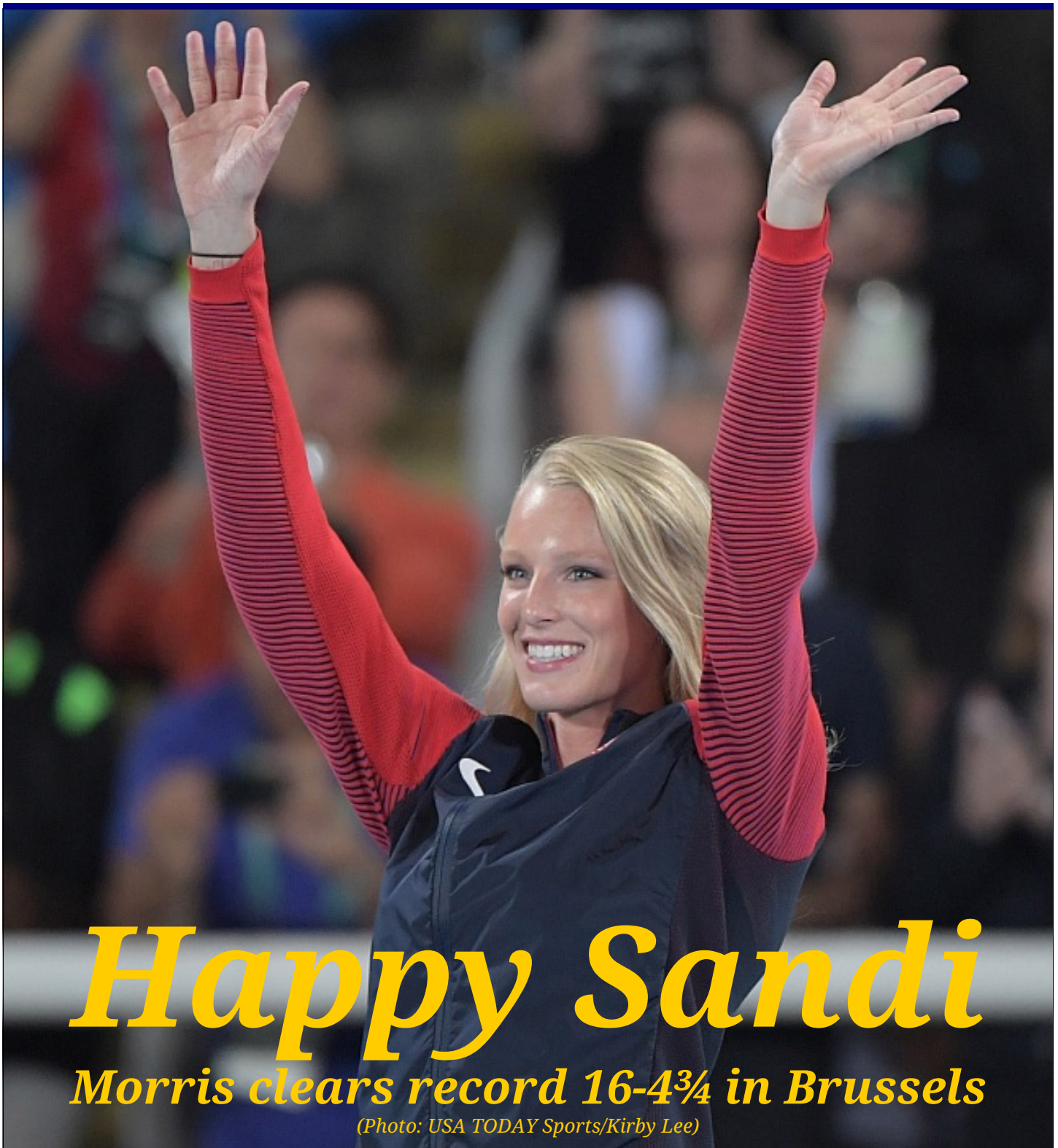


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Happy Sandi

Morris clears record 16-4³/₄ in Brussels

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On the Cover

Sandi Morris of the U.S. was a happy camper indeed at the Van Damme Memorial in Brussels, where she set a Diamond League record in the women's pole vault. (*Photo: USA TODAY Sports/Kirby Lee*)



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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:

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

Lane One: *Is it a Record or not?*



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One of the most confusing aspects of track & field is its statistics.

First of all, there are a lot of them. There are 47 events on the Olympic program alone, which does not include

popular road race distances like the 10k or Half-Marathon.

Then there are rules about when a time or mark can be a record, such as wind assistance in the short sprints or jumps.

Then we come to Sandi Morris and her thrilling clearance of 5.00 m (16-4 3/4) at the Memorial Van Damme last Friday. She's only the second woman ever to clear that height outdoors, but others have done in indoors, including American Jenn Suhr.

So was Morris's mark an American Record?

No. No? No.

USA Track & Field, in line with the IAAF – the international governing body of the sport – has adopted a records rule (Rule 261) that says “*a national record may be achieved indoors or outdoors, provided the facilities comply with applicable rules.*”

Suhr holds the American women's pole vault record with her clearance of 5.03 m (16-6) in Brockport, New York on 30 January of this year. The vaulting facilities – runway, pit, bar and

standards – were the same as for outdoor events. The only difference was the roof.

Rule 261 was adopted to confirm the validity of indoor marks where there is no difference between outdoor and indoor competitions. Not so for indoor tracks of 200 m instead of 400 m, but for Morris, she's going to have to go higher. She's planning on that anyway ... in 2017.



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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>• 11-17 September:</i>			
Ice Hockey	08 Sep-14 Sep	2016 World Cup of Hockey exhibition games	Various
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
<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 Soeleden, AUT on 22-23 October!



Stan Wawrinka (SUI) celebrating his U.S. Open win over Novak Djokovic (SRB) on Sunday. (Photo: USA TODAY Sports/ Susan Mullane)

Cover Story

- ***Athletics: Morris leads strong U.S. performance in Diamond League finale***

IAAF Diamond League no. 14
Brussels (BEL) ~ 09 September 2016



American pole vaulter **Sandi Morris** suffered a wrist fracture in May and had doubts about even making the U.S. team for the Rio Games.

She made the team and won a silver medal in Rio. Three weeks later, she became only the second woman in history to clear 5.00 m (16-4 3/4) outdoors in an electrifying performance at the AG Insurance Memorial Van Damme in Brussels.

In the final IAAF Diamond League meet of the year, Morris already had the event won when she moved the bar to 5.00 m and missed her first try. She powered down the runway on her second attempt and hit the bar with her left leg as she went over, but pushed it into the standard, where it wobbled and wobbled, but finally stayed on.

The mark is the world leader for 2016, the first outdoor vault over 5.00 m since 2009 and a Diamond League and meet record. It is not an American Record, however; see today's [Lane One](#) column for more on this. Morris made three tries at a World Record of 5.07 m (16-7 1/2), but failed to clear.

“The crowd was phenomenal,” she said afterwards. “That’s the loudest I have ever been cheered for; 100% sure about that. It just timed out perfectly. I guess it was the end of the meet and I was kind of out there by myself competing, so the whole crowd was paying attention to the pole vault and that’s a very unique situation. That doesn’t happen very often.

“So to have the entire stands cheering for me, they got me over five meters, that’s for sure. When they start – just that roar of the crowd is an indescribable sound – and I get chills thinking about it.”

She then broke into song, as she promised – if she won – in the pre-meet news conference. You can hear her [here](#).

Morris’s performance was amazing, but it was far from the only American highlights of the night in Brussels. Consider:

- **Shannon Rowbury**, who won a dramatic 1,500 m in Zurich the week before, came through again with an American Record of 14:38.92, crushing Molly Huddle’s 14:42.64 mark from 2014. Rowbury was fifth in the race, well behind the world-record attempt of Rio 10,000 world-record-setter **Almaz Anaya** of Ethiopia, who ran the eighth-fastest 5,000 m of all time, 14:18.89.

- High jumper **Erik Kynard**, who had a shot to win the Diamond race and the \$40,000 prize that comes with it and won the event in Brussels, clearing 2.32 m (7-7 1/4).
- **Cassandra Tate**, only fifth in the Olympic Trials in the 400 m Hurdles, authored a season's best of 54.47 to win the race and with Britain's **Eilidh Doyle** falling back to fifth, took the Diamond race, causing television analyst **Tim Hutchings** (in his own time an outstanding British distance runner) to exclaim, "That throws it all amongst the pigeons doesn't it?"
- Olympic shot put champ **Michelle Carter** ended her season on a high note, with another victory over New Zealand's **Valerie Adams** in a competition held in the town square, 19.98 m-19.57 m (65-6 3/4 to 64-2 1/2). It's the no. 9 performance in U.S. history for Carter.

Other highlights included Olympic 800 champ **Caster Semenya** (RSA) winning the 400 m in a lifetime best of 50.40 – a lifetime best – over NCAA champ (and Olympic 4x400 m gold medalist) **Courtney Okolo** of the U.S. (50.51), and a very impressive 100 m sprint by Olympic champ **Elaine Thompson** of Jamaica (10.72) over **Dafne Schippers** (NED, 10.97). Summaries:

IAAF Diamond League no. 14: Brussels (BEL), 9 September ~ Top eight places win US\$10,000-6,000-4,000-3,000-2,500-2,000-1,500-1,000. (Full results [here](#)):

MEN:

200 m (wind +0.8 m/s), Julian Forte (JAM), 19.97; 2. Adam Gemili (GBR), 10.97; 3. Churandy Martina (NED), 19.98; ... 6. Alonso Edward (PAN), 2.023 – *Diamond winner*. 400 m (non-Diamond League), Leguelin Santos (DOM), 45.02; 2. Jonathon Borlee (BEL), 45.55; 3. Dylan Borlee (BEL), 45.61; 4. Kevin Borlee (BEL), 45.67; ... 8. Vernon Norwood (USA), 46.39.
800 m, Adam Kszczot (POL), 1:44.36; 2. Kipyegon Bett (KEN), 1:44.44; 3. Amel Tuka (BIH), 1:44.54; 4. Ferguson Rotich (KEN), 1:44.59 – *Diamond winner*; ... 7. Clayton Murphy (USA), 1:45.15. 1500 m, Timothy Cheruiyot (KEN), 3:31.34; 2. Abdelaati Iguider (MAR), 3:31.40; 3. Asbel Kiprop (KEN), 3:31.87 – *Diamond winner*; ... 9. Ben Blankenship (USA), 3:34.26; ... 17. Robby Andrews (USA), 3:46.63.
3000 m Steeplechase, Conseslus Kipruto (KEN), 8:03.74 – *Diamond winner*; 2. Evan Jager (USA), 8:04.01; 3. Mahiedine Mekhissi (FRA), 8:08.15; ... 6. Hillary Bor (USA), 8:13.68; 7. Andrew Bayer (USA), 8:16.11.
110 m Hurdles (+0.2), Orlando Ortega (ESP), 13.08 – *Diamond winner*; 2. Pascal Martinot-Lagarde (FRA), 13.12; 3. Wilhem Belocian (FRA), 13.32; ... 7. Jarrett Eaton (USA), 13.54.

High Jump, Erik Kynard (USA), 2.32 m (7-7 1/4) – *Diamond winner*; 2. Mutaz Essa Barshim (QAT), 2.32 m (7-7 1/4); 3. Robbie Grabarz (GBR), 2.32 m (7-7 1/4).

Long Jump, Luvo Manyonga (RSA), 8.48 m (27-10); 2. Fabrice LaPierre (FRA), 8.17 m (26=9 3/4) – *Diamond winner*; 3. Jarrion Lawson (USA), 8.04 m (26-4 1/2).

Discus, Daniel Stahl (SWE), 65.78 m (215-10); 2. Piotr Malachowski (POL), 65.27 m (214-1) – *Diamond winner*; 3. Lukas Weissshaidinger (AUT), 64.73 m (212-4).

WOMEN:

100 m (+0.6), Elaine Thompson (JAM), 10.72 – *Diamond winner*; 2. Dafne Schippers (NED), 10.97; 3. Christiana Williams (JAM), 11.09; ... 7. Jeneba Tarmoh (USA), 11.40. 400 m, Caster Semenya (RSA), 50.40; 2. Courtney Okolo (USA), 50.51; 3. Stephenie Ann McPherson (JAM), 50.51 – *Diamond winner*; ... 5. Natasha Hastings (USA), 50.84.

5000 m, Almaz Anaya (ETH), 14:18.89 – *Diamond winner*; 2. Hellen Obiri (KEN), 14:25.78; 3. Senbere Teferi (ETH), 14:29.82; ... 5. **Shannon Rowbury (USA), 14:38.92 (American Record, old: 14:42.64, Molly Huddle, 2014).**

100 m Hurdles (+0.1; non-Diamond League), Jasmin Stowers (USA), 12.78; 2. Anne Zagre (BEL), 12.82; 3. Nadine Hildebrand (GER), 12.83. 400 m Hurdles, Cassandra Tate (USA), 54.47 – *Diamond winner*; 2. Sara Petersen (DEN), 54.60; 3. Kaliese Spencer (JAM), 55.05; ... 7. Jaide Stepter (USA), 55.88.

High Jump (non-Diamond League), Nafissatou Thiam (BEL), 1.93 m (6-4); 2. Levern Spencer (LCA), 1.93 m (6-4); 3. Inika McPherson (USA), 1.93 m (6-4). Pole Vault, Sandi Morris (USA), 5.00 m (16-5); 2. Katerina Stefanidi (GRE), 4.76 m (15-7 1/2) – *Diamond winner*; 3. Nicole Buchler (SUI), 4.58 m (15-0 1/2).

Triple Jump, Catherine Ibarguen (COL), 14.66 m (48-1 1/4) – *Diamond winner*; 2. Olga Rypakova (KAZ), 14.41 m

(47-3 1/2); 3. Patricia Mamona (POR), 14.16 m (46-5 1/2).

Shot Put (8 Sep), Michelle Carter (USA), 19.98 m (65-6 3/4); 2. Valerie Adams (NZL), 19.57 m (64-2 1/2) – *Diamond winner*; 3. Anita Marton (HUN), 19.11 m (62-8 1/2); 4. Brittany Smith (USA), 18.66 m (61-2 3/4). Javelin, Madara Palameika (LAT), 66.18 m (217-1) – *Diamond winner*; 2. Barbora Spotakova (CZE), 63.78 m (209-3); 3. Kara Winger (USA), 61.86 m (202-11).

Featured Attractions

• Canoeing/Slalom: Kauzer and Savsek win in front of home crowd

ICF Canoe-Slalom 2016 no. 5
Tacen (SLO) ~ 09-11 September



A strong crowd cheered on home paddlers from Slovenia to two wins in the final ICF World Cup of 2016, while France dominated the season's series.

Olympic K-1 silver medalist **Peter Kauzer** and three-time World Championships silver medalist **Benjamin Savsek** won the K-1 and C-1 races, respectively, for Slovenia, with countryman

Alexander Slafkovsky – second in this race – winning the seasonal C-1 title.

U.S. canoe fans got a happy surprise when **Casey Eichfeld** – seventh in Rio – earned a bronze medal in the C-1 final. Ranked 32nd in the World Cup standings coming in, he hadn't been in the top 15 in a World Cup race in 2016.

Olympic C-2 champs **Ladislav & Peter Skantar** (SVK) dominated the C-2 race, but France's **Pierre Picco and Hugo Bisio** won the World Cup seasonal title, as well as the K-1 season title with **Mathieu Biazizzo**.

On the women's side, Britain's **Kimberley Woods** won the C-1 event, but teammate **Mallory Franklin** won the seasonal title. In the K-1 event, Australia's **Jessica Fox** won the race, but **Ricarda Funk** (GER) had enough points to allow a fourth-place finish to earn her the seasonal title.

ICF Canoe/Slalom World Cup Final (no. 5): Tacen (SLO) ~ 9-11 September. (Full results [here](#)):

MEN:

Canoe Single (C-1): 1. Benjamin Savsek (SLO), 74.45 seconds; 2. Alexander Slafkovsky (SVK), 75.09; 3. Casey

Eichfeld (USA), 76.90. World Cup 2016 medalists: Slafkovsky (SLO), 290 points; 2. Nicolas Pescier (FRA), 245; 3. Adam Burgess (GBR), 241.

Canoe Double (C-2): 1. Ladislav & Peter Skantar (SVK), 80.45; 2. Nicholas Scianimanco/Hugo Cailhol (FRA), 82.26; 3. Pierre Picco and Hugo Bisio (FRA), 82.43.

World Cup 2016 medalists: 1. Picco/Biso (FRA), 253 points; 2. Scianimanco/Cailol (FRA), 239; 3. Pierre-Antoine Tillard/Edern Le Ruyet (FRA), 236.

Kayak Single (K-1): 1. Peter Kauzer (SLO), 69.89; 2. Bradley Forbes-Cryans (GBR), 70.17; 3. Kazuya Adachi (JPN), 72.38; ... 9. Michal Smolen (USA), 81.98. World Cup 2016 medalists: 1. Mathieu Biazzio (FRA), 224 points; 2. Vit Prindis (CZE), 222; 3. Forbes-Cryans (GBR), 211.

Kayak Single Cross Finals: 1. Boris Neveu (FRA); 2. Ondrej Tunka (CZE); 3. Tsubasa Sasaki (JPN); ... 5. (Semifinalist) Tren Long (USA).

WOMEN:

Canoe Single (C-1): 1. Kimberley Woods (GBR), 85.40; 2. Jessica Fox (AUS), 84.32; 3. Mallory Franklin (GBR), 87.46. World Cup 2016 medalists: 1. Franklin (GBR), 307 points; 2. Woods (GBR), 302; 3. Fox (AUS), 285.

Kayak Single (K-1): 1. Jessica Fox (AUS), 77.55 seconds; 2. Corinna Kuhnle (AUT), 79.83; 3. Fiona Pennie (GBR), 79.94. World Cup 2016 medalists: Ricarda Funk (GER), 306 points; 2. Fox (AUS), 290; 3. Jana Dukatova (SVK), 233.

Kayak Single Cross Finals: 1. Amalie Hilgertova (CZE); 2. Martina Wegman (NED); 3. Kate Eckhardt (AUS); Ashlee Nee and Tracy Hines (USA) were quarterfinalists.

• **Cycling/Mountain Bike: Atherton completes a perfect season**

UCI Mountain Bike World Championships
Val de Sole (ITA) ~ 06-11 September



A wild ride down the mountain in Val de Sole resulted in a perfect season for Britain's **Rachel Atherton** as she won her fourth World Downhill Championship.

"I cannot actually believe it," Atherton said afterwards. "I thought throw it to the wind, I just didn't care if I crashed, I've had such a good year. This track is wild, absolutely mad. You just can't ride it, you just have to go. You can't even ride it, you just fall, a controlled fall all the way down."

"I'm glad it's the last race, but half of me is sad. As soon as the season is over, it's in the history books, it's done and you can never go back. I will probably never be as good as I am now, so I'm happy and going to try and enjoy the moment."

On the men's side, Britain's **Danny Hart** took the lead in the men's downhill as the third-to-last rider and when the final rider – American **Aaron Gwin** crashed – he had a second World title in the event.

Slovenia's **Mitja Ergaver** was the only one not to crash in the final and found himself – after only the 21st-fastest qualifying time – the World Champion for 2016, with **Hannes Slavik** of Austria rebounding quickest to claim the silver. **Caroline Buchanan** of Australia claimed her fourth World title in the event in the women's Big Final.

UCI Mountain Bike World Championships: Val de Sole (ITA) ~ 06-11 September. (Full results [here](#))

MEN:

4-Cross: (Big Final for places 1-4) 1. Mitja Ergaver (SLO); 2. Hannes Slavik (AUT); 3. Luke Cryer (GBR); 4.

Barry Nobles (USA); (Small Final for places 5-8) 5. Scott Beaumont (GBR); 6. Benedikt Last (GER), 7. Blake Carney (USA); 8. Tomas Slavik (CZE).

Downhill: 1. Danny Hart (GBR), 3:32.484; 2. Laurie Greenland (GBR), +2.927; 3. Florent Payet (FRA), +5.047; 4. Troy Brosnan (AUS), 5.877; 5. Bernard Kerr (GBR), +6.089; 6. Remi Thirion (FRA), +6.639; 7. Greg Minnaar (RSA), +7.124; 8. Greg Williamson (GBR), +7.926; 9. Luca Shaw (USA), +8.246; 10. Jack Moir (AUS), +11.443.

WOMEN:

4-Cross: (Big Final for places 1-4) 1. Caroline

Buchanan (AUS); 2. Franziska Meyer (GER); 3. Anneke Beerten (NED); 4. Romana Labounkova (CZE); (Small Final for places 5-8) 5. Lucia Oetjen (SUI); 6. Alia Marcellini (ITA); 7. Monica Hraštnik (SLO); 8. Helene Valerie Fruhwirth (AUT).

Downhill: 1. Rachel Atherton (GBR), 4:20.187; 2. Myriam Nicole (FRA); +3.114; 3. Tracey Hannah (AUS), +9.453; 4. Marine Cabirou (FRA), +24.507; 5. Tahnee Seagrave (GBR), +25.299; 6. Alia Marcellini (ITA), +28.887; 7. Verinika Wildmann (ITA), +29.563; 8. Mariana Salazar Palomo (ESA), +32.386; 9. Mio Suemasa (JPN), +35.143; 10. Miranda Miller (CAN), +39.187.

• **Cycling/Road: Quintana adds a La Vuelta win to his resume**

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



Colombia's **Nairo Quintana** held off a late challenge from Britain's **Chris Froome** and won his second "Grand Tour" event, the Vuelta a Espana, on Sunday in Madrid.

Also the winner of the 2014 Giro d'Italia, Quintana had his lead cut to less than a minute and a half going into Saturday's climbing stage, but he stayed close to Froome despite repeated breakaway attempts and was sure of the win on Sunday's flat stage into Madrid.

Quintana took the lead in the race for good after Stage 10 and his breakaway in Stage 15 – upping his lead to 3:37 over Froome – turned out to be decisive. He won €150,000 for the win (~\$168,563) plus another €136,500 (~\$153,392) for having the lead after 13 different stages, and other bonuses for other prizes for points and individual stage finishes. All together, La Vuelta will pay €1,115,230 (~\$1,253,240) in prizes this year.

American **Andrew Talansky** had an excellent three weeks and finished in fifth overall (worth €12,500 (~ \$14,037), the best-ever Grand Tour-event finish for the 27-year-old from New York. He's previously finished seventh in La Vuelta (2012) and 10th in the 2013 Tour de France.

The 2016 race – the 71st edition – covered 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 final leaderboard:

- | | |
|---|--|
| 1. Nairo Quintana (COL), 83:31:28 | 6. Simon Yates (GBR), 83:40:01 |
| 2. Chris Froome (GBR), 83:32:51 (+1:23) | 7. David de la Cruz (ESP), 83:42:46 |
| 3. Johan Esteban Chaves (COL), 83:35:36 | 8. Daniel Moreno Fernandez (ESP), 83:44:42 |
| 4. Alberto Contador (ESP), 83:35:49 | 9. Davide Formolo (ITA), 83:44:45 |
| 5. Andrew Talansky (USA), 83:39:11 | 10. George Bennett (NZL), 83:45:35 |

Looking back at the Grand Tours in 2016, no one finished in the top 10 in all three:

Place	Giro d'Italia: 06-29 May	Tour de France: 02-24 Jul.	Vuelta a Espana: 20 Aug.-11 Sep.
1.	Vincenzo Nibali (ITA)	Chris Froome (GBR)	Nairo Quintana (COL)
2.	Johan Esteban Chaves (COL)	Romain Bardet (FRA)	Chris Froome (GBR)
3.	Alejandro Valverde (ESP)	Nairo Quintana (COL)	Johan Esteban Chaves (COL)
4.	Steven Kruijswijk (NED)	Adam Yates (GBR)	Alberto Contador (ESP)
5.	Rafal Majka (POL)	Richie Porte (AUS)	Andrew Talansky (USA)
6.	Bob Jengels (LUX)	Alejandro Valverde (ESP)	Simon Yates (GBR)
7.	Rigoberto Uran (COL)	Joaquim Rodriguez (ESP)	David de la Cruz (ESP)
8.	Andrey Amador (CRC)	Louis Meintjes (RSA)	Daniel Moreno Fernandez (ESP)
9.	Darwin Atapuma (COL)	Daniel Martin (IRL)	Davide Formolo (ITA)
10.	Kanstantsin Sivtsov (BLR)	Roman Kreuziger (CZE)	George Bennett (NZL)

Vuelta a Espana 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 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. Feline (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): 196.0 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): 118.5 km (Mountain) – 1. Gianluca Brambilla (ITA), 2:54:30; 2. Quintana (COL), 2:54:33; 3. Feline (ITA), 2:54:55; 4. Elissonde (FRA), 2:54:58; 5. de la Cruz (ESP), 2:55:01.

Stage 16 (5 Sep): 156.4 km (Flat) – 1. Jean-Pierre Drucker (FRA), 3:21:18; 2. Rudiger Selig (GER), 3:21:18; 3. Nikias Arndt (GER), 3:21:18; 4. Meersman (BEL), 3:21:18; 5. Lorenzo Manzmann (FRA), 3:21:18

Stage 17 (7 Sep): 177.5 km (Mountain) – 1. Mathias Frank (SUI), 4:34:38; 2. Konig (CZE), 4:34:44; 3. Gesink (NED), 4:34:49; 4. Pello Bilbao (ESP), 4:34:52; 5. Dario Cataldo (ITA), 4:34:54.

Stage 18 (8 Sep): 200.6 km (Flat) – 1. Nielsen (DEN), 4:54:31; 2. Nikias Arndt (GER), 4:54:31; 3. Jean-Pierre Drucker (FRA), 4:54:31; 4. Daniele Bennati (ITA), 4:54:31; 5. Jonas van Genechten (BEL), 4:54:31.

Stage 19 (9 Sep): 37.0 km (Time Trial) – 1. Chris Froome (GBR), 46:33; 2. Jonathan Castroviejo (ESP), 47:17; 3. Tobias Ludvigsson (SWE), 47:57; 4. Yves Lampaert (BEL), 47:59; 5. Victor Campenaerts (BEL), 48:20.

Stage 20 (10 Sep): 193.2 km (Mountain) – 1. Pierre-Roger Latour (FRA), 5:19:41; 2. Atapuma (COL), 5:19:43; 3. Feline (ITA), 5:19:58; 4. Frank (SUI), 5:20:21; 5. Desink (NED), 5:20:44.

Stage 21 (11 Sep): 104.8 km (Flat) – 1. Nielsen (DEN), 2:48:52; 2. Bennati (ITA), 2:48:52; 3. Meersman (BEL), 2:48:52; 4. Kristian Sbaragli (ITA), 2:48:52; 5. Arndt (GER), 2:48:52.

• **Tennis: Wawrinka and Kerber triumph in New York**

*ITF Grand Slam: United States Open
New York, New York ~ 29 August-11 September*



Hard to imagine that anyone had both **Stan Wawrinka** and **Angelique Kerber** as their picks to win the 136th United States Open tennis tournament in 2016. But why not?

After all, Wawrinka was seeded third, and although facing top-seeded **Novak Djokovic** (SRB) in the final, he won in four sets, 6-7 (7-1), 6-4, 7-5, 6-3 on Sunday.

Kerber was seeded second and took care of 10th-seed **Karolina Pliskova** (CZE) in the final, 6-3, 4-6, 6-4.

That win vaulted Kerber into the no. 1 position in the women's tennis (WTA) world rankings, over long-time no. 1 **Serena Williams** of the U.S., who lost in the semifinals to Pliskova.

A total of \$46,303,400 in [prize money](#) will be distributed from the Open, which is the richest tennis tournament in the world. Most of the money will go to the men's and women's singles players:

- 1st place: \$ 3,500,000
- 2nd place: 1,750,000
- Semifinalists: 875,000
- Quarterfinalists: 450,000
- Round of 16: 235,000
- Round of 32: 140,000
- Round of 64: 77,188
- Round of 128: 43,313

Looking at the four tennis "majors" of 2016:

Men

<i>Place</i>	<i>Australian Open</i>	<i>French Open</i>	<i>Wimbledon</i>	<i>U.S. Open</i>
1st	Novak Djokovic (SRB)	Novak Djokovic (SRB)	Andy Murray (GBR)	Stan Wawrinka (SUI)
2nd	Andy Murray (GBR)	Andy Murray (GBR)	Milos Raonic (CAN)	Novak Djokovic (SRB)
Semis	Roger Federer (SUI)	Dominic Thiem (AUT)	Roger Federer (SUI)	Gael Montils (FRA)
Semis	Milos Raonic (CAN)	Stan Wawrinka (SUI)	Tomas Berdych (CZE)	Kei Nishikori (JPN)
Quarters	Kei Nishikori (JPN)	Tomas Berdych (CZE)	Sam Querrey (USA)	Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (FRA)
Quarters	Tomas Berdych (CZE)	David Goffin (BEL)	Marin Cilic (CRO)	Lucas Pouille (FRA)
Quarters	Gael Monfils (FRA)	A. Ramos-Vinolas (ESP)	Lucas Pouille (FRA)	Juan Martin del Potro (ARG)
Quarters	David Ferrer (ESP)	Richard Gasquet (FRA)	Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (FRA)	Andy Murray (GBR)

Women

<i>Place</i>	<i>Australian Open</i>	<i>French Open</i>	<i>Wimbledon</i>	<i>U.S. Open</i>
1st	Angelique Kerber (GER)	Garbine Muguruza (ESP)	Serena Williams (USA)	Angelique Kerber (GER)
2nd	Serena Williams (USA)	Serena Williams (USA)	Angelique Kerber (GER)	Karolina Pliskova (CZE)
Semis	Ag. Radwanska (POL)	Kiki Bertens (NED)	Elena Vesnina (RUS)	Serena Williams (USA)
Semis	Johanna Konta (GBR)	Samantha Stosur (AUS)	Venus Williams (USA)	Carol. Wozniacki (DEN)
Quarters	Maria Sharapova (RUS)	Yulia Putintseva (KAZ)	Ana. Pavlyuchenkova (RUS)	Simona Halep (ROU)
Quarters	Carla Suarez N. (ESP)	Timea Bacsinsky (SUI)	Dominika Cibulkova (SVK)	Ana Konjuh (CRO)
Quarters	Victoria Azarenka (BLR)	Shelby Rogers (USA)	Simona Halep (ROU)	Ana. Sevastova (LAT)
Quarters	Shuai Zhang (CHN)	Tsvetana Pironkova (BUL)	Yaro. Shvedova (KAZ)	Roberta Vinci (ITA)

Only Serena Williams reached the semifinals in all for of the majors for 2016; Kerber made three among the women and Djokovic made three among the men. U.S. Open summaries:

U.S. Open: New York, New York ~ 29 August-11 September. (Full results [here](#)):

MEN:

Singles Quarterfinals: Novak Djokovic (SRB) d. Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (FRA), 6-3, 6-2, withdrew; Gael Monfils (FRA) d. Louis Pouille (FRA), 6-4, 6-3, 6-3; Stan Wawrinka (SUI) d. Juan Martin del Potro (ARG), 7-6 (7-5), 4-6, 6-3, 6-2; Kei Nishikori (JPN), d. Andy Murray (GBR), 1-6, 6-4, 4-6, 6-1, 7-5.

Semifinals: Djokovic d. Monfils, 6-3, 6-2, 3-6, 6-2; Wawrinka d. Nishikori, 4-6, 7-5, 6-4, 6-2.

Final: Wawrinka d. Djokovic, 7-6 (7-1), 4-6, 7-5, 6-3.

Doubles Quarterfinals: Pierre-Hugues Herbert-Nicolas Mahut (FRA) d. Robert Lindstedt (SWE)-Aisam-Ul-Haq Qureshi (PAK), 6-3, 7-6 (7-4); Jamie Murray (GBR)-Bruno Soares (BRA) d. Chris Guccione (AUS)-Andre Sa (BRA), 7-6 (11-9), 2-6, 6-3; Feliciano Lopez-Marc Lopez (ESP) d. Bob Bryan-Mike Bryan (USA), 7-6 (7-2), 4-6, 6-3; Pablo Carreno Busta-Guillermo Garcia-Lopez (ESP) d. Lukasz Kubot (POL)-Alexander Peya (AUT), 7-6 (10-8), 6-7 (7-3), 6-4.

Semifinals: Murray-Soares d. Herbert-Mahut, 7-5, 4-6, 6-3; Carreno Busta-Garcia-Lopez d. Lopez-Lopez, 6-3, 7-6 (7-4).

Final: Murray-Soares d. Carreno Busta-Garcia-Lopez, 6-2, 6-3.

WOMEN:

Singles Quarterfinals: Serena Williams (USA) d. Simona Halep (ROU), 6-2, 4-6, 6-3; Karolina Pliskova (CZE) d. Ana Konjuh (CRO), 6-2, 6-2; Caroline Wozniacki (DEN) d. Anastasija Sevastova (LAT), 6-0, 6-2; Angelique

Kerber (GER) d. Roberta Vinci (ITA), 7-5, 6-0.

Semifinals: Pliskova d. Williams, 6-2, 7-6 (7-5); Kerber d. Wozniacki, 6-4, 6-3.

Final: Kerber d. Pliskova, 6-3, 4-6, 6-4.

Doubles Quarterfinals: Caroline Garcia-Kristina Mladenovic (FRA) d. Sania Mirza (IND)-Barbora Strycova (CZE), 7-6 (7-3), 6-1; Martina Hingis (SUI)-Coco Vandeweghe (USA) d. Barbora Krejckova-Katerina Siniakova (CZE), 6-1, 6-2; Bethanie Mattek-Sands (USA)-Lucie Safarova (CZE) d. Asia Muhammad-Taylor Townsend (USA), 6-1, 6-2; Ekaterina Makarova-Elena Vesnina (RUS) d. Andreja Klepac-Katarina Srebotnik (SLO), 6-4, 6-2.

Semifinals: Garcia-Mladenovic d. Hingis-Vandeweghe, 6-3, 6-4; Mattek-Sands-Safarova d. Makarova-Vesnina, 6-2, 7-6 (7-4).

Final: Mattek-Sands-Safarova d. Garcia-Mladenovic, 6-2, 7-6 (7-5), 6-4.

MIXED:

Doubles Quarterfinals: Coco Vandeweghe-Rajeev Ram (USA) d. Barbora Krejckova (CZE)-Marin Draganja (CRO), 6-3, 6-3; Anna-Lena Groenefeld (GER)-Robert Farah (COL) d. Gabriela Dabrowski (CAN)-Rohan Bopanna (IND), 1-6, 6-2, 10-8; Laura Siegemund (GER)-Mate Pavic (CRO) d. Nicole Gibbs-Dennis Novikov (USA), 6-2, 7-6 (7-2); Yung-jan Chan (TPE)-Nenad Zimonjic (SRB) d. Yaroslava Shvedova (KAZ)-Bruno Soares (BRA), 1-6, 6-3, 13-11.

Semifinals: Vandeweghe-Ram d. Groenefeld-Farah, 7-6 (7-4), 6-4; Siegemund-Pavic d. Chan-Zimonjic, 7-6 (7-5), 7-5.

Final: Siegemund-Zimonjic d. Vandeweghe-Ram, 6-4, 6-4.

Panorama

Baseball

Gijang City (KOR), 11 September – Japan won its fifth straight world title with a 10-0 whitewash of Canada in the finals of the WBSC Women's Baseball World Cup for 2016.



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Japan's **Ayami Sato** pitched a two-hit shutout in the final and was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player. The Japanese won six of their eight games in the tourney by shutout.

Venezuela's **Osmari Garcia's** single in the bottom of the seventh scored two runs and helped claim the bronze medal with a 4-3 win over Chinese Taipei.

Cycling

Quebec City (CAN), 09 September – The Grand Prix Cycliste de Quebec brought together 168 riders for a one-day event (with another in Montreal two days later) for a 16-lap, 201.6 km (125.3 miles) race with significant ascents and descents in and around the city. Slovakia's **Peter Sagan**, the 2015 World Road Race Champion who competed in the Mountain Bike event in Rio, managed to squeeze in ahead at the finish of Belgium's **Greg van Avermaet**, the Rio Road Race gold medalist! Summary:

UCI World Tour: Quebec City (CAN) ~ 09 September (201.6 km; full results [here](#)): 1. Peter Sagan (SVK), 5:07:13; 2. Greg van Avermaet (BEL); 5:07:13; 3. Anthony Roux (FRA), 5:07:13; 4. Alberto Bettiol (ITA); 5:07:14; 5. Michael Matthews (AUS), 5:07:14; 6. Nathan Haas (AUS), 5:07:14; 7. Diego Ulissi (ITA), 5:07:14; 8. Bauke Mollema (NED), 5:07:14; 9. Petr Vakoc (CZE), 5:07:15; 10. Rigoberto Uran (COL), 5:07:15.

Montreal (CAN), 11 September – Scenic Mount Royal and 3,893 m of elevations during the race were the key ingredients for the 17-lap, 205.7 km (127.8 miles) race on Sunday. The results were reversed from Friday, with van Avermaet finishing just ahead of Sagan, with Colombia's **Diego Ulissi** moving up from 10th to third. Summary:

UCI World Tour: Montreal (CAN) ~ 11 September (205.7 km; full results [here](#)) – 1. Greg van Avermaet (BEL), 5:27:04; 2. Peter Sagan (SVK), 5:27:04; 3. Diego Ulissi (COL), 5:27:04; 4. Michael Matthews (AUS), 5:27:05; 5. Nathan Haas (AUS), 5:27:05; 6. Gianni Moscon (ITA), 5:27:05; 7. Alberto Bettiol (ITA), 5:27:06; 8. Jon Izaguirre (ESP), 5:27:06; 9. Anthony Roux (FRA), 5:27:06; 10. Julian Alaphilippe (FRA), 5:27:06.

Swimming

Colorado Springs, 08 September – For the record, the official announcement of the suspensions handed down to the four swimmers involved in the gas station incident in Rio:

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. – The United States Olympic Committee and USA Swimming today jointly announced disciplinary measures for four members of the 2016 U.S. Olympic Swimming Team. Due to violations of each organization's code of conduct, Gunnar Bentz, Jack Conger, James Feigen and Ryan Lochte have agreed to serve suspensions and forfeit certain rewards and opportunities afforded to members of the U.S. Olympic Team.

The following sanctions have been agreed upon:

Applicable to Ryan Lochte:

1. *Suspended from domestic and international USA Swimming national team competitions for 10 months (through June 30, 2017), including the 2017 National Championships, which renders him ineligible for the 2017 FINA World Championships.*
2. *During the suspension, no monthly stipend from USA Swimming or the USOC.*
3. *During the suspension, no direct support or access to training centers or other facilities of the USOC.*
4. *Forfeits all USOC and USA Swimming medal funding for his gold medal at the 2016 Olympic Games.*
5. *Will perform 20 hours of community service.*
6. *Not permitted to join Team USA for its White House visit in connection with the Rio 2016 Games.*
7. *Not permitted to attend USA Swimming's annual "Golden Goggles" event in 2016.*

Applicable to Gunnar Bentz, Jack Conger and James Feigen:

1. *Suspended from domestic and international USA Swimming national team competitions for four months (through Dec. 31, 2016).*
2. *During the suspension, no monthly stipend from USA Swimming or the USOC.*
3. *During the suspension, no direct support or access to training centers or other facilities of the USOC.*
4. *Not permitted to join Team USA for its White House visit in connection with the Rio 2016 Games.*
5. *Not permitted to attend USA Swimming's annual "Golden Goggles" event in 2016.*

Further applicable to Gunnar Bentz due to violating a USA Swimming Olympic Village curfew rule placed on athletes under the age of 21:

1. *Will perform 10 hours of community service.*

"As we have said previously, the behavior of these athletes was not acceptable. It unfairly maligned our hosts and diverted attention away from the historic achievements of Team USA," said USOC CEO Scott Blackmun. "Each of the athletes has accepted responsibility for his actions and accepted the appropriate sanctions. We look forward to focusing our energy on the Paralympic Games and the incredible men and women representing our country in Rio."

"During an otherwise extraordinary Olympic Games, a small group of athletes had lapses in judgement and conduct that are unacceptable and not consistent with our expectations. When Code of Conduct infractions occur, it's our responsibility to take action that reflects the seriousness of what happened," USA Swimming Executive Director Chuck Wielgus said. "Unfortunately, this storyline took attention away from the athletes who deserved it the most. These athletes took accountability for their mistakes and are committed to represent themselves and our country with the great character and distinction we expect."

Following a review of the imposed measures, the International Olympic Committee Disciplinary Commission determined that the sanctions were adequate and proportionate, and that no additional penalties will be levied against the four athletes.

The sanctions take effect immediately.

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