter (just 23) moving to no. 2 on the year list at 89.57 m (293-10).

New York (USA), 3 September – **Eric Jenkins** missed making the U.S. Olympic Team by 0.06 in the 5,000 m in July. He made sure he didn't miss a shot at victory in the New Balance 5th Avenue Mile in New York, passing Olympic 1,500 m champ **Matthew Centowitz** in the final 100 m to win in a quick 3:49.40. Olympic

1,500 m bronze medalist **Jenny Simpson** sprinted from the start to take the lead and held it for a 4:18.30 win over Britain's hot **Laura Muir** (4:18.40). "I wanted it really bad," Simpson said.

MEN:

1. Chris Jenkins (USA), 3:49.40; 2. Matthew Centrowitz (USA), 3:49.50; 3. Colby Alexander (USA), 3:50.30;

4. Clayton Murphy (USA), 3:52.30; 5. Charles Philbert-Thiboutot (CAN), 3:52.50.

WOMEN:

1. Jenny Simpson (USA), 4:18.30; 2. Laura Muir (GBR), 4:18.40; 3. Heather Kampf (USA), 4:19.70; 4. Amanda Eccleston (USA), 4:20.60; 5. Katie Grace (USA), 4:22.70.
(Full results [here](#))

• **Canoeing: Czech sweep in K-1 highlights Prague Slalom World Cup**

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



A sweep of the men's K-1 by Czech paddlers **Jiri Prskavec**, **Ondrej Tunka** and **Vavrinec Hradilek** was the hometown

highlight of the fourth ICF Canoe Slalom World Cup in Prague.

Prskavec, just 23, won a bronze medal in the K-1 in Rio and barely edged Tunka by 0.01 to win in 1:31.60. "It is amazing," said Prskavec

ICF Canoe-Slalom World Cup 2016 no. 4: Prague (CZE) ~ 02-04 September. (Full results [here](#))

MEN:

Canoe Single (C-1): 1. Matej Benus (SVK), 98.91 seconds; 2. Ryan Westley (GBR), 99.16; 3. Ben Savsek (SLO); 100.74. Canoe Double (C-2): 1. Slovakia (Ladislav Skantar-Peter Skantar), 108.29; 2. Germany (Robert Behling-Thomas Becker), 110.95; 3. Czech Rep. (Ondrej Karlovsky-Jakub Jane), 113.82.

Kayak Single (K-1): 1. Jiri Prskavec (CZE), 91.60; 2. Ondrej Tunka (CZE), 91.61; 3. Vavrinec Hradilek (CZE), 91.77; ... 10. Michal Smolen (USA), 97.94. Kayak Cross (K-

afterwards. "I am especially happy that the four of us made it to the top positions. I am quite lucky with hundredths of seconds this year. We performed almost a similar runs with Ondrej Tunka, but I am placed first. The crowd who pushed us so much must be satisfied."

Rio medalists triumphed in several other events, including C-1 silver winner **Matej Benus** (SVK), C-2 gold medalists **Ladislav and Peter Skantar** (SVK) and women's C-1 bronze winner **Jessica Fox** of Australia.

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

1) final standings: 1. Hannes Aigner (GER); 2. Tren Long (USA); 3. Pedro Da Silva (BRA); 4. Michael Tayler (CAN).

WOMEN:

Canoe Single (C-1): 1. Jessica Fox (AUS), 113.59; 2. Katerina Hoskova (CZE), 120.52; 3. Mallory Franklin (GBR), 120.74.

Kayak Single (K-1): 1. Ricarda Funk (GER), 108.59; 2. Ana Satila (BRA), 110.75; 3. Eva Tercelj (SLO), 111.37. Kayak Cross (K-1) final standings: 1. Veronika Vojtova (CZE); 2. Martina Wegman (NED); 3. Ana Satila (BRA); 4. Kate Eckhardt (AUS).

• **Cycling/Road: Will Quintana's surge to decide La Vuelta?**

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



Colombia's **Nairo Quintana** is closing in on a victory in the Vuelta a Espana with a masterful Stage 15 in which he gained more than two-and-a-half minutes on his closest pursuers.

In the 156.4 km stage held Sunday, Quintana took part in an early breakaway that placed significant distance between him and Britain's **Chris Froome**, who had been his closest challenger. A final sprint in the final 3 km led Quintana to a second-place stage finish, but an overall lead over Froome that ballooned from 54 seconds to 3:37, with just six stages left.

1. Nairo Quintana (COL), 61:36:07
2. Chris Froome (GBR), 61:39:44
3. Johan Esteban Chaves (COL), 61:40:04
4. Alberto Contador (ESP), 61:40:09
5. Simon Yates (GBR), 61:41:14

The remaining stages:

- Rest day (06 Sep.)
- Stage 17 (07 Sep.): 177.5 km (Mountain)
- Stage 18 (08 Sep.): 200.6 km (Flat)
- Stage 19 (09 Sep.): 37.0 km (Time Trial)
- Stage 20 (10 Sep.): 193.2 km (Mountain)
- Stage 21 (11 Sep.): 104.8 km (Flat)

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

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

Quintana has now led La Vuelta for six straight stages (seven in total) and looks to add the 2016 title here – and the €150,000 (~\$167,337) first prize – to his 2014 win in the Giro d'Italia. He's also finished second twice – 2013 and 2015 – in the Tour de France.

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 leaderboard after Stage 15:

6. Samuel Sanchez Gonzalez (ESP), 61:42:19
7. Andrew Talansky (USA), 61:42:50
8. Davide Formolo (ITA), 61:43:24
9. David de la Cruz (ESP), 61:43:30
10. Michele Scarponi (ITA), 61:43:46

Castellon to Llucaena
Requena to Gandia
Xabia to Calp
Benidorm to Alto de Aitana
Las Rozas to Madrid

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 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 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. Froome (GBR), 4:50:56; 4. Omar Fraile (ESP), 4:50:59; 5. Valverde (ESP), 4:50:59.

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

Stage 12 (1 Sep): 192.3 km (Hilly) – 1. Jens Keukeleire (BEL), 4:31:43; 2. Maxime Bouet (FRA), 4:31:43; 3. Felling (ITA), 4:31:43; 4. Kristian Sbaragli (ITA), 4:31:43; 5. Sanchez Gil (ESP), 4:31:43.

Stage 13 (2 Sep): 213.4 km (Hilly) – 1. Valerio Conti (ITA), 5:29:04; 2. Danilo Wyss (SUI), 5:29:59; 3. Lagutin (RUS), 5:29:59; 4. Michael Gogl (AUT), 5:29:59; 5. Vegard Stake Laengen (NOR), 5:29:59.

Stage 14 (3 Sep): 118.5 km (Mountain) – 1. Gesink (NED), 5:43:24; 2. Elissonde (FRA), 5:43:31; 3. Egor Silin (RUS), 5:43:33; 4. George Bennett (NZL), 5:43:55; 5. Yates (GBR), 5:44:03.

Stage 15 (4 Sep): 156.4 km (Flat) – 1. Gianluca Brambilla (ITA), 2:54:30; 2. Quintana (COL), 2:54:33; 3. Felling (ITA), 2:54:55; 4. Elissonde (FRA), 2:54:58; 5. de la Cruz (ESP), 2:55:01.

• **Cycling/Mountain Bike: World Cup titles for Absalon, Prendel, Gwin and Atherton**

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



France's **Julien Absalon** and Canada's **Catharine Prendel** were the big winners on Sunday in the final cross-country race of the UCI Mountain Bike World Cup race held in Vallnord, Andorra.

Absalon won the men's race in 1:26:08, 43 seconds ahead of Slovakia's **Ondrej Cink**, and clinched the overall World Cup title for the seventh time (2003-06-07-08-09-14-16). He's now won a record 33 World Cup races. His final margin in the World Cup standings was 1,310 points to 980 for runner-up **Nino Schurter** of Switzerland.

Prendel finished third in the race at Vallnord

behind Switzerland's **Jolanda Neff** (1:31:32) and Norway's **Gunn-Rita Dahle Flesjaa** (1:32:08), but that was enough to erase a 56-point deficit to Denmark's **Annika Langvad** and capture her third World Cup title, after winning in 2011 and 2014. Combined with her Olympic Mountain Bike bronze medal in Rio, she noted on her Facebook page, "I wasn't sure 2016 could get much better, but it just did! World Cup overall Champion. Wahoo!"

In the non-Olympic downhill races, a win for Britain's **Danny Hart** – by almost three seconds in 4:13.611 – got him close in the final World Cup standings, but he finished 26 points behind **Aaron Gwin** of the U.S., 1,252-1,226.

UCI Mountain Bike World Cup no. 9: Vallnord (AND) ~ 02-04 September. (Full results [here](#)):

MEN:

Cross Country (29.4 km): 1. Julien Absalon (FRA), 1:26:08; 2. Ondrej Cink (CZE), 1:26:51; 3. Pablo Rodriguez Guede (ESP), 1:27:03.

Downhill (2.5 km): 1. Danny Hart (GBR), 4:13.611; 2. Greg Minnaar (RSA), 4:16.409; 3. Loic Bruni (FRA), 4:16.995.

It's Gwin's fourth World Cup title and his second back-to-back after winning in 2011-12-15. Troy Brosnan of Australia finished third in the overall World Cup standings.

Great Britain's amazing **Rachel Atherton** had clinched the World Cup title prior to the race, but won all seven World Cup downhill stops on the season. She finished with 1,700 seasonal points, well ahead of **Marion Carpenter** (GBR, 1,140) and **Tracey Hannah** (AUS, 1,130).

Next up: the UCI Mountain Bike World Championships in Vai de Sole, Italy from 6-11 September.

WOMEN:

Cross Country (25.2 km): 1. Jolanda Neff (SUI), 1:31:32; 2. Gunn-Rita Dahle Flesjaa (NOR), 1:32:08; 3. Catharine Prendel (CAN), 1:32:53.

Downhill (2.5 km): 1. Rachel Atherton (GBR), 4:52.783; 2. Tracey Hannah (AUS), 4:59.351; 3. Myriam Nicole (FRA), 5:00.757.

• **Football: U.S. sailing in World Cup qualifying round**

FIFA World Cup 2018 ~ CONCACAF Qualifying November 2015-September 2016



Is it really time to qualify for the 2018 FIFA World Cup? It is, and in fact, it has been going on for more than a year.

Although the U.S. isn't involved in the early rounds, the process for North American, Central

American and Caribbean teams (CONCACAF region) getting into the World Cup in Russia in 2018 began in March of 2015. The region gets three slots in the 32-team World Cup Final field and a chance to win one more through a play-off with an Asian zone team.

Of the 35 countries in CONCACAF, the top six-ranked teams – Costa Rica, Honduras, Mexico, Panama, Trinidad & Tobago and the U.S. – don't have to play until the fourth round, now underway. They join six teams which have

moved through the qualification process: Canada, El Salvador, Haiti, Jamaica, Guatemala and St. Vincent & the Grenadines.

The 12 teams were drawn into three groups of four, with home-and-home matches played among each of the four teams in each group. The top two will head to the final qualifying round of six teams, with home-and-home round-robin games to determine the top three and the fourth to play the Asian team; this round will start in November. So far:

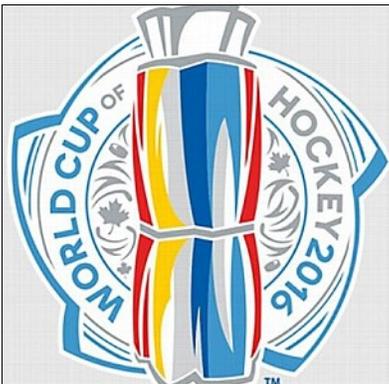
- *Group A:* Mexico has won its five games in Group A so far (= 15 points) to ensure its advancement to the fifth round. They're in. Honduras is second with seven points, in the group, ahead of Canada (4) and El Salvador (2).
- *Group B:* Costa Rica has 13 points after five matches and will advance to the fifth round. Panama – which still has to play at Costa Rica – has seven points in second place, ahead of Jamaica (4) and Haiti (1).

- *Group C:* This is the most competitive group. Trinidad & Tobago leads with 11 points after five games, with a match remaining against the U.S. at Jacksonville, Florida *tomorrow*. The U.S. (three wins, one draw, one loss) has 10 points, ahead of Guatemala (7) and St. Vincent & the Grenadines (0).

As Guatemala is heavily favored to beat St. Vincent & the Grenadines in its last match, it will get to 10 points and the U.S. needs a draw or a win to qualify outright. It does have a strong tie-breaker (goal differential) to advance in case of a tie on points in the standings.

The U.S. clubbed St. Vincent & the Grenadines on 2 September, 6-0, with goals from **Bobby Wood** (28th minute), **Matt Besler** (32), **Jozy Altidore** (43 on a penalty kick), **Christian Pulisic** (71, 90+2) and **Sacha Kljestan** (78). **Brad Guzan** was in goal for the shutout.

• **Ice Hockey: Revamped World Cup of Hockey is almost here**



The World Cup of Hockey has been held twice: in 1996 and 2004. Two days after Canada won in 2004, the National Hockey League announced a player lockout and cancellation of the 2004-05 season.

Baseball and the MLB Players Association, so management and players are in it together. And who was the head of the MLB Players Association when the Classic was created for 2006? **Donald Fehr**, now the head of the NHL Players Association.

So the World Cup is on, and will be played in Toronto beginning on 17 September. Eight teams will compete, in two groups of four:

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| <i>Group A:</i> | <i>Group B:</i> |
| Canada | Finland |
| Czech Republic | Russia |
| United States | Sweden |
| Team Europe
(other countries) | Team North America
(under-23s) |

Now, the World Cup is back. And we have to note the inspiration: the World Baseball Classic.

The WBC is a joint venture of Major League

Each group will play a round-robin schedule, with the top two teams from each heading to the semifinals on 24-25 September and the winners to a three-game final series on 27 and 29 September and 1 October if needed.

A series of pre-World Cup games will be played from 8-14 September

The rosters for each team were announced last

• **Triathlon: Cook leads U.S. women's sweep in Edmonton**

World Triathlon Series no. 8
Edmonton, CAN ~ 2-4 September



The U.S. completed a rare sweep of the top three places in the women's elite division of the ITU World Triathlon Series stop in Edmonton.

A pack of nine women came out of the water phase in front and led through the bike phase of the Sprint-length competition. **Kirsten Kasper** of the U.S. entered the run phase first. Teammate **Sarah True** then took the lead on the second of the three laps of the run, trailed by World Series points leader **Flora Duffy** of Bermuda. But **Summer Cook** then stepped to the fore, passing **Katie Zeferes**, then Duffy and

World Triathlon Series no. 8: Edmonton (CAN) ~ 04 September. (Full results [here](#)):

MEN:

Sprint: 1. Jonathan Brownlee (GBR), 51:39; 2. Mario Mola (ESP), 51:56; 3. Richard Murray (RSA), 52:01; 4. Grant Sheldon (GBR), 52:09; 5. Thomas Bishop (GBR), 52:10.

May and 173 of the 184 players named are from NHL teams. All the big names are present: **Sidney Crosby**, **Carey Price** and **Steven Stamkos** (among others) for Canada; **Alex Ovechkin** and **Evgeni Malkin** (and more) for Russia; **Jonathan Quick**, **Zach Parise**, **Ryan Suter** and others for the U.S. and so on.

It won't be hard to find these games; ESPN has the broadcast rights in the U.S.

finally True in the last 500 m to secure the win in 56:59. It was not only Cook's first-ever World Series win, but her first time on the podium as a top-three finisher.

True held on for second and Zeferes passed Duffy on the final lap, giving the Americans a sweep for only the third time ever in a World Series race.

On the men's side, Olympic silver medalist **Jonathan Brownlee** (GBR) came out of the swim phase in second place, he was in front by six seconds after the 20 km bike section. Current World Series points leader **Mario Mola** of Spain moved into second place on the second lap of the run, but Brownlee had enough to gallop to a 16-second win. It brings the World Series season down to the final event: the World Championships in Cozumel in two weeks time.

WOMEN:

Sprint: 1. Summer Cook (USA), 56:49; 2. Sarah True (USA), 56:52; 3. Katie Zeferes (USA), 56:56; 4. Flora Duffy (BER), 57:10; 5. Vicky Holland (GBR), 57:15; 6. Kristin Kasper (USA), 57:19.



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Panorama

Baseball: The WBSC Women's Baseball World Cup 2016, presented by LG, has begun to determine the world champion of *women's baseball* – not softball – baseball.

Held in Gijang City, Korea, the opening round play is continuing in three groups of four teams each. The top two will advance to the Super Round to determine the semifinalists. Thus far, Korea (2-0) and Venezuela (2-0) have locked up advancement from Group A; Japan (2-0) and either Canada or the Netherlands (both 1-1) will advance from Group B, and the U.S. (2-0) and either Australia or Chinese Taipei (both 1-1) will move on from Group C.

Super Round games are scheduled for 7-10 September and the gold-medal and bronze-medal games on 11 September.

Gymnastics: Sadness for the passing of eight-time Olympic gold-medal winner [Vera Caslavka](#) (CZE) at 74 in Prague on 30 September. She was revered not only as an outstanding athlete, but very much for her support of the [Prague Spring](#) movement in 1968, ultimately crushed by the Soviet Union. After the collapse of the Warsaw Pact, she became an adviser to Czech President Vaclav Havel, head of the country's National Olympic Committee and a member of the International Olympic Committee.

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