



SUMMER Olympic Report

PARIS 2024



Medals leaders

Updated Monday afternoon

	G	S	B	T
United States	19	29	27	75
China	21	17	14	52
France	12	15	18	45
Britain	10	13	17	40
Australia	13	11	8	32
South Korea	11	8	7	26
Japan	10	5	11	26
Italy	9	10	6	25
Canada	5	4	8	17
Netherlands	6	5	4	15
Germany	6	5	3	14
Brazil	2	4	5	11
New Zealand	3	4	1	8
Hungary	3	3	2	8
Spain	1	2	5	8
Romania	3	3	1	7
Sweden	2	3	2	7
Ukraine	2	2	3	7
Ireland	3	0	3	6
Israel	1	4	1	6
Switzerland	1	1	4	6
Belgium	2	0	3	5
Greece	0	1	4	5
Croatia	2	1	1	4
Hong Kong	2	0	2	4
Georgia	1	2	1	4
Kazakhstan	1	1	2	4
South Africa	1	1	2	4

Selected TV listings

Tuesday, August 6

All times Central

ARTISTIC SWIMMING » 4 p.m.: E! — Team: Free Routine (Taped)

BADMINTON » 2 a.m.: USA — Men's Singles: Gold Final (Taped); 7 p.m.: USA — Women's Singles: Gold Final (Taped)

BASKETBALL » 4 a.m.: E! — Men's Quarterfinal; 7:30 a.m.: USA — Men's Quarterfinal; 2:15 p.m.: USA — Men's Quarterfinal (Taped); 10:30 p.m.: USA — Men's Quarterfinal (Taped)

BEACH VOLLEYBALL » 12 a.m.: USA — Round of 16 (Taped); 1 a.m.: USA — Round of 16 (Taped); 1:15 p.m.: USA — Quarterfinal (Taped); 3 p.m.: NBC — Quarterfinal; 4 p.m.: NBC — Round of 16 (Taped); 9:30 p.m.: USA — Quarterfinal (Taped)

BOXING » 9 p.m.: USA — Women's Light, Men's Welter Finals & more

CANOE & KAYAK » 8:30 a.m.: E! — Sprint: Canoe, Kayak Heats (Taped)

CYCLING » 1:15 p.m.: E! — Men's Team Sprint (Taped); 8 p.m.: USA — Women's Team Sprint (Taped)

DIVING » 8 a.m.: NBC — Women's 10m Platform Final (Taped); 3 a.m.: E! — Men's 3m Springboard Preliminary

EQUESTRIAN » 6 a.m.: E! — Jumping: Individual Final (Taped); 9:15 a.m.: NBC — Jumping: Individual Final (Taped)

FIELD HOCKEY » 7 p.m.: USA — Men's Semifinal (Taped); 10:30 p.m.: USA — Women's Quarterfinal (Taped)

HANDBALL » 9:15 a.m.: E! — Women's Quarterfinal (Taped); 8 p.m.: USA — Women's Quarterfinal (Taped)

Phelps calls for lifetime ban for anyone doping

PARIS — In the wake of a Chinese doping scandal, Michael Phelps doubled down Monday on his support for tougher sanctions — including a lifetime ban for anyone who tests positive for a banned substance.

"If you test positive, you should never be allowed to come back and compete again, cut and dry," Phelps said. "I believe one and done."

The World Anti-Doping Agency and World Aquatics have acknowledged that 23 Chinese swimmers tested positive for a banned substance ahead of the Tokyo Olympics. The results were not made public until media reports surfaced this year, with both bodies accepting the Chinese explanation that the positive tests were caused by tainted food.

Nine of those swimmers won medals — several as part of relay teams — in Paris, leading British star Adam Peaty to gripe that the playing field was not even.

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WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS

Beam final was oddly quiet, gymnasts noticed

Atmosphere might have been a factor in shaky performances from Biles, Sunisa Lee and more

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AP NATIONAL WRITER

PARIS — An unusually quiet arena may have played a factor in a shaky balance beam final for Simone Biles, Sunisa Lee and a handful of other event finalists Monday.

Biles, Lee, Brazil's Julia Soares and Romania's Sabrina Maneca-Voinea all fell during their routines inside Bercy Arena, where no music was played and some fans hushed others for making noise while the athletes were up. Italy's Alice D'Amato barely wobbled, by comparison, on her way to gold.

"It was really weird and awkward," said Biles, who finished fifth behind Lee. "We've asked several

times if we can have some music, or some background noise. I'm not really sure what happened there, but yeah, not our favorite. None of us liked it."

International Gymnastics Federation senior communications manager Meike Behrensen said in an email to The Associated Press the decision was "part of the sport presentation plan at Paris 2024."

There is typically a wall of sound at all times during meets that can serve essentially as background noise to the athletes, who like it because it in some way mimics the cacophony of a typical practice at their home gyms.

Music was played during qualifying, team finals and all-around finals for both the men and women during the Paris Games.

The atmosphere changed during individual event finals, when the music was shut off.

Nowhere was the silence that more noticeable than on beam, a four-inch wide piece of wood 4 feet



Charlie Riedel | Associated Press

Sunisa Lee, of the United States, bobbles and falls during the women's gymnastics individual balance beam finals at Bercy Arena.

off the ground that requires intense concentration.

Lee and Biles, both of whom slipped at the end of their acrobatic

series, couldn't help but notice. They commiserated afterward.

"The pressure was definitely on," Lee said.

SKATEBOARDING

MUSIC AND MEDALS

U.S. skateboarder drops into Olympic bowl with an apt new song: "Perfect Moment"

JOHN LEICESTER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PARIS — Keep an eye out for Bryce Wettstein when she and other skateboarders drop into the Paris Olympics bowl: You can't miss her — she's likely to be the only one strumming a ukulele between runs.

Yup, this 20-year-old both soars and sings. The San Diego native could emerge from the women's park competition Tuesday with a medal, new lyrics or both.

In Paris, the now two-time Olympian (she was the best-placed American woman in the park, finishing sixth, when skateboarding made its Olympic debut in 2021 at the Tokyo Games) has been musically whiling away her downtime.

Editing on her phone, Wettstein is putting finishing touches to a music video to go with a song she wrote a couple of months before the Games. She called it "Perfect Moment" — which could be very fitting Tuesday, depending on how things go for her.

"It reminds me so much of skateboarding, the Olympics," she said. "I love it. It's like a little song about everything, finding that perfect moment."

The follow-up question was obvious: Would you mind playing it?

"Sure! Sure! Yeah, I'd love to," she beamed.

Out came the ukulele that Wettstein had slung over her shoulder. Sat on a curb, after training,



Frank Franklin II | Associated Press

Bryce Wettstein of the United States practices Saturday at the Olympic skateboard park in Paris, France. The San Diego native could emerge from the women's park competition with a medal, new lyrics or both.

outside the skatepark Paris has erected temporarily on Concorde Plaza — where French revolutionaries guillotined King Louis XVI and other royals — Wettstein started to strum.

And time just stopped.

She sings beautifully — her voice tinged with smokiness on lower notes, and crystalline sparkle up high.

"A perfect moment lasts so it can be found," she sang.

There was a reference to her other passion, too: "Later on in time, I skate by sidewalks I thought were new."

She says much of the song came to her in one go — at the skate bowl she has at home, under a tree.

"I got the verse and then the chorus, and then the next part kind of came the next day," she said. "When you sing something, you know, you're like: 'That was it.' Like there's no going back. And

it's just so magical."

And for Wettstein the skateboarder, music is a performance-enhancer, too. She said she'll bring her ukulele with her for the Olympic competition.

"Music helps me take my mind off, honestly, the stress of anything," she said.

"I always play music before I compete and things like that ... Sometimes I can't not play. It's right there, you know?"

SWIMMING

Americans have more depth than anyone at the pool

But gold medals harder and harder to come by

PAUL NEWBERRY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NANTERRE, France — No one can match America's depth at the pool.

That said, claiming the top step on the Olympic medal podium is no longer a given for U.S. swimmers.

Nine days of thrilling competition at La Defense Arena wrapped up Sunday night with the Americans barely pulling out the lead in the gold medal standings thanks to

a victory in the last race.

The U.S. finished with just eight golds, its fewest since the 1988 Seoul Games and one ahead of its biggest rival, Australia.

"It's one of the worst performances in history as a U.S. team," Michael Phelps, the most decorated Olympian ever and part of the NBC broadcast team in Paris, said Monday.

"Something's got to happen before 2028 because if you have a repeat like this, it's gonna be even more embarrassing."

Notably, the rest of the world



Bobby Finke

totaled more victories (20) than the United States and Australia combined, the first time that's happened since the 1996 Atlanta Games.

The Americans will certainly be intent on improving their performance heading into the home games at Los Angeles in 2028, when swimming will have its largest, most spectacular setting yet — a temporary pool inside SoFi Stadium with a capacity for some 38,000 fans.

Still, with more and more international swimmers getting their

training in the U.S. — and prominent American coaches such as Bob Bowman spreading their knowledge to other countries — a more diverse list of gold medalists is likely to be the norm going forward.

"This sport is growing and I can't help but feel like we've been a part of that," American gold medalist Bobby Finke said.

"It's something we should take home and be proud of."

Two of the biggest swimming stars in Paris, France's Léon Marchand and Canada's Summer McIntosh, train in the U.S. but won a bevy of medals for their home countries.