



## THE TOP 20 MEDAL WINNERS

**United States**  
44 Gold, 32 Silver, 25 Bronze  
Total 101

**Germany**  
20 Gold, 18 Silver, 27 Bronze  
Total 65

**Russia**  
26 Gold, 21 Silver, 16 Bronze  
Total 63

**China**  
16 Gold, 22 Silver, 12 Bronze  
Total 50

**Australia**  
9 Gold, 9 Silver, 23 Bronze  
Total 41

**France**  
15 Gold, 7 Silver, 15 Bronze  
Total 37

**Italy**  
13 Gold, 10 Silver, 12 Bronze  
Total 35

**Korea**  
7 Gold, 15 Silver, 5 Bronze  
Total 27

**Cuba**  
9 Gold, 8 Silver, 8 Bronze  
Total 25

**Ukraine**  
9 Gold, 2 Silver, 12 Bronze  
Total 23

**Canada**  
3 Gold, 11 Silver, 8 Bronze  
Total 22

**Hungary**  
7 Gold, 4 Silver, 10 Bronze  
Total 21

**Romania**  
4 Gold, 7 Silver, 9 Bronze  
Total 20

**Netherlands**  
4 Gold, 5 Silver, 10 Bronze  
Total 19

**Poland**  
7 Gold, 5 Silver, 5 Bronze  
Total 17

**Spain**  
5 Gold, 6 Silver, 6 Bronze  
Total 17

**Bulgaria**  
3 Gold, 7 Silver, 5 Bronze  
Total 15

**Brazil**  
3 Gold, 3 Silver, 9 Bronze  
Total 15

**Britain**  
1 Gold, 8 Silver, 6 Bronze  
Total 15

**Belarus**  
1 Gold, 6 Silver, 8 Bronze  
Total 15

# SPORTS

## 1996 OLYMPIC GAMES

### OREGON ATHLETES BRING HOME THE GOLD

BY SABRINA SAKATA

Portland-born Dan O'Brien and former University of Portland teammates Shannon MacMillan and Tiffany Milbrett were among the gold-studded stars at the Atlanta Olympic Games last week.

Milbrett and MacMillan both scored one goal each to bring the women's U.S. soccer team to a powerful victory over China 2-1.

The Sanford Stadium held an overjoyed crowd of 76,481, said to be the largest audience to ever watch a women's sporting event.

Tiffany Roberts, a key element of the team's defense, spoke of this glorious triumph fulfilling childhood dreams. "I drew a picture of this moment when I was in the second grade, and this is exactly as I envisioned it," she said.

Milbrett, a 23-year-old Hillsboro native, had different sentiments. "All you could do is walk out there and know you have one last game—this is one last game. When this is your

first Olympics, you have no idea what this is like."

Milbrett scored the second goal in the 68th minute of the game. MacMillan scored the first goal in the first half, and almost sunk a second, when she craftily outran a defender, but shot wide. Destiny sat in the hands of her longtime friend and college roommate to make the tie-breaking goal.

MacMillan, 21-year-old 1995 College Player of the Year from Escondido, California, walked off the soccer field with a U.S. flag draped around her neck while fans chanted, "U.S.A."

"Oh my gosh," she cried. "This is the best feeling in the world."

"It took 90 minutes to wear them down. Everybody has their little nicks and scrapes, but we trained all year for this. There was no way we were going to let this team down."

Milbrett said the gold medal made up for the NCAA title she never won at Portland.

"You have a tremendous pride playing for college," she said. "But this is something you strive for as a professional athlete. This is the best ever—ever, ever, ever."

Milbrett, though acknowledging the impact of the victory on the future of women's soccer, emphasized the personal meaning that the gold medal bestowed upon her heart.

"All I see is this," she said, holding the medal. "It's all that matters. We came here. We put our hearts on the line. We played as hard as we could. And we kicked butt."

In track and field, Dan O'Brien fell to his knee and cried after finishing the 1,500 meters and winning the decathlon gold medal.

The Portland native cleared the 14-foot, 9-inch bar in the pole vault, Thursday, and continued rocketing up to win the Olympic decathlon with 8,824 points.

The victory was all sweet in contrast to the bitter experience at the 1992 Olympic trials at New Orleans

when he "no-heighted" in the pole vault.

Exceeding a personal best by more than five feet, O'Brien encountered vast success in the javelin, tossing the spear just over 219 feet.

"As soon as it left my hand, I knew it was a long one, so I just kept yelling," O'Brien said.

Frank Busemann, of Germany, needed 32 seconds over O'Brien in the 1,500 to win the gold medal but fell short as his best effort gave a time of 4:31.41 and O'Brien managed to come in at 4:45.89.

O'Brien's best time in the 1,500 this year was 5:12.01 and Busemann's was 4:28.15.

"It always comes down to the 1,500, whether you're talking about the gold, the world record or 9,000 (points)," O'Brien said. "The 1,500 is a slow pain, but I enjoyed it out there. I was hurting, I was numb, but that's what I'm suppose to be."

Busemann wasn't predicted to be a lead competitor in the games but he

shelled out several personal bests in the long jump, 400 meters and javelin, and tied his best in the pole vault.

"Frank Busemann came out of nowhere," O'Brien said. "He really surprised me. When someone gets on a roll like that, you just hope they'll have a weak throw or a weak jump and give some points back. But he kept having personal best after personal best."

"He's a specimen. He's going to get 9,000 points. If I don't do it first."

Before leaving the medal stand, O'Brien hugged Busemann and Czech Tomas Dvorak (bronze medalist). With The Village People's "YMCA" blaring throughout the stadium, he ran up the steps leading into the tunnel that went beneath the stadium, and then took a final moment to do the arm signals of the chorus with the crowd before disappearing from the grounds.

O'Brien declared, "I'm never going to be a rock star, but this is as close to it as I can get."

### CEREMONIES MARK END OF OLYMPICS

The Atlanta Centennial Olympics are over, and the Summer Games are in bed until the year 2000, when Sydney, Australia plays host.

The final event of the games was Sunday night's 111-87 win by the United States women's basketball team over Brazil in the gold medal game, and the closing ceremonies capped the celebration of athletics at Olympic Stadium.

The Games were marred early in the morning on Saturday, July 27th, when a pipe bomb detonated in Centennial Olympic Park, killing a woman and leading to the fatal heart attack of a Turkish cameraman that was rushing to the scene. In addition, more than 100 people were injured.

The three-hour closing ceremonies featured numerous pop stars, including Stevie Wonder and Gloria Estefan, plus an array of acrobatics that resembled the X Games, ESPN's

alternative Olympic competition.

The Olympic flag, carried by record-setting American sprinter Michael Johnson, was passed from Atlanta mayor Bill Campbell to Frank Sartor, the mayor of Sydney, where there was a midday celebration going on.

Each nation had its flag carried out, and equestrian silver medalist Michael Matz bore the Stars and Stripes.

International Olympic Committee president Juan Antonio Samaranch acknowledged the bombing and had the crowd pause for a moment of silence before the Olympic flag was passed on, signaling the official end of Atlanta's Olympiad.

What followed was a tribute to Australia, with imitation kangaroos and Aboriginal music. There was also a fireworks display.

The 16th and final day of competition at the Centennial Games be-

gan this morning with Josia Thugwane of South Africa winning the men's marathon.

After that, American boxer David Reid gave the Atlanta Games another memorable moment by pulling off one of the most stunning victories in Olympic history.

A total of 271 gold medals were bestowed at the Atlanta Games.

The United States won 44 gold medals and 101 overall, both highs for the Atlanta Games. Russia was second with 26 golds and 63 overall. Germany was second in the overall race with 65, including 20 gold.

Seventy-nine of the 197 countries taking part in the games won a medal, including Russia and eight other former republics of the Soviet Union.

With the help of Russia's 63, countries from the former Soviet Union combined for 119 medals, including 39 gold.

### CARL LEWIS' LAST JOURNAL

BY CARL LEWIS

A newspaper reporter recently asked me to write my own epitaph. It was an interesting way to gather material for a story about the end of my Olympic career.

But it was difficult for me to come up with a response. It's not like walking away from my final Olympics means my life is about to end. At least I hope not.

First of all, my track and field career is not even over yet. I'll still be competing in a number of meets next year, probably concentrating on relays with my Santa Monica Track Club teammates.

Secondly, I'm very excited about my days after track and field. I've been in this sport, this business, my entire adult life, so I really look forward to new experiences. I look forward to the days and weeks and months when I can do whatever I want to do.

There will be no more reason to schedule everything around what is best for training and competition. That will be entirely new for me, and definitely an appealing prospect.

There will be no more media microscope on everything I do. There will be so much more time for friends and family and fun, so much more time to help in the community, so much more freedom to pursue just about anything I want to do.

I'll increase my involvement with the same charities I've been supporting for years: organ donor awareness, the United Negro College Fund, the Best Buddies program for people with mental retardation.

I'll also be more involved in politics. I don't want to be an elected official. I do want to offer my help both locally and na-

tionally on a wide variety of issues.

My involvement with track and field? I'll always do whatever I can to help with the University of Houston program and the Santa Monica club. Those will be my priorities.

So much has been made the last week about the nine Olympic gold medals I've won. Everyone wanted to know if I'd have a chance to win number ten as a member of the U.S. 4 x 100 relay team. Number ten would have put me at the top of the all-time list for golds.

Ultimately, my legacy will be decided by others. But I do hope I'll be remembered for more than just medals and records and statistics.

I'd like to be remembered for what I've done to move track and field out of the Dark Ages of amateurism and into the enlightened

arena of professionalism. I'd like to be remembered for my fight against the use of performance-enhancing drugs. I'd like to be known as someone who had an impact on redefining the limits of longevity in track and field.

I don't remember the exact response I gave to that reporter who wanted the epitaph. Maybe I'll just borrow the words of Bud Greenspan, the cinematographer, who just produced a summary of my career. I watched it Saturday morning during an awards ceremony at which gymnast Kerri Strug and I were honored as recipients of the Olympic Spirit Award.

In closing, Greenspan attributes my success to the following approach: "Never look to the ground for your next step. Greatness belongs to those who look to the horizon."

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### INTEREST SOARS AFTER OLYMPIC GAMES

In living rooms across the country last week, 3-year-olds were practicing somersaults, 12-year-olds were vaulting over their fathers' favorite armchairs, and 5-year-olds were launching themselves off the backs of couches.

The kids were inspired by the U.S. Women's Gymnastic Team's Olympic success.

And their parents, frightened out of their wits, began calling local gymnastics centers.

"Our phones have been just crazy since the Olympics began," said Patty Eaton, co-owner of Desert Devil Gym in Scottsdale.

Desert Devil gym and others in the Valley have reported a surge of interest in gymnastics classes since the Olympics began, with a particular

deluge after the women's team won the gold medal.

The gym had to bring in two additional staffers per day to help answer phones, which ring constantly from 8 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., Eaton said.

Most callers are the parents of girls ages 6 to 12, owners said, although they've had calls from the parents of every age group, from 2-year-olds to 18-year-olds, and from the parents of boys interested in the sport. Nine-year-old Chris Pasanella is one of them.

Chris said he signed up for gymnastics last week because he watched the Olympians on TV and "It looked fun."

"I just wanted to come out here and spend a couple of years and get in the Olympics," he said.

"I'm going to win the gold."

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