



Medals leaders

Updated Thursday afternoon

	G	S	B	T
United States	27	35	33	95
China	28	25	17	70
France	13	18	21	52
Britain	13	17	20	50
Australia	18	14	11	43
Japan	12	7	13	32
Italy	10	11	9	30
South Korea	12	8	7	27
Netherlands	10	5	7	22
Germany	9	6	5	20
Canada	6	5	9	20
Brazil	2	5	7	14
Spain	2	3	8	13
New Zealand	4	6	2	12
Hungary	3	3	3	9
Sweden	3	3	3	9
Romania	3	4	1	8
Ukraine	3	2	3	8
Ireland	4	0	3	7
Kazakhstan	1	3	3	7
Switzerland	1	2	4	7
Greece	1	1	5	7
Croatia	2	1	3	6
Israel	1	4	1	6
Poland	1	1	4	6
Taiwan	1	0	5	6
Cuba	2	1	2	5
Belgium	2	0	3	5
Jamaica	1	3	1	5
Thailand	1	2	2	5
Kenya	1	1	3	5
North Korea	0	2	3	5

Selected TV listings

Friday, August 9

All times Central

ARTISTIC SWIMMING » 2:45 p.m.: EI — Duet: Technical Routine (Taped)

BASKETBALL » 4:15 p.m.: USA — Women's Semifinal (Taped); 7 p.m.: USA — Women's Semifinal (Taped)

BEACH VOLLEYBALL » 2 p.m.: USA — Women's Bronze Final; 3:30 p.m.: NBC — Women's Gold Final; 10 p.m.: NBC — Primetime in Paris (Aug 9)

BOXING » 6:45 a.m.: USA — Boxing, Taekwondo (Taped) **BREAKING**; 9 a.m.: EI — Women's Qualification; 1 p.m.: EI — Women's Final; 10 p.m.: NBC — Primetime in Paris (Aug 9)

CANOE & KAYAK » 1:35 a.m.: NBC — NBC Late Night (Aug 8); 6:15 a.m.: EI — Sprint: Canoe, Kayak Finals

CYCLING » 2:30 a.m.: USA — Women's Keirin, Men's Omnium (Taped); 11:20 a.m.: EI — Men's Sprint, Women's Madison; 12:30 p.m.: EI — Men's Sprint, Women's Madison (Taped)

DIVING » 3 a.m.: EI — Men's 10m Platform Preliminary; 8 a.m.: NBC — Women's 3m Springboard Final (Taped); 10 p.m.: NBC — Primetime in Paris (Aug 9)

FIELD HOCKEY » 10 a.m.: USA — Women's Bronze Final (Taped); 8:30 p.m.: USA — Women's Gold Final (Taped)

GOLF » 2 a.m.: GOLF — Women's Round 3: Part 1, 6 a.m.: GOLF — Women's Round 3: Part 2

RHYTHMIC GYMNASTICS » 7 a.m.: EI — Group Qualification; 3 p.m.: NBC — Individual All Around Final (Taped)

SOCCER » 8 a.m.: USA — Women's Bronze Final; 11 a.m.: USA — Men's Gold Final; 5 p.m.: USA — Women's Gold Final

SPORT CLIMBING » 1:35 a.m.: NBC — NBC Late Night (Aug 8); 5:40 a.m.: EI — Men's Combined: Final

SWIMMING » 12:30 a.m.: USA — Men's 10km Open Water

TAEKWONDO » 6:45 a.m.: USA — Boxing, Taekwondo (Taped)

TRACK FIELD » 3 a.m.: USA — Heats: Men's & Women's 4x400m & more; 9:15 a.m.: NBC — Heats: Men's & Women's 4x400m & more (Taped); 12:30 p.m.: NBC — Finals: Men's & Women's 4x100m & more; 10 p.m.: NBC — Primetime in Paris (Aug 9)

VOLLEYBALL » 1 p.m.: USA — Men's Bronze Final (Taped); 3:30 p.m.: USA — Men's Gold Final

WEIGHTLIFTING » 6:15 a.m.: USA — Men's 73kg, Women's 59kg Finals (Taped); 3 p.m.: CNBC — Men's 102+kg Final; 4:45 p.m.: USA — Women's 71kg Finals (Taped)

WRESTLING » 7:30 a.m.: USA — M 74kg, 125kg, W 62kg Freestyle Eliminations (Taped); 3 p.m.: USA — Finals: M 74kg, 125kg, W 62kg Freestyle (Taped); 4 p.m.: USA — Finals: M&W Freestyle 57kg & more (Taped)

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EQUESTRIAN

Rider safety an ongoing discussion

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VERSAILLES, France — When Laura Kraut competed in equestrian at the Paris Olympics she was one of the few showjumpers wearing a protective airbag vest. That's likely to change.

Along with horse welfare, rider safety is an ongoing issue for the sport's international governing body, the FEI, which is working to develop helmets and airbag vests.

Kraut, a 58-year-old American rider, started using one of the airbag vests three years ago at the suggestion of a doctor following a heavy fall in Belgium. Now she never rides without one.

“He said you lose fluid around your spinal cord, and so when you jolt this way or that way, the older you get the more problems that can cause you,” Kraut told The Associated Press after placing eighth in the individual jumping competition. “I’ve had three or four pretty bad falls, that (when) I hit the ground thinking ‘this is going to be bad.’”

Mark Hart, who chairs the FEI’s medical committee, says a working



Mosa’ab Elshamy, file | Associated Press

Ecuador’s Ronald Zabala G., riding Forever Young Wundermaske, fall off his horse during the Equestrian Cross Country competition at Chateau de Versailles on July 28 in Versailles, France.

group — including scientists, doctors, helmet representatives and a rider — focuses on improvements to helmets to reduce head injuries.

“We have to use a lot of epidemiological studies, clinically, but also bio-medical engineering,” Hart said. The FEI confers with other

federations and sports, including motocross, where competitors also risk concussion.

Awareness around the symptoms and effects of concussion is improving, generally, but more needs to be done to highlight the issue for athletes in sports that involve contact,

collisions or the possibility of falls.

“A lot of this is education — people have to know the signs and the symptoms,” Hart told the AP. “There’s a whole gradation of concussions, and sometimes the effects are immediate and sometimes they are,” delayed.

Jumping and cross-country — which forms part of eventing — remain the riskiest equestrian disciplines.

“If you look at the data from an absolute value, jumping is going to have the most reports of concussion because there’s more jumpers” competing, Hart said. “If you look at it in relative value, eventing has a little bit more (risk) because they move faster (and) there’s cross country.”

Cross-country fences are rigid and don’t collapse on a horse’s impact, whereas in jumping they do.

“Eventing is kind of unique because the fences are also involved in the injuries,” Hart said. “Horse falls are incredibly complicated. When you fall off a horse, you don’t know if you’re going left, right, if the horse is rotating over you, or how you’re going to land. Is the horse going to land on top of you? Is the horse going to step on you?”

A FAMILY AFFAIR

Moms on U.S. hoops team enjoy special moments while chasing history

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Breanna Stewart and the other moms on the US women’s basketball team are enjoying some special moments while chasing Olympic history.

In addition to trying to become the first Olympic team — male or female — to win eight consecutive gold medals, they are having a rare bonding experience at the Paris Games.

The Americans will play Australia on Friday in the semifinals, looking to extend the program’s winning streak to 60 straight games and reach Sunday’s gold medal game.

But they have an important appointment before the game: A birthday party Stewart’s daughter Ruby, who turns 3 on Friday.

“There’s a ton of kids with our Team USA group,” said Stewart, a two-time gold medalist. “So I’m sure we’ll find something fun. Very Paw Patrol-like, but it’ll just be a great day for her. And, you know, for us, we’ll just be continuing on our journey.”

These games are very different than the last Olympics. The 2021 Tokyo Games were held under strict pandemic protocols, and these women aren’t the only parents who’ve brought their children with them to Paris.

In Tokyo, the U.S. women’s basketball team had only two mothers on the team: Diana Taurasi and Skylar Diggins-



Mark J. Terrill | Associated Press

United States’ Breanna Stewart (10) celebrates with Kelsey Plum (5) after a basket against Nigeria during a women’s quarterfinal game at Bercy Arena on Wednesday in Paris.

Smith. Now there’s five parents: four moms and one “Pops” as two-time gold medalist Brittney Griner prefers to be called as the newest member with her wife even more special. With families and nannies helping, the children held their own Olympics when the

team was busy in group play. Collier’s 2-year-old daughter, Mila Bazzel, missed out on competing. “My daughter was sleeping, so we missed it,” Collier said. “It was during that time. But it’s really fun to have all of them ... around.”

Chelsea Gray and her wife have a baby boy. Taurasi and wife — former Australian Olympian and WNBA All-Star Penny Taylor — have two children: a boy and a girl. Stewart also has two

children with her wife, retired Spanish basketball player Marta Xargay with baby boy Theo their second.

With the U.S. women staying in Paris and commuting to Lille for group games, tipoff coincided with bedtime. Now that the medal-round games are in Paris, Taylor brought their children to Wednesday night’s win over Nigeria sitting a few rows behind the U.S. bench and Taurasi.

INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE

Allyson Felix wins athlete election to join the IOC

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PARIS — Seven-time Olympic gold medalist Allyson Felix won an election Thursday to represent athletes at the IOC for the next eight years.

Three of the four newly elected athlete members are women, including Australian canoeist Jessica Fox, a double Olympic medalist in Paris, and Kim Bui, a member of the Germany gymnastic team who wore unitards at the Tokyo Olympics in a protest

against the “sexualization” of female uniforms in the sport.

Fourth place in the vote by 6,576 athletes at the Paris Olympics went to Marcus Daniell, the New Zealand tennis player who won a bronze medal in men’s doubles at Tokyo three years ago.

Felix, the now-retired United States sprinting great, topped the poll with support from 2,880 of her peers, the International Olympic Committee said.

Each of the athlete members gets an eight-year term on the International Olympic

Committee. The big decisions they will be involved with include picking hosts for the 2036 and 2040 editions of the Summer Games.

“My biggest goal is to hear, and take some time to listen to what is going on,” Felix said.

Athletes are eligible as election candidates if they competed in the current or previous Olympics. Felix competed in her fifth Summer Games at Tokyo three years ago. She won medals on each trip to the Olympics, including a gold in the 4x400-meter relay in her farewell.



Allyson Felix