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**On the Cover**

A happy American trio of 100 m hurdlers who swept the medals in Rio. From top to bottom, Nia Ali, champ Brianna Rollins and Kristi Castlin.

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## *Rio 2016: U.S. continues steady*

Only 15 finals were held on Day 12 thanks to two postponements in sailing, so scores were down from prior days.

The United States again led the daily scoring at 75, but with Japan second on the day at 40.5, ahead of China (38).

The U.S. extended its overall lead after 12 days, with 952.6 points in all, ahead of China (638.5). The Americans started out well, scoring 62-66-70.5-69-55-78 across the first six days of finals, then exploded to 112.3-100-93.3 before tapering off with fewer events.

We're using the U.S. collegiate track & field scoring system of 10-8-6-5-4-3-2-1 for eight places (same as the number of diplomas given out by the International Olympic Committee), giving extra weight to the gold and silver medalists, but also recognizing that third and fourth are very close (and shared in some combat sports). After day 12, with 217 of 306 events scored, the leaders:

1.	952.6	USA	14.	152	New Zealand	27.	79	Colombia
2.	638.5	China	15.	137	Ukraine	28.	70.5	DPR Korea
3.	562.5	Great Britain	16.	132.3	Spain	29.	69.5	Switzerland
4.	435	Russia	17.	128.3	Hungary	30.	67.5	Uzbekistan
5.	408	Germany	18.	116	Kazakhstan	31.	65.5	Azerbaijan
6.	355	France	19.	107	Poland	32.	64	Jamaica
7.	350.5	Australia	20.	94.5	Sweden		64	Thailand
8.	349	Japan	21.	92	Cuba	34.	60.5	Belgium
9.	318.5	Italy	22.	91.5	Kenya	35.	57.5	Croatia
10.	208	Netherlands	23.	90	Denmark	36.	54	Romania
11.	189	Canada	24.	85.8	South Africa	37.	52	Ethiopia
12.	183	Brazil	25.	79.5	Belarus	38.	50.5	Georgia
13.	174	Korea		79.5	Czech Rep.			

Day 12-only scoring leaders:

1.	75	USA	11.	16	Thailand	21.	8	Uzbekistan
2.	40.5	Japan	12.	14.5	Great Britain		8	Malaysia
3.	38	China	13.	14	Serbia	23.	7	Mexico
4.	31	Germany	14.	13	Kenya	24.	6.5	Bulgaria
5.	29	France	15.	12.5	Indonesia	25.	6	Australia
6.	23	Korea	16.	12	Morocco	26.	5.5	Tunisia
7.	19	Kazakhstan		12	Canada		5.5	Switzerland
8.	18.5	Russia	18.	10	Jamaica		5.5	India
9.	17	Brazil	19.	9.5	Sweden		5.5	Dom. Rep.
	17	Azerbaijan		9.5	Netherlands	30.	5	Cote d'Ivoire

31.	4.5	Poland	37.	3	Trinidad & T.	2.5	Hong Kong	
32.	4	Nigeria		3	Mongolia	2.5	Cuba	
33.	3.5	Kyrgyzstan		3	Estonia	2.5	Austria	
	3.5	Spain		3	Bahamas	46.	2	Turkey
	3.5	Egypt	41.	2.5	Venezuela		2	Colombia
	3.5	Argentina		2.5	Ireland	48.	1.5	Peru

Please note that the Olympic Charter, the constitution and rule book of the worldwide Olympic Movement, states with clarity in Rule 57: *“The IOC and OCOG (organizing committee of the Olympic Games) shall not draw up any global ranking per country.”*

So we’re picking up the slack ... unofficially, of course. The IOC and Rio 2016 organizers will award not only medals to the top three finishers, but also elegant diplomas to the top eight place winners. That recognition is the basis on which points can be awarded to each place-winner and totaled up by National Olympic Committee. All together, over 306 events, there are 11,934 points to be awarded!

A total of 48 National Olympic Committees scored on Day 12. We’ll update the scores daily for the leading countries, and have a full tally at the end of the Games.



*Mission Accomplished: Evan Jager of the U.S. on his way to a silver in the Steeplechase (USA TODAY Sports/Kevin Jairij)*

## Rio 2016: Capsule Previews of August 17 Finals

*Olympic finals tracker:*

Days completed: 12 of 16 / Events completed: 217 / Events Remaining: 89

Today: 25 finals in 11 sports

In advance of today's finals, here are capsule overviews of these events, with the likely medal contenders showcased to enhance your viewing experience, either live or on television. Summaries of events held so far are also included for reference.

Will we mention every medal winner? Not a chance. *Our perfect record went out the window with the first event of the Games*, when American Ginny Thrasher moved from 23rd in the World Rankings – and never a top-3 finisher in a major international event – to receiving the gold medal in the Women's 10 m Air Rifle. But we thought the Chinese would do well and they won silver and bronze.

That's the fun of sport; theater is great, but you know that Hamlet isn't going to be chatting with his old friend Yorick after the curtain comes down! On with the Games!

### • **Archery/Summary**

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

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

### • **Athletics: Summary**

Date	Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze(s)
Aug 14	M 100 m	Bolt (JAM)	Gatlin (USA)	DeGrasse (CAN)
Aug 14	M 400 m	van Niekerk (RSA)	James (GRN)	Merritt (USA)
Aug 15	M 800 m	Rudisha (KEN)	Makhloufi (ALG)	Murphy (USA)
Aug 17	M 3000 m Steeplechase	B. Kipruto (KEN)	Jager (USA)	Mekhissi (FRA)

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Gold</b>	<b>Silver</b>	<b>Bronze(s)</b>
Aug 13	M 10,000 m	Farah (GBR)	Tanui (KEN)	Tola (ETH)
Aug 16	M 110 m Hurdles	McLeod (JAM)	Ortega (ESP)	Bascou (FRA)
Aug 12	M 20 km Walk	Wang (CHN)	Cai (CHN)	Bird-Smith (NZL)
Aug 16	M High Jump	Drouin (CAN)	Barshim (QAT)	Bondarenko (UKR)
Aug 15	M Pole Vault	Da Silva (BRA)	Lavillenie (FRA)	Kendricks (USA)
Aug 13	M Long Jump	Henderson (USA)	Manyonga (RSA)	Rutherford (GBR)
Aug 16	M Triple Jump	Taylor (USA)	Claye (USA)	Dong (CHN)
Aug 13	M Discus	R. Harting (GER)	Malachowski (POL)	Jasinki (GER)
Aug 13	W 100 m	Thompson (JAM)	Bowie (USA)	Fraser-Pryce (JAM)
Aug 17	W 200 m	Thompson (JAM)	Schippers (NED)	Bowie (USA)
Aug 15	W 400 m	Miller (BAH)	Felix (USA)	Jackson (JAM)
Aug 16	W 1500 m	Kipyegon (KEN)	Dibaba (ETH)	Simpson (USA)
Aug 15	W 3000 m Steeplechase	Jebet (BRN)	Jepkemoi (KEN)	Coburn (USA)
Aug 12	W 10,000 m	Ayana (ETH)	Cheruiyot (KEN)	G. Dibaba (ETH)
Aug 14	W Marathon	Sumgong (KEN)	Kirwa (BRN)	M. Dibaba (ETH)
Aug 17	W 100 m Hurdles	Rollins (USA)	Ali (USA)	Castlin (USA)
Aug 17	W Long Jump	Bartoletta (USA)	Reese (USA)	Spanovic (SRB)
Aug 14	W Triple Jump	Ibarguen (COL)	Rojas (VEN)	Rypakova (KAZ)
Aug 12	W Shot Put	Carter (USA)	Adams (NZL)	Marton (HUN)
Aug 16	W Discus	Perkovic (CRO)	Robert-Michon (FRA)	Caballero (CUB)
Aug 15	W Hammer	Wlodarczyk (POL)	Zhang (CHN)	Hitchon (GBR)
Aug 13	W Heptathlon	Thiam (BEL)	Ennis-Hill (GBR)	Thiesen-Eaton (CAN)

*What a way to start: a world record in the first event on the track for Ethiopia's Almaz Anaya with an astonishing 29:17.45! Two days later, South Africa's Wayde van Niekerk – running out of lane 8! – shattered Michael Johnson's 1999 world record in the 400 m (43.18) with an almost-beyond-comprehension time of 43.03. And Johnson, commentating for the BBC, was there to call it.*



Then, Poland's Anita Wlodarczyk extends her own women's hammer record to 82.29 m (269-11) in winning the Olympic title on Monday. What a meet!

Did we forget to mention Usain Bolt's history-making third 100 m title in a row? Oh well, no world record there ...

• **Athletics/ Men's 200 m**

<i>The formchart:</i>		<i>Gold</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Bronze</i>
OG '12	London	Usain Bolt (JAM)	Yohan Blake (JAM)	Warren Weir (JAM)
WCh '13	Moscow	Usain Bolt (JAM)	Warren Weir (JAM)	Curtis Mitchell (USA)
WCh '15	Beijing	Usain Bolt (JAM)	Justin Gatlin (USA)	Anaso Jobodwana (RSA)

Can anyone beat **Usain Bolt**? Probably not, but Canada's young sprint hope **Andre DeGrasse** is going to try. He ran well in his semi, finishing just behind Bolt in a Canadian national record of 19.80 (Bolt 19.78) and is on a roll after his bronze in the 100 m.

The U.S. has only **LaShawn Merritt** in the final, who is still the world leader at 19.74 at the U.S. Olympic Trials in July. He looked great in winning his semifinal in 19.95; who knows how much faster he can go?

Those are the dramatis personae in this final; if they falter, there are others fully capable of stepping in, notably France's **Christophe Lemaitre** or **Alonso Edward** of Panama. But all eyes will be on Bolt, watching to see if he does something otherworldly.

• **Athletics/Men's 400 m Hurdles**

<i>The formchart:</i>		<i>Gold</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Bronze</i>
OG '12	London	Felix Sanchez (DOM)	Michael Tinsley (USA)	Javier Culson (PUR)
WCh '13	Moscow	Jehue Gordon (TRI)	Michael Tinsley (USA)	Emir Bekric (SRB)
WCh '15	Beijing	Nicholas Bett (KEN)	Denis Kudryavtsev (RUS)	Jeffrey Gibson (BAH)

This race will be held in the morning session, at about noon. American **Kerron Clement**, the 2008 silver medalist and 2007 and 2009 World Champion, has the fastest time in the field from his semifinal win in 48.26.

But he's hardly a lock, with **Annsert Whyte** of Jamaica right behind him at 48.32 in winning semi two and then Ireland's **Thomas Barr**, whose 48.39 winner in semi three set a new national record. Those three and Puerto Rican veteran **Javier Culson** – the 2012 bronze medalist – are the most likely to be standing on the podium once the hurdling is done.

• **Athletics/Men's Shot Put**



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<i>The formchart:</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Bronze</i>
OG '12 London	Tomasz Majewski (POL)	David Storl (GER)	Reese Hoffa (USA)
WCh '13 Moscow	David Storl (GER)	Ryan Whiting (USA)	Dylan Armstrong (CAN)
WCh '15 Beijing	Joe Kovacs (USA)	David Storl (GER)	O'Dayne Richards (JAM)

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Reigning World Champion **Joe Kovacs** of the U.S. is the favorite, but favorites are often shaky in this event. He's the world leader at 22.13 m (72-7 1/4) this year, but he has to produce today.

Chief among his rivals will be the 2013 World Champ **David Storl** of Germany, a superb big-meet competitor. And what of 34-year-old **Tomasz Majewski**, the defending Olympic champ, who always seems to give American favorites fits in whatever meet he's in.

Wild cards: Kovacs' teammate **Ryan Crouser**, who has a 22.11 m (72=6 1/2) best this year and has the potential to do even more, Nigeria's **Stephen Mozia**, who threw a national record of 21.76 m (71-4 3/4) earlier this year, and New Zealand's **Tom Walsh**, just 24, but with a 21.54 m (70-8) mark to his credit outdoors.

#### • **Athletics/Men's Decathlon**

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<i>The formchart:</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Bronze</i>
OG '12 London	Ashton Eaton (USA)	Trey Hardee (USA)	Leonel Suarez (CUB)
WCh '13 Moscow	Ashton Eaton (USA)	Michael Schrader (GER)	Damian Warner (CAN)
WCh '15 Beijing	Ashton Eaton (USA)	Damian Warner (CAN)	Rico Freimuth (GER)

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**Ashton Eaton** is getting an argument from Canada's **Damian Warner**, but unless he falters badly on day 2, he should retain his Olympic decathlon crown. Eaton's first day of 4,621 was steady and without major faults.

He's trailed by Germany's **Kai Kazmirek** (4,500) and Warner (4,489) after day one, with **Kevin Mayer** of France (4,435) and American **Joseph Taiwo** (4,419 thanks to a great high jump!) close by.

#### • **Athletics/Women's 400 m Hurdles**

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<i>The formchart:</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Bronze</i>
OG '12 London	Natalya Antyukh (RUS)	Lashinda Demus (USA)	Zuzana Hejnova (CZE)
WCh '13 Moscow	Zuzana Hejnova (CZE)	Dali. Muhammad (USA)	Lashinda Demus (USA)
WCh '15 Beijing	Zuzana Hejnova (CZE)	Shamier Little (USA)	Cassandra Tate (USA)

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Silver medalist in the 2013 World Champs, **Dalilah Muhammad** has been sensational this year. Her seasonal best of 52.88 is more than a second better than anyone else in the field!

Teammate **Ashley Spencer** has the third-best mark in the field this year at 54.02 and also looked great in her semi, turning away principal rival **Janeive Russell** of Jamaica. **Zuzana Hejnova** of the Czech Republic must also be discussed, as she won her semi and has enormous experience as the



two-time World Champion in this event from 2013 and 2015. How about a wild card? Try **Sara Slott Petersen** of Denmark, the European Champion, who has run 54.33 in 2016.

• **Athletics/Women's Javelin**

<i>The formchart:</i>		<i>Gold</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Bronze</i>
OG '12	London	Bar. Spotakova (CZE)	Christ. Obergfoll (GER)	Linda Stahl (GER)
WCh '13	Moscow	Christ. Obergfoll (GER)	Kim Mickle (AUS)	Mariya Abakumova (RUS)
WCh '15	Beijing	Katharina Molitor(GER)	Huihui Lu (CHN)	Sunette Viljeon (RSA)

A hard-to-figure event. **Barbora Spotakova**, the 2012 Olympic champ, was injured earlier, but threw 66.87 m (219-4) in June to get back into the mix. In qualifying, Poland's **Maria Andrejczyk** bombed a new national record of 67.11 m (220-2), the new world leader.

Certainly, Germany's **Christin Hussong** (66.41 m/217-10 this year) and **Linda Stahl** (65.25 m/214-1 this year) have to be considered; Stahl won the Olympic bronze medal in 2012. And **Tatsiana Kholodovich** of Belarus won the European Championships earlier this year and her best this year of 66.34 m (217-8) ranks fifth in the world.

Any of them could win; it's that even.

• **Badminton/Summary**

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Bronze(s)</i>
Aug 17	Mixed Doubles	Indonesia	Malaysia	China

*Joy for Indonesia, getting by China in the semifinals and winning the Mixed Doubles with a straight-set victory over Malaysia.*

• **Badminton: Women's Doubles**

<i>The formchart:</i>		<i>Gold</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Bronze</i>
OG '12	London	China	Japan	Russia
WCh '13	Guangzhou	China	Korea	China-Demark
WCh '14	Copenhagen	China	China	Korea-Japan
WCh '15	Jakarta	China	Denmark	Indonesia-Japan

These Chinese have won five of the six Olympic tournaments in this event, and the last five in a row. Time to crown a new champion, however, as the final will be played between **Misaki Matsumoto and Akaya Takahashi** of Japan and **Christinna Pederson and Kamilla Rytter Juhl** of Denmark.

The Danes are no strangers to the podium, earning the silver medal in the 2015 World Championships

and a bronze in 2013. They knocked off the Chinese duo of Yuanting Tang and Yang Yu, 2-1, in the semifinals. Matsumoto and Takahashi got as far as the third round in the '15 Worlds. They clubbed Korea's Kyong-eun Jung and and Seung-jan Shin in straight sets to move into the final.

Favor the Danes here, based on experience. Having gotten past their nemesis, they have a golden opportunity in front of them.

• **Beach Volleyball/Summary**

Date	Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze(s)
Aug 17	Women	Germany	Brazil	United States

*As expected, the Brazilians made the gold-medal and bronze-medal matches ... and lost both! Amazing performances by Germany's Laura Ludwig and Kira Walkenhorst and Americans Kerri Walsh Jennings and April Ross to overcome a hostile crowd cheering on the home team.*

• **Beach Volleyball/Men**

The formchart:		Gold	Silver	Bronze
OG '12	London	Germany	Brazil	Latvia
WCh '13	Stare Jablonki	Netherlands	Brazil	Germany
WCh '15	Netherlands	Brazil	Netherlands	Brazil

Here the home team has the magic. Brazil's veteran team of **Allison Cerutti and Bruno Oscar Schmidt** advanced to the final by defeating the U.S. pair of Phil Dalhausser and Nick Lucena in the quarterfinals and Alexander Brouwer and Robert Meeuwssen of the Netherlands in the semis. They will face Italy's **Paolo Nicolai and Daniele Lupu** in the final.

Cerutti earned a silver medal in 2012, playing with Emanuel Rego. Now, playing with Schmidt, they won the 2015 World Championships in the Netherlands and are certainly favorites here, thanks in part to the roaring crowd that will be at their backs for the final at Copacabana Beach.

• **Boxing/Summary**

Date	Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze(s)
Aug 14	Men's 49 kg	Dusmatov (UZB)	Martinez (COL)	Hernandez (USA) Argilagos (CUB)
Aug 16	Men's 60 kg	Conceicao (BRA)	Oumiha (FRA)	Alvarez (CUB) Dorjnyambuu (MGL)
Aug 17	Men's 69 kg	Yeleussinov (KAZ)	Giyasov (UZB)	Rabii (MAR) Cissokho (FRA)

Date	Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze(s)
Aug 15	Men's 91 kg	Tishchenko (RUS)	Levit (KAZ)	Tulaganov (UZB) Savon (CUB)

The first boxing title went to 23-year-old Hasanboy Dusmatov of Uzbekistan, who decisioned Yurberjen Martinez of Colombia, 3-0, in the final.

• **Boxing/Men's Light Heavyweight (81 kg)**

The formchart:		Gold	Silver	Bronze
OG '12	London	Y. Mekhontsev (RUS)	A. Niyazymbetov (AZE)	Olek. Hyozdik (UKR)-Yam. Florentino (BRA)
WCh '13	Almaty	J. Cesar la Cruz (CUB)	A. Niyazymbetov (AZE)	Joe Ward (IRL)-Oybek Mamazulkunov (UZB)
WCh '15	Doha	J. Cesar la Cruz (CUB)	Joe Ward (IRL)	Elshod Rasulov (UZB)-Pavel Silyagin (RUS)

**Julio Cesar la Cruz (CUB) vs. Adilbek Niyazymbetov (AZE)**

The two most consistent fighters in this class during the last quadrennial will meet in the final. Cesar la Cruz owns the last two World Championships and defeated Niyazymbetov in 2013, on a split (2-1) decision in the final. But Niyazymbetov owns the silver medal from London, while Cesar la Cruz only got as far as the quarterfinals.

Cesar la Cruz is the favorite, but not by a lot. However, as has been the case in Rio in other sports, the Western Hemisphere athlete seems to do best in matches against those from elsewhere.

• **Canoeing/Summary**

Date	Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze(s)
Aug 16	Sprint/M C-1 1000 m	Brendel (GER)	Queiroz d.Santos (BRA)	Tarnovschi (MDA)
Aug 16	Sprint/M K-1 1000 m	Dostal (CZE)	Anoshkin (RUS)	Stewart (AUS)
Aug 16	Sprint/W K-1 200 m	Carrington (NZL)	Walczykiewicz (POL)	Osipenko-Rodomska (AZE)
Aug 16	Sprint/W K-2 500 m	Hungary	Germany	Poland
Aug 9	Slalom/M Single	Gargaud Chanut (FRA)	Benus (SVK)	Haneda (JPN)
Aug 10	Slalom/M Kayak	Clarke (GBR)	Kauzer (SLO)	Prskavec (CZE)
Aug 11	Slalom/M Doubles	Slovakia	Great Britain	France
Aug 11	Slalom/W Kayak	Chourrout (ESP)	Jones (NZL)	Fox (AUS)



The Slalom races have been completed, with four races and winners from four countries, and all from Europe. Sprint races have started the same: four in, four countries with golds.

- **Canoeing: Sprint/Men's Singles (C-1) 200 m**

<i>The formchart:</i>		<i>Gold</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Bronze</i>
OG '12	London	Yuriy Cheban (UKR)	Jev. Suklinas (LTU)	Ivan Shytl (RUS)
WCh '13	Duisberg	Val. Demyanenko (AZE)	Ivan Shytl (RUS)	Alfonso Benavides (ESP)
WCh '14	Moscow	Yuriy Cheban (UKR)	A. Korovashkov (RUS)	Jevgeniy Shulkin (LTU)
WCh '15	Milan	Artsem Kozyr (BLR)	Qiang Li (CHN)	Isaquias Queiroz (BRA)

The home-standing **Isaquias Queiroz** of Brazil had his hair on fire (figuratively, of course) in the semifinals, recording the only sub-40 second time at 39.659 and leading all qualifiers for the final.

He will be in quality company, of course, with defending Olympic champ **Yuriy Cheban** (UKR), 2013 World Champion **Valentin Demyanenko** (AZE), 2015 Worlds silver medalist **Qiang Li** (CHN), 2014 Worlds bronze winner **Alfonso Bevavides** (ESP) all in the field.

But none of these hardware holders won their semis. **Zaza Nadiradze** (GEO) won semi three in 40.146, quicker than **Andrey Kraitor** (RUS), the semi two winner in 40.394. Benavides and Li were quicker behind Queiroz than any of the other semifinal qualifiers, so they'll know what to expect in the final. Queiroz will have a full-throated crowd behind him, which will help tow him across the line ... if necessary!

- **Canoeing: Sprint/Men's Kayak Doubles (K-2) 200 m**

<i>The formchart:</i>		<i>Gold</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Bronze</i>
OG '12	London	Russia	Belarus	Great Britain
WCh '13	Duisberg	Russia	Great Britain	Germany
WCh '14	Moscow	Serbia	Germany	France
WCh '15	Milan	Hungary	Russia	Serbia

Hungary's World Champions, **Sandor Totka and Peter Molnar**, are in the final, but had to win their way in through the semis instead of the heats. Same for Serbia's **Nebojsa Grujic and Marko Novakovic**, the last qualifier from the semis.

So the medal stand have Spain's **Saul Craviotto and Cristian Toro**, the winners of heat one, or Lithuania's **Aurimas Lankas and Edvinas Ramanauskas**, winners of heat two or perhaps Britain's **Liam Heath and Jon Schofield**, winners of semi one. It's a wide-open field for this one over a very short distance.

- **Canoeing: Sprint/Men's Kayak Doubles (K-2) 1,000 m**

<i>The formchart:</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Bronze</i>
OG '12 London	Hungary	Portugal	Germany
WCh '13 Duisberg	Germany	Belarus	Hungary
WCh '14 Moscow	Slovakia	Australia	Serbia
WCh '15 Milan	Germany	Australia	Serbia

Germany – **Max Reinschmidt and Marcus Gross** – winners of two of the last three World Championships, and Serbia – **Marko Tomacevic and Milenko Zoric** – last year’s bronze medalists – qualified for the final right from the heats.

Newcomers trying to make the podium could come from Australia – **Ken Wallace and Lachlan Tame** – or perhaps Italy – **Nicola Ripamonte and Giulio Dressino** – who looked so strong in semifinal one, finishing 1-2 and posting the best times of the semifinals.

• **Canoeing: Sprint/Women’s Kayak Singles (K-1) 500 m**

<i>The formchart:</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Bronze</i>
OG '12 London	Danuta Kozak (HUN)	I. Osipenko (UKR)	Bridgette Hartley (RSA)
WCh '13 Duisberg	Danuta Kozak (HUN)	Wagner-Augustin (GER)	Lisa Carrington (NZL)
WCh '14 Moscow	Danuta Kozak (HUN)	Lisa Carrington (NZL)	Bridgette Hartley (RSA)
WCh '15 Milan	Lisa Carrington (NZL)	Anna Karasz (HUN)	Yu Zhou (CHN)

New Zealand’s **Lisa Carrington** has already won the 200 m sprint and now tries for the double. But Hungary’s **Danuta Kozak**, the defending Olympic champion, had the fastest time in the heats by a half-second and by almost two seconds in the semifinals. She’s the one to beat.

Olympic silver medalist **Inna Osipenko-Rodomska** (AZE) won her heat and is back to make the podium again, as is 2015 Worlds bronze medalist **Yu Zhou** of China. But behind Kozak, the fastest paddlers were Denmark’s **Emma Jorgenson** and Lithuania’s **Maryna Litvinchuk**. Look for them to make a run at the medals along with the favorites.

• **Cycling/Summary**

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Bronze(s)</i>
Aug 16	M Keirin	Kenny (GBR)	Buchli (NED)	Awang (MAS)
Aug 14	M Sprint	Kenny (GBR)	Skinner (GBR)	Dmitriev (RUS)
Aug 11	M Team Sprint	Great Britain	New Zealand	France
Aug 12	M Team Pursuit	Australia	Germany	Denmark
Aug 15	M Omnium	Viviani (ITA)	Cavendish (GBR)	Hansen (DEN)

Date	Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze(s)
Aug 13	W Keirin	Ligtle (NED)	James (GBR)	Mearns (AUS)
Aug 16	W Sprint	Vogel (GER)	James (GBR)	Marchant (GBR)
Aug 12	W Team Sprint	China	Russia	Germany
Aug 13	W Team Pursuit	Great Britain	United States	Canada
Aug 16	W Omnium	Trott (GBR)	Hammer (USA)	D'Hoore (BEL)
Aug 6	M Road Race	Van Avernaet (BEL)	Fuglsang (DEN)	Majka (POL)
Aug 10	M Time Trial	Cancellara (SUI)	Dumoulin (NED)	Froome (GBR)
Aug 7	W Road Race	Van der Breggen (NED)	Johansson (SWE)	Longo Borghini (ITA)
Aug 10	M Time Trial	Armstrong (USA)	Zabelinskys (RUS)	van der Breggen (NED)

*Great Britain won 10 medals over the 10 events in the velodrome, including five wins. Who do they think they are, the U.S. swim team?*

*The road races produced four winners from four different countries. Two late crashes on the final descent decided both of the individual road races: late-race leaders – Vincent Nibali of Italy and Sergio Henao Montoya of Colombia in the men’s event, and Annemiek Van Vleuten (NED) on the women’s side – all crashed and opened the way for Greg Van Avermaet of Belgium with Dane Jakob Fuglsang close behind and Anna van der Breggen (NED), Emma Johansson of Sweden and Elisa Longo Borghini of Italy.*

• **Diving/Summary**

Date	Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze(s)
Aug 16	M 3 m Springboard	Cao (CHN)	Laugher (GBR)	Hausding (GER)
Aug 10	M 3 m Synchronized	Laugher-Mears (GBR)	Dorman-Hixon (USA)	Cao-Qin (CHN)
Aug 8	M 10 m Synchronized	Chen-Lin (CHN)	Boudia-Johnson (USA)	Daley-Goodfellow (GBR)
Aug 14	W 3 m Springboard	Shi (CHN)	He (CHN)	Cagnotto (ITA)
Aug 7	W 3 m Synchronized	Shi-Wu (CHN)	Cagnotto-Dallape (ITA)	Kenney-Smith (AUS)
Aug 9	W 10 m Synchronized	Chen-Liu (CHN)	Cheong-Pamg (MAS)	Benfeito-Filion (CAN)

*After big wins on the platform and in the women’s synchronized springboard, the Chinese express was slowed temporarily in the men’s synchronized springboard, by the British and American duos. But China still has a perfect record of medaling in every event in Rio so far.*



• **Diving/Women's 10 m Platform**

<i>The formchart:</i>		<i>Gold</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Bronze</i>
OG '12	London	Ruolin Chen (CHN)	Brittany Broben (AUS)	Pandelela Rinong (MAS)
WCh '13	Barcelona	Yajie Si (CHN)	Ruolin Chen (CHN)	Yulia Prokopchuk (UKR)
WCh '15	Kazan	Kuk-hyang Kim (PRK)	Qian Ren (CHN)	Pandelela Rinong (MAS)

Eighteen divers will enter the semifinals, to be cut to 12 for the finals. The Chinese duo of 2013 World Champion **Yajie Si** and 2015 Worlds silver medalist **Qian Ren** are the leaders after the preliminary dives, scoring 397.45 and 385.80, respectively, some 39.0 points ahead of third-placer Jessica Parratto of the U.S.

Reigning World Champion Kuk-hyang Kim (PRK) did not make the final, so the two Chinese will be favored for a 1-2 finish. Malaysia's **Pandelela Rinong Pamg** qualified sixth behind Australia's **Melissa Wu** and Britain's **Tonia Couch**. Wu finished third earlier this year at the Diving World Cup held at the Olympic pool in Rio.

• **Equestrian/Summary**

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Bronze(s)</i>
Aug 15	Dressage Individual	Dujardin (GBR)	Werth (GER)	Broring-Sprehe (GER)
Aug 12	Dressage Team	Germany	Great Britain	United States
Aug 17	Jumping Team	France	United States	Germany
Aug 9	Eventing/Individual	Jung (GER)	Nicolas (FRA)	Dutton (USA)
Aug 9	Eventing/Team	France	Germany	Australia

*Big days for Germany and France, and for the veteran Michael Jung and the youngster Astier Nicolas, who has a long and bright future ahead of him. Congratulations to the ageless Mark Todd of New Zealand, seventh at age 60!*

• **Fencing/Summary**

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Bronze(s)</i>
Aug 9	M Epee	Park (KOR)	Imre (HUN)	Grumier (FRA)
Aug 14	M Epee Team	France	Italy	Hungary
Aug 7	M Foil	Garrozzo (ITA)	Massialas (USA)	Safin (RUS)
Aug 12	M Foil Team	Russia	France	United States

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Gold</b>	<b>Silver</b>	<b>Bronze(s)</b>
Aug 10	M Sabre	Szilagyι (HUN)	Homer (USA)	Kim (KOR)
Aug 6	W Epee	Szasz (HUN)	Fiamingo (ITA)	Sun (CHN)
Aug 11	W Epee Team	Romania	China	Russia
Aug 10	W Foil	Deriglazova (RUS)	Di Francisca (ITA)	Boubakri (TUN)
Aug 8	W Sabre	Egorian (RUS)	Velikaya (RUS)	Kharlan (UKR)
Aug 13	W Sabre Team	Russia	Ukraine	United States

*Countries from four continents – including Africa – won fencing medals in Rio, but the Russians showed strongest, with two individual wins on the women’s side and two team golds, and three additional medals. Hungary and the United States both won four medals.*

• **Golf/Summary**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Gold</b>	<b>Silver</b>	<b>Bronze(s)</b>
Aug 14	Men	Rose (GBR)	Stenson (SWE)	Kuchar (USA)

*Britain’s Justin Rose was steady throughout the rounds with scores of 67-69-65-67 on the par-71 course to win at 268, just two strokes ahead of Sweden’s Henrik Stenson, who shot a final-round 68. Bronze medalist Matt Kuchar (USA) ran off a brilliant 63 on the last day to claim the bronze medal.*

• **Gymnastics/Summary**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Gold</b>	<b>Silver</b>	<b>Bronze(s)</b>
Aug 8	Artistic/M Team	Japan	Russia	China
Aug 10	Artistic/M All-Around	Uchimura (JPN)	Verniaiev (UKR)	Whitlock (GBR)
Aug 14	Artistic/M Floor Exercise	Whitlock (GBR)	Hypolito (BRA)	Mariano (BRA)
Aug 16	Artistic/M Horizontal Bar	Hambuchen (GER)	Leyva (USA)	Wilson (GBR)
Aug 16	Artistic/M Parallel Bars	Vernaiev (UKR)	Leyva (USA)	Belyavskiy (RUS)
Aug 14	Artistic/M Pommel Horse	Whitlock (GBR)	Smith (GBR)	Naddour (USA)
Aug 15	Artistic/M Rings	Petrounias (GRE)	Zanetti (BRA)	Ablyazin (RUS)
Aug 15	Artistic/M Vault	Ri (PRK)	Ablyazin (RUS)	Shirai (JPN)
Aug 9	Artistic/W Team	United States	Russia	China

Date	Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze(s)
Aug 11	Artistic/W All-Around	Biles (USA)	Raisman (USA)	Mustafina (RUS)
Aug 15	Artistic/W Balance Beam	Wevers (NED)	Hernandez (USA)	Biles (USA)
Aug 16	Artistic/W Floor Exercise	Biles (USA)	Raisman (USA)	Tinkler (GBR)
Aug 14	Artistic/W Uneven Bars	Mustafina (RUS)	Kocian (USA)	Scheder (GER)
Aug 14	Artistic/W Vault	Biles (USA)	Paseka (RUS)	Steingruber (SUI)
Aug 13	M Trampoline	Hancharou (BLR)	Dong (CHN)	Gao (CHN)
Aug 12	W Trampoline	MacLennon (CAN)	Page (GBR)	Li (CHN)

*Outstanding performances on the parallel bars in Rotation 4 and floor exercise in Rotation 6 keyed Japan's seventh Olympic men's title, and its first since 2004. The U.S. women were expected to win easily and did, eight points ahead of Russia. Kohei Uchimura got his gold in the Men's All-Around, and Simone Biles got hers. Our correspondent Jan Fambro notes that by winning the vault, Biles became the first American female gymnast to win three golds in a single Games; she added the Floor Exercise yesterday. She will also need a bigger trophy case: she now has more Olympic/World Champs medals than any female gymnast in U.S. history, with 19.*

• **Hockey/Men**

The formchart:		Gold	Silver	Bronze
OG '12	London	Germany	Netherlands	Australia
WCup '14	The Hague	Australia	Netherlands	Argentina

The final between Belgium and Argentina required upsets on both sides of the bracket. The Belgians took down the Netherlands, 3-1, in their semifinal, while Argentina – twice bronze medalists in the past four years – defeated defending champion Germany by a 5-2 score.

The Belgians were only 2-1-1 (wins-losses-ties) in their pool play, but were the top qualifier. Argentina compiled a 2-0-2 mark to finish just third in its pool, but they beat Spain and Germany in the elimination round to reach the final. The Belgians have been the better of the two so far, but this should be an evenly-matched gold-medal game.

• **Judo/Summary**

Date	Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze(s)
Aug 6	M 60 kg	Mudranov (RUS)	Smetov (KAZ)	Takato (JPN) Urozboev (UZB)



Date	Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze(s)
Aug 7	M 66 kg	Basile (ITA)	An (KOR)	Sobirov (UZB) Ebinuma (JPN)
Aug 8	M 73 kg	Ono (JPN)	Orujov (AZE)	Shavdatuashvili (GEO) van Tichelt (BEL)
Aug 9	M 81 kg	Khalmurzaev (RUS)	Stevens (USA)	Toma (UAE) Nagase (JPN)
Aug 10	M 90 kg	Baker (JPN)	Liparteliani (GEO)	Gwak (KOR) Cheng (CHN)
Aug 11	M 100 kg	Krpalek (CZE)	Gasimov (AZE)	Maret (FRA) Haga (JPN)
Aug 12	M +100 kg	Riner (FRA)	Harasawa (JPN)	Silva (BRA) Sasson (ISR)
Aug 6	W 48 kg	Pareto (ARG)	Jeong (KOR)	Kondo (JPN) Galbadrakh (KAZ)
Aug 7	W 53 kg	Kelmendi (KOS)	Giuffrida (ITA)	Nakamura (JPN) Kuziutina (RUS)
Aug 8	W 57 kg	Silva (BRA)	Dorjsuren (MGL)	Montiero (POR) Matsumoto (JPN)
Aug 9	W 63 kg	Trstenjak (SLO)	Agbegnenou (FRA)	Gerbi (ISR) Van Emden (NED)
Aug 10	W 70 kg	Tachimoto (JPN)	Alvear (COL)	Conway (GBR) Vargas Koch (GER)
Aug 11	W 78 kg	Harrison (USA)	Tcheumeo (FRA)	Aguiar (BRA) Velensek (SLO)
Aug 12	W +78 kg	Andeol (FRA)	Ortiz (CUB)	Yamabe (JPN) Yu (CHN)

*The loudest cheers of the tournament so far were for Brazil's Rafaela Silva – the 2013 World Champion – winning in front of her home fans! And almost as loud for Rafael Silva, who scored bronze in the Men's +100 kg division. Ten different countries won gold medals.*

• **Rowing/Summary**

Date	Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze(s)
Aug 13	M Single Sculls	Drysdale (NZL)	Martin (CRO)	Synek (CZE)
Aug 11	M Double Sculls	Croatia	Lithuania	Norway
Aug 11	M Quad Sculls	Germany	Australia	Estonia
Aug 11	M Pair	New Zealand	South Africa	Italy
Aug 12	M Four	Great Britain	Australia	Italy
Aug 13	M Eight	Great Britain	Germany	Netherlands
Aug 13	W Single Sculls	Brennan (AUS)	Stone (USA)	Duan (CHN)
Aug 11	W Double Sculls	Poland	Great Britain	Lithuania
Aug 11	W Quad Sculls	Germany	Netherlands	Poland
Aug 12	W Pair	Great Britain	New Zealand	Denmark
Aug 13	W Eight	United States	Great Britain	Romania
Aug 12	M Lightweight Dbl Sculls	France	Ireland	Norway
Aug 11	M Lightweight Four	Switzerland	Denmark	France
Aug 12	W Lightweight Dbl Sculls	Netherlands	Canada	China

*After losing a day of finals to the weather, 15 countries won medals on a busy first day of rowing finals. The win by the U.S. women in the eights ran their streak of Olympic or World Championships victories to an amazing 11 in a row.*

• **Rugby Sevens/Summary**

Date	Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze(s)
Aug 11	Men	Fiji	Great Britain	South Africa
Aug 8	Women	Australia	New Zealand	Canada

*Australia's women claimed a 10-5 halftime lead over longtime foes New Zealand and held on for a 24-17 victory and the gold medal in rugby's return to the Olympic Games. The Aussies finished 5-0-1 for the tournament, with only a draw against the U.S. to mar their record. On the men's side, Fiji walloped Great Britain, 43-7, in the final: impressive!*

• **Sailing/Summary**

Date	Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze(s)
Aug 14	M RS:X	van Rijsselberghe (NED)	Dempsey (GBR)	La Coq (FRA)
Aug 16	M Laser	Burton (AUS)	Bernaz (FRA)	Meech (NZL)
Aug 16	M Finn	Scott (GBR)	Zbogar (SLO)	Paine (USA)
Aug 14	W RS:X	Picon (FRA)	Chen (CHN)	Elfutina (RUS)
Aug 16	W Laser Radial	Bouwmeester (NED)	Murphy (IRL)	Rindom (DEN)
Aug 16	Mxd Nacra 17	Argentina	Australia	Austria

A good regatta for the Netherlands so far, with two wins, but the medals are well distributed to 13 countries so far and five continents.

• **Sailing/Men's 470 ~ postponed on August 17**

The formchart:		Gold	Silver	Bronze
OG '12	London	Australia	Great Britain	Argentina
WCh '13	La Rochelle	Australia	France	Greece
WCh '14	Santander	Australia	Croatia	Greece
WCh '15	Haifa	Australia	Croatia	Russia
WCh '16	San Isidro	Croatia	New Zealand	Australia-France

Croatia's **Sime Fantela and Igor Marenic** finally moved up from Worlds silver medalist to World Champion in 2016 and are now in position to be Olympic champions. After the 10-race program, they have six top-ten finishes and stand with 27 points.

Greece's **Panagiotis Mantis and Pavlos Kagialis** claimed three straight second-place finishes in races 8-9-10 to get to second, with 38 points, within striking distance in the double-points medal race.

Six-time World Champion and 2012 Olympic gold winner **Matthew Belcher** of Australia, with **Will Ryan** for the 2013-14-15 World wins, is also in position for a medal – and maybe a gold – at 40 points. They have two wins and five top-3 finishes in the 10 races.

Those three seem clear, with the U.S. pair of **Stuart McNay and Dave Hughes** fourth with 67, a little too far for a medal, but ... you never know.

• **Sailing: Women's 470 ~ postponed on August 17**

The formchart:		Gold	Silver	Bronze
OG '12	London	New Zealand	Great Britain	Netherlands
WCh '13	La Rochelle	New Zealand	Austria	China
WCh '14	Santander	Austria	New Zealand	Great Britain



WCh '15	Haifa	Austria	Great Britain	France
WCh '16	San Isidro	France	New Zealand	Austria

This event is all but decided, with Britain's **Hannah Mills and Saskia Clark** well clear with 28 points, to 48 for New Zealand's **Jo Aleh and Polly Powrie**. But there are always odd possibilities, so nothing is sure ... yet.

Aleh and Powrie are in a fight for medals with **Annie Haeger and Briana Provancha** of the U.S. (49), **Camille LeCointre and Helene DeFrance** of France (50) and **Ai Kondo Yoshida and Miho Yoshioka** of Japan (52).

• **Sailing/Men's 49er**

<i>The formchart:</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Bronze</i>	
OG '12	London	Australia	New Zealand	Denmark
WCh '13	Marseille	New Zealand	New Zealand	France
WCh '14	Santander	New Zealand	Denmark	Australia
WCh '15	Buenos Aires	New Zealand	Australia	Spain
WCh '16	Clearwater	New Zealand	Australia	Great Britain

New Zealand's **Peter Burling and Blair Tuke** have wrapped up the gold medal already and lead the field with just 33 points after 12 races. The win continues their dominance of the division, extending now to four years!

Behind them, **Erik Heil and Thomas Ploessel** of Germany lead the rest of the 20-boat pack at 67 points, followed closely by **Nathan Outteridge and Iain Jensen** of Australia at 70. Further back, but still in contention is Britain's **Dylan Fletcher-Scott and Alain Sign**, with 80.

• **Sailing/Women's 49er FX**

<i>The formchart:</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Bronze</i>	
OG '12	London	not held		
WCh '13	Marseille	New Zealand	Brazil	France
WCh '14	Santander	Brazil	Denmark	Italy
WCh '15	Buenos Aires	Italy	Brazil	Denmark
WCh '16	Clearwater	Spain	Denmark	Germany

Rio marks the first appearance of the 49er FX class for women. The race for medals couldn't be tighter, with three crews at 46 points each after 12 races and one at 47:

- 46 Spain                      Tamara Echegoyen Dominguez and Berta Betanzos Moro
- 46 Brazil                      Martine Grae'l and Kahena Kunze
- 46 Denmark                  Jena Hansen and Katja Steen Salskov-Iversen
- 47 New Zealand              Alex Maloney and Molly Meech

The remaining boats are all at 75 points or more and do not figure to be in medal contention. The Spanish pair have won four races and the Brazilians, three, but the next one will be the one that counts most.

• **Shooting/Summary**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Gold</b>	<b>Silver</b>	<b>Bronze(s)</b>
Aug 6	M 10 m Air Pistol	Hoang (VIE)	Wu (BRA)	Pang (CHN)
Aug 13	M 25 m Rapid Pistol	Reitz (GER)	Quiquampoix (FRA)	Li (CHN)
Aug 10	M 50 m Pistol	Jin (KOR)	Hoang (VIE)	Kim (PRK)
Aug 8	M 10 m Air Rifle	Capriani (ITA)	Kulich (UKR)	Maslennikov (RUS)
Aug 12	M 50 m Rifle/Prone	Junghaenel (GER)	Kim (KOR)	Grigoryan (RUS)
Aug 14	M 50 m Rifle/3 Pos.	Campriani (ITA)	Kamenskiy (RUS)	Raynaud (FRA)
Aug 13	M Skeet	Rossetti (ITA)	Svensson (SWE)	Alrashidi (IOA/KUW)
Aug 8	M Trap	Glasnovic (CRO)	Pelliello (ITA)	Ling (GBR)
Aug 10	M Double Trap	Aldeehani (IOA/KUW)	Innocenti (ITA)	Scott (GBR)
Aug 7	W 10 m Air Pistol	Zhang (CHN)	Batsarashkina (RUS)	Korakaki (GRE)
Aug 9	W 25 m Air Pistol	Korakaki (GRE)	Karsch (GER)	Diethelm Gerber (SUI)
Aug 6	W 10 m Air Rifle	Thrasher (USA)	Du (CHN)	Li (CHN)
Aug 11	W 50 m Rifle/3 Pos.	Engleder (GER)	Zhang (CHN)	Du (CHN)
Aug 12	W Skeet	Bacosi (ITA)	Cainero (ITA)	Rhode (USA)
Aug 7	W Trap	Skinner (AUS)	Rooney (NZL)	Cogdell (USA)

*A great moment for shooting as Fehaid Aldeehani of Kuwait, competing under the Olympic flag as his National Olympic Committee is suspended, won the Men's Double Trap event over favorite Marco Innocenti of Italy. Kim Rhode of the United States won an amazing sixth medal in shooting in her sixth Olympic Games.*

• **Swimming/Summary**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Gold</b>	<b>Silver</b>	<b>Bronze(s)</b>
Aug 12	M 50 m Freestyle	Ervin (USA)	Manaudou (FRA)	Adrian (USA)
Aug 10	M 100 m Freestyle	Chalmers (AUS)	Timmers (BEL)	Adrian (USA)



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<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Gold</b>	<b>Silver</b>	<b>Bronze(s)</b>
Aug 8	M 200 m Freestyle	Sun (CHN)	le Clos (RSA)	Dwyer (USA)
Aug 6	M 400 m Freestyle	Horton (AUS)	Sun (CHN)	Detti (ITA)
Aug 13	M 1500 m Freestyle	Paltrinieri (ITA)	Jaeger (USA)	Detti (ITA)
Aug 8	M 100 m Backstroke	Murphy (USA)	Xu (CHN)	Plummer (USA)
Aug 11	M 200 m Backstroke	Murphy (USA)	Larkin (AUS)	Rylov (RUS)
Aug 7	M 100 m Breaststroke	Peaty (GBR)	van der Burgh (RSA)	Miller (USA)
Aug 10	M 200 m Breaststroke	Balandin (KAZ)	Prenot (USA)	Chupkov (RUS)
Aug 12	M 100 m Butterfly	Schooling (SIN)	Cseh (HUN)-la Clos (RSA)-Phelps (USA)	
Aug 9	M 200 m Butterfly	Phelps (USA)	Sakai (JPN)	Kenderesi (HUN)
Aug 11	M 200 m Ind. Medley	Phelps (USA)	Hagino (JPN)	Wang (CHN)
Aug 6	M 400 m Ind. Medley	Hagino (JPN)	Kalisz (USA)	Seto (JPN)
Aug 7	M 4x100 m Free Relay	United States	France	Australia
Aug 9	M 4x200 m Free Relay	United States	Great Britain	Japan
Aug 13	M 4x100 m Medley Rly	United States	Great Britain	Australia
Aug 13	W 50 m Freestyle	Blume (DEN)	Manuel (USA)	Herasimenia (BLR)
Aug 11	W 100 m Freestyle	Manuel (USA) and Oleksiak (CAN)		Sjostrom (SWE)
Aug 9	W 200 m Freestyle	Ledecky (USA)	Sjostrom (SWE)	McKeon (AUS)
Aug 7	W 400 m Freestyle	Ledecky (USA)	Carlin (GBR)	Smith (USA)
Aug 12	W 800 m Freestyle	Ledecky (USA)	Carlin (GBR)	Kapas (HUN)
Aug 8	W 100 m Backstroke	Hosszu (HUN)	Baker (USA)	Masse (CAN)-Fu (CHN)
Aug 12	W 200 m Backstroke	Dirado (USA)	Hosszu (HUN)	Caldwell (CAN)
Aug 8	W 100 m Breaststroke	King (USA)	Efimova (RUS)	Meili (USA)
Aug 11	W 200 m Breaststroke	Kaneto (JPN)	Efimova (RUS)	Shi (CHN)
Aug 7	W 100 m Butterfly	Sjostrom (SWE)	Oleksiak (CAN)	Vollmer (USA)
Aug 10	W 200 m Butterfly	Belmonte (ESP)	Groves (AUS)	Hoshi (JPN)
Aug 9	W 200 m Ind. Medley	Hosszu (HUN)	O'Connor (GBR)	Dirado (USA)

Date	Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze(s)
Aug 6	W 400 m Ind. Medley	Hosszu (HUN)	Dirado (USA)	Belmonte (ESP)
Aug 6	W 4x100 m Free Relay	Australia	United States	Canada
Aug 10	W 4x200 m Free Relay	United States	Australia	Canada
Aug 13	W 4x100 m Medley Rly	United States	Australia	Denmark
<b>Open Water</b>				
Aug 16	M 10 km	Weertman (NED)	Gianniotis (GRE)	Olivier (FRA)
Aug 15	W 10 km	van Rouwendaal (NED)	Bruni (ITA)	Okimoto (BRA)

*It's the Olympics, right? A great meet with multiple world records, in seven events, including the final event of the meet, as Ryan Murphy (USA) set the mark in the lead-off 100 m Backstroke in the 4x100 m Medley Relay. In order:*

- *Women's 400 m Ind. Medley:* *Katinka Hosszu (HUN)*
- *Women's 4x100 m Freestyle:* *Australia*
- *Men's 100 m Breaststroke:* *Adam Peaty (GBR) – twice*
- *Women's 100 m Butterfly:* *Sarah Sjostrom (SWE)*
- *Women's 400 m Freestyle:* *Katie Ledecky (USA)*
- *Women's 800 m Freestyle:* *Katie Ledecky (USA)*
- *Men's 100 m Backstroke:* *Ryan Murphy (USA) in the 4x100 m Medley Relay*

*Almost lost in the shuffle: now 28 Olympic medals (and 23 gold) for Michael Phelps on the U.S.'s winning all three relays, the 200 m Butterfly and 200 m Individual Medley.*

• **Synchronized Swimming/Summary**

Date	Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze(s)
Aug 16	Duets	Russia	China	Japan

*No doubt about the Russian win in Duets, a remarkable 2.6222 clear of the silver medalists from China.*

• **Table Tennis/Summary**

Date	Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze(s)
Aug 11	Men's Singles	Ma (CHN)	Zhang (CHN)	Mizutani (JPN)
Aug 17	Men's Team	China	Japan	Germany



Date	Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze(s)
Aug 10	Women's Singles	Ding (CHN)	Li (CHN)	Kim (PRK)
Aug 16	Women's Team	China	Germany	Japan

China continued its winning ways in women's singles with gold and silver twice and the women's team title; as expected.

• **Taekwondo/Summary**

Date	Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze(s)
Aug 17	Men 58 kg	Zhao (CHN)	Hanprab (THA)	Kim (KOR) Pie (DOM)
Aug 17	Women 49 kg	Kim (KOR)	Bogdanovic (SRB)	Abakarova (AZE) Wongpattanakit (THA)

China and Korea each scored opening-day wins, but Korea and Thailand both won medals in each competition.

• **Taekwondo: Men's 68 kg**

The formchart:		Gold	Silver	Bronze
OG '12	London	Servet Tazegul (TUR)	Moh. Bagheri M. (IRI)	Rohullah Nikpai (AFG)-Terr. Jennings (USA)
WCh '13	Puebla	Benham Asbaghi (IRI)	Hun Kim (KOR)	Balla Dieye (SEN)-Jose Ant. Rosillo (ESP)
WCh '15	Chelyabinsk	Servet Tazegul (TUR)	Al. Denisenko (RUS)	Jose Ant. Rosillo (ESP)-Dong-y Shin (KOR)

Defending champion **Servet Tazegul** is not only back, but is the reigning World Champion from 2015. Challenging him – in the same bracket – are 2015 Worlds runner-up **Alexey Denisenko** of Russia and Senegal's 2013 Worlds bronze medalist **Balla Dieye**.

Tazegul and Denisenko could meet in the quarterfinals and the winner could face Dieye in the semis.

Because the Olympic weight classes are combinations of standard Taekwondo classes, stars from the 63 kg class will compete in this event. That brings 2015 World 63 kg champion **Jaouad Achab** of Belgium into the draw, fighting Dieye in the round of 16.

In the lower half of the bracket, Korea's **Dae-hoon Lee** won silver in London all the way down at 58 kg, and might have to get past **Joel Gonzalez Bonilla** – the 2012 Olympic champion at 58 kg in the semis.

Also dangerous is Mexico's **Saul Gutierrez**, the bronze medalist in the 2015 Worlds in the 63 kg category. If he wins his first-round match, he could be facing Gonzalez Bonilla in the quarterfinals.

• **Taekwondo: Women's 57 kg**

<i>The formchart:</i>		<i>Gold</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Bronze</i>
OG '12	London	Jade Jones (GBR)	Yuzhuo Hou (CHN)	Marlene Harnois (FRA)-Le-C Tseng (TPE)
WCh '13	Puebla	So-hee Kim (KOR)	Mayu Hamaa (JPN)	Anna-Lena Fromming (GER)-E. Calvo (ESP)
WCh '15	Chelyabinsk	Mayu Hamada (JPN)	Eva Calvo (ESP)	Kimia Alizadeh (IRI)-Edina Kotsis (HUN)

Britain's **Jade Jones** is back to defend her title from London, and anchors the top half of the draw.

The bottom half of the bracket is full of challengers: World Champion **Mayu Hamada** of Japan, silver medalist **Eva Calvo** of Spain, bronze medalist **Kimia Alizadeh** of Iran, Worlds 53 kg bronze medalist **Ana Zaninovic** of Croatia, and **Wahba Hedaya** of Egypt, who defeated both Jones and Calvo in the 2015 Grand Prix Series Final.

Whomever comes out of the lower bracket might not have enough energy left to overcome the defending Olympic champion.

• **Tennis/Summary**

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Bronze(s)</i>
Aug 14	Men's Singles	Murray (GBR)	Del Potro (ARG)	Nishikori (JPN)
Aug 12	Men's Doubles	Spain	Romania	United States
Aug 13	Women's Singles	Puig (PUR)	Kerber (GER)	Kvitova (CZE)
Aug 14	Women's Doubles	Russia	Switzerland	Czech Rep.
Aug 14	Mixed Doubles	United States	United States	Czech Rep.

*Joy for Puerto Rico, an independent National Olympic Committee, with the women's singles gold medal in Monica Puig. Same for Britain, with Andy Murray defending his 2012 Olympic title from London.*

• **Triathlon/Men**

No formchart for this event, since the International Triathlon Union does not hold a single-day World Championship, but uses its World Triathlon Series beginning in 2009 to crown an annual series champion.

A total of 56 athletes are slated to start in Rio with a 1.5 km swim, followed by a 40 km bike phase and 10 km run. The athletes know each other well, racing on the World Series circuit for points and money. In the four Series races over the past three months prior to the Games:

- May 14: Yokohama
  1. Mario Mola (ESP)
  2. Crisanto Grajales (MEX)
  3. Kristian Blummenfeldt (NOR)
  4. Jacob Birtwhistle (AUS)
  5. Fernando Alarza (ESP)
  
- Jun 12: Leeds
  1. Alistair Brownlee (GBR)
  2. Jonathan Brownlee (GBR)
  3. Aaron Royle (AUS)
  4. Javier Gomez (ESP)
  5. Aurelian Raphael (FRA)
  
- Jul 02: Stockholm
  1. Alistair Brownlee (GBR)
  2. Jonathan Brownlee (GBR)
  3. Pierre LeCorre (FRA)
  4. Andreas Schilling (DEN)
  5. Fernando Alarza (ESP)
  
- Jul 16: Hamburg
  1. Mario Mola (ESP)
  2. Jacob Birtwhistle (AUS)
  3. Fernando Alanza (ESP)
  4. Joao Pereira (POR)
  5. Ryan Bailie (AUS)

These results say Spain's **Mario Mola** (currently ranked no. 1) and Britain's **Alistair Brownlee** (ranked 11th and defending Olympic gold medalist) have the hot hand and are favorites for medals. But they will get plenty of argument from **Jonathan Brownlee** (GBR – ranked 3rd and winner of the bronze medal in 2012), France's **Pierre Le Corre** (4th) and **Fernando Alarza** of Spain (2nd).

Worth noting: Mola also has Olympic experience from London, finishing 19th.

• **Weightlifting/Summary**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Gold</b>	<b>Silver</b>	<b>Bronze(s)</b>
Aug 7	M 56 kg	Long (CHN)	Om (PRK)	Kruaithong (THA)
Aug 8	M 62 kg	Figueroa (COL)	Irawan (INA)	Kharki (KAZ)
Aug 9	M 69 kg	Shi (CHN)	Ismayilov (TUR)	Artykov (KGZ)
Aug 10	M 77 kg	Rahimov (KAZ)	Lyu (CHN)	Mahmoud (EGY)
Aug 12	M 85 kg	Rostami (IRI)	Tian (CHN)	Sincraian (ROU)
Aug 13	M 94 kg	Moradi (IRI)	Straltsou (BLR)	Didzbalis (LTU)

Date	Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze(s)
Aug 15	M 105 kg	Nuruidinov (UZB)	Martirosyan (ARM)	Zaichikov (KAZ)
Aug 16	M +105 kg	Talakhadze (GEO)	Minasyan (ARM)	Turmanidze (GEO)
Aug 6	W 48 kg	Tanasan (THA)	Agustiana (INA)	Miyake (JPN)
Aug 7	W 53 kg	Hsu (TPE)	Diaz (PHI)	Yoon (KOR)
Aug 8	W 58 kg	Srisurat (THA)	Sirikaew (THA)	Kuo (TPE)
Aug 9	W 63 kg	Deng (CHN)	Choe (PRK)	Goricheva (KAZ)
Aug 10	W 69 kg	Xiang (CHN)	Zhapparkul (KAZ)	Ahmed (EGY)
Aug 12	W 75 kg	Rim (PRK)	Naumava (BLR)	Valentin (ESP)
Aug 14	W +75 kg	Meng (CHN)	Kim (KOR)	Robles (USA)

*The first weightlifting world record of the 2016 Games was delivered by Wei Deng of China, who lifted a combined 262 kg (578 lbs.) to add one kilogram to the prior standard. Not to be outdone, Kianoush Rostami of Iran set a new world mark in the 85 kg division at 396 kg (873 lbs.). Wow!*

• **Wrestling/Summary**

Date	Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze(s)
Aug 14	Greco-Roman/M 59 kg	Borrero (CUB)	Ota (JPN)	Tasmuradov (UZB) Berge (NOR)
Aug 16	Greco-Roman/M 66 kg	Stefanek (SRB)	Arutyunyan (ARM)	Bolkvadze (GEO) Chunayev (AZE)
Aug 14	Greco-Roman/M 75 kg	Vlasov (RUS)	Madsen (DEN)	Kim (KOR) Abdavi (IRI)
Aug 15	Greco-Roman/M 85 kg	Chakvetadze (RUS)	Beleniuk (UKR)	Hamzatu (BLR) Kudla (GER)
Aug 16	Greco-Roman/M 98 kg	Aleksanyan (ARM)	Lugo Cabrera (CUB)	Ildem (TUR) Rezaei (IRI)
Aug 15	Greco-Roman/M 130 kg	Lopez (CUB)	Kayaalp (TUR)	Shariati (AZE) Semenov (RUS)
Aug 17	Freestyle/W 48 kg	Tosaka (JPN)	Stadnik (AZE)	Sun (CHN) Yankova (BUL)



Date	Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze(s)
Aug 17	Freestyle/W 58 kg	Icho (JPN)	Koblova Zholobova (RUS)	Amri (TUN) Malik (IND)
Aug 17	Freestyle/W 69 kg	Dosho (JPN)	Vorobeveva (RUS)	Fransson (SWE) Syzdykova (KAZ)

The Cubans and Russians enjoyed the Greco-Roman competition the most, but medals went to a remarkable 16 countries. The first day of women's competition was a clean sweep for Japan.

• **Wrestling: Women's Freestyle 53 kg**

The formchart:	Gold	Silver	Bronze
OG '12 London (55 kg)	Saori Yoshida (JPN)	Tonya Veerbeek (CAN)	Jackeline Renteria (COL)-Y. Ratkevich (AZE)
WCh '13 Budapest	Yanan Sun (CHN)	Erden. Sumiyaa (MGL)	Sim-hyang So (PRK)-Jes. MacDonald (CAN)
WCh '14 Tashkent	Saori Yoshida (JPN)	Sofia Mattsson (SWE)	Jillian Gallays (CAN)-Myong-suk Jong (PRK)
WCh '15 Las Vegas	Saori Yoshida (JPN)	Sofia Mattsson (SWE)	Myong-suk Jong (PRK)-Adekuoroye (NGR)

This class has changed weights a bot: 55 kg in London, when there were four women's classes instead of the six in 2016. In the 2013 World Championships, this class was run at 51 kg.

In any case, there's no doubt about the favorite: defending Olympic champion **Saori Yoshida** of Japan.

Chasing her will be a bevy of recent medalists, including last year's silver winner Sofia Mattsson of Sweden, and both bronze medalists PRK's **Myong-suk Jong** and **Odunayo Adekuoroye** of Nigeria, plus 2014 bronze winner **Jillian Gallays** of Canada. But there's no question who they're all looking up to, for now.

• **Wrestling: Women's Freestyle 63 kg**

The formchart:	Gold	Silver	Bronze
OG '12 London	Kaori Icho (JPN)	Ruixue Jing (CHN)	Lubov Volosova (RUS)-S. Battsetseg (MGL)
WCh '13 Budapest	Kaori Icho (JPN)	Soro. Battsetseg (MGL)	Yekat. Larionova (KAZ)-E. Pirozkhova (USA)
WCh '14 Tashkent	Yuliya Tkach (UKR)	Elena Pirozkhova (USA)	Val. Lazinskaya (RUS)-A. Grigorjeva (LAT)
WCh '15 Las Vegas	Soro. Battsetseg (MGL)	Risako Kawai (JPN)	Yuliya Tkach (UKR)-Taybe Yusein (BLR)

World Champion **Soronzonbold Battsetseg** is ready to take on all challengers, but especially **Risako Kawai** of Japan, whom she defeated by pinfall last year in Las Vegas to claim her first world title.

They're in opposite brackets, with different paths to the medal rounds. Battsetseg has previous medal winners such as American **Elena Pirozkhova** in her way, while Kawai will likely have to deal with

Ukraine's 2014 World Champion **Yuliya Tkach** and Latvia's **Anastaija Grigorjeva**.

• **Wrestling: Women's Freestyle 75 kg**

<i>The formchart:</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Bronze</i>
OG '12 London	Not held (72 kg held)		
WCh '13 Budapest	Fengliu Zhang (CHN)	Natal. Vorobieva (RUS)	Adeline Gray (USA)-Ochir. Burmaa (MGL)
WCh '14 Tashkent	Adeline Gray (USA)	Aline Ferreira (BRA)	Ochir. Burmaa (MGL)-Qian Zhou (CHN)
WCh '15 Las Vegas	Adeline Gray (USA)	Qian Zhou (CHN)	Epp Mae (EST)-Vasilisa Marzaliuk (BLR)

In the 2013 World Championships, this class was at 72 kg. **Adeline Gray** of the U.S. is the two-time defending World Champion, so she's the one to beat.

Ready to undertake that challenge are three World Championships medal winners on Gray's alf of the bracket: **Vasilisa Marzaliuk** of Belarus and the duo of China's 2013 World Champion **Fengliu Zhang** from China and Estonia's **Mae Epp**, last year's bronze medalist. Zhang and Epp are headed for a showdown in the quarterfinals. The winner of this bracket will be the favorite for the gold medal.

On the other side of the bracket is Ukraine's **Alla Cherkasova**, now 27, who was the 2010 World Championships bronze medalist at 67 kg.

### ***Trials Tracker***

One of the raging debates, especially in track & field, is about the dates selected for the U.S. Olympic Trials vs. the competition dates at the Olympic Games. Too soon, and it makes it hard for athletes to keep their edge, some say. Too late and there isn't enough recovery time.

So we're keeping track of the Trials vs. Games performance of U.S. athletes in swimming and track & field (coming soon; really, promise!), comparing the Trials finals marks vs. the last round achieved in the Games. The swimmers were amazing, with the men bettering their Trials marks in 14/26 instances (53.8%) and the women were even better: 16 of 26 for 61.5 percent!

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