

OLYMPICS: Brazilian tapped as first off tee when golf debuts



United States' Michael Phelps, top, competes in a semifinal of the men's 200-meter butterfly during the swimming competitions at the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Monday, Aug. 8, 2016.

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Brazil finds itself needing a victory against Denmark to advance and avoid another huge embarrassment two years after a demoralizing 7-1 loss to Germany in the semifinals of the World Cup.

Brazilian fans aren't just booing their men's soccer team. After months of dire predictions from abroad about the mosquito-borne Zika virus, some locals are doing some stinging of their own: They're jeering U.S. athletes and taunting them over the fears that kept some competitors away from South America's first Olympics.

In the women's sabre tournament, Muhammad, sporting a plain black Muslim head scarf under a red, white and blue mask, was a winner in her opening bout before bowing out. A New Jersey native who

started fencing in part because the uniform allowed her to adhere to the tenets of her faith, Muhammad also competes in the team event later this week.

Australia won the first gold medal for rugby sevens at the Olympics, beating archrival New Zealand 24-17 in the women's final Monday night.

A day after adding a record 19th gold medal to his collection, Michael Phelps swam the 200 meter butterfly semifinal Monday night and fellow American Katie Ledecky competed in the women's 200 meter freestyle.

Other highlights from Day 3 of the Rio Games:

GOLF DEBUT: The first Olympic golf shot in 112 years will be hit by the lone Brazilian in the men's field. The International Golf Federation tapped into what few Olympic roots it

has by selecting Adilson da Silva to be the first to tee off Thursday. Also in the opening threesome: Graham DeLaet of Canada, a country IGF President Peter Dawson called the defending champ — George Lyon of Canada won the gold medal at the St. Louis Games in 1904.

BRAZIL BLEAK: It has come to this for the Brazilian men's soccer team: The fans are so disappointed with the team that they heckled football icon Neymar and chanted the name of the women team's star during a lackluster, scoreless tie against Iraq over the weekend. Brazil is now facing elimination — a prospect that once seemed unthinkable in the soccer-obsessed Olympic host country.

BILES BROUHAHA: NBC announcer Al Trautwig says he regrets tweeting that the adoptive mother and father of U.S. gymnastics star

Simone Biles were not her parents. Trautwig angered adoption advocates by refusing to refer to Ron and Nellie Biles as the 19-year-old's parents. Ron Biles, her maternal grandfather, and his wife Nellie adopted Simone 16 years ago. Trautwig said, "to set the record straight, Ron and Nellie are Simone's parents."

SPECTACULAR SEAS: Sailing, not the dirty water, was finally the focus on troubled Guanabara Bay during a spectacular start to the Olympic regatta on Monday. Windsurfers sped across the waves toward Flamengo Beach in a fresh breeze, against the imposing backdrop of Sugarloaf Mountain. Robert Scheidt won the second race in the Laser class. He's trying to become the first Olympic sailor and first Brazilian to win six Olympic medals.

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erweight bout with a 1-1 professional record, although his loss came against the UFC's Jason Novelli.

It was Campos' first professional match-up in March 2014. Novelli was undefeated at the time, and Campos battled him into the second round before ultimately losing by technical knockout. Novelli is now 11-1 as a professional, and made his UFC debut Aug. 6.

"That loss, it didn't put me down, it let me know what I needed to work on," Campos said. "I look at (Jason) like a lesson in life and my MMA career... I wouldn't be here if it wasn't for that (fight)."

Campos began lifting weights more often, trying to bulk up his 6-foot-1, 145-pound frame. He also started running in the

mountains to improve his conditioning. But his return to the cage had to wait. His second son was born shortly after the loss to Novelli. As a single father, he found little time to train for a fight.

Two years later, however, Campos finally got his chance to move on from the loss. At Wildhorse Casino's Mission Mayhem in April, Campos defeated Jack Floyd in two minutes, 44 seconds to earn his first professional win.

His growth as a fighter is impressive, Picard said, but even more so, how he's turned his life around. Campos, who lives in Umatilla, has since become a correctional officer at Two Rivers Correctional Institution, and commutes to Solid Base a few times a week for training. All of this while raising his two boys, ages 1 and 3, with help from his mother. "I'm on the road a lot," he



Abraham Campos wraps his hands on Monday at Solid Base Jiu-Jitsu in Pendleton.

said.

His job at TRCI often puts him in chaotic situations where he must keep his cool. With the help of MMA, which Campos calls a lifestyle more than a sport, he learned how to channel his anger. Campos still has

a mean streak, but now it's being put to good use.

"He uses fighting as his output," Picard said. "He sometimes comes in here and he's got a lot of pent up aggression and energy. This is what he uses to calm that all down."

Campos has spent the last month preparing for Cruz's grappling style. Both of his pro fights have ended by submission on the ground. Campos has spent time sparring with Dylan Holcomb — a former Pendleton High first team all-state wrestler — at Solid Base.

"At first he had problems with his footwork, but he can pretty much take me down now," Holcomb said. "He learned quickly."

Todd Carlson, matchmaker at Front Street Fights, estimates a crowd of between 3,000 and 3,500 for the event at Boise's CenturyLink Arena. Due to the proximity of each fighter, Carlson said the crowd will likely lean towards the local guy Cruz.

"It's always tough to go into someone else's turf," Carlson said. But between family,

friends and training partners at Solid Base, Campos expects a good number of his supporters to travel to Boise. He said his training partners at Solid Base — 10 of whom are active fighters — are like family to him. They're a big reason why he continues to make the hour-long drive from his home for training. Come Friday, they will be watching as Campos takes part in a fight that could grow his professional status.

"This is a big opportunity for Abraham," Picard said. "Hopefully he shoots to the top right away."

Front Street Fights 9 begins Friday at 7 p.m. The organization will live stream each fight with commentary on its Front Street Fights YouTube channel.

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top 10 of the world standings has been rapid. He picked up big wins earlier this season in Clovis, California, and Pleasant Grove, Utah, and hasn't lost any steam.

He entered the weekend ninth in the world, but with the \$6,237 he earned in Dodge City, along with \$3,011 banked in Idaho Falls, Idaho, and Heber City, Utah, Talley moved to sixth.

"It doesn't feel real to be having this kind of season, and it won't sink in until the regular season is over and

I'm in the top 15," Talley said.

His next chances to help lock up that standing come this week in a trio of Wrangler Million Dollar Tour Silver Rodeos which also represent contestants' final chance to earn money toward qualifying for the nationally televised PRCA Champions Challenge events.

One of those stops is in Hermiston with the Farm-City Pro Rodeo.

Also coming into Hermiston with a head of steam is new PRCA all-around leader Russell Cardoza of

Terrebonne.

The 2012 Farm-City all-around winner became the third cowboy to top the world standings in as many weeks when he and team roping partner Dustin Bird split wins at two Montana rodeos to leapfrog Colorado tie-down roper and steer wrestler Josh Peek.

Cardoza isn't the only former Hermiston champion coming into the week atop the world standings.

Kaleb Riggers, who won the team roping title last year with heeler Martin Lucero in 10.1 seconds on two head,

leads Luke Brown by nearly \$7,000 as he chases his first world title.

Defending Farm-City tie-down champion Timber Moore also is hoping to follow Hermiston success with a world championship as he leads his event by more than \$12,000 over Marcos Costa. He made his fourth national finals last year but is still looking for his first title.

Steer wrestler Ty Erickson, another 2015 Hermiston champion, is less than \$3,000 behind world leader Jason Thomas and defending Farm-City saddle

bronc champion Zeke Thurston is ranked fourth.

Garrett Smith won the 2015 Farm-City all-around with the unconventional pairing of bull riding and steer wrestling and enters the week No. 15 in bull riding.

The highest ranked Eastern Oregon cowboy entering the week is team roping header Garrett Rogers of Baker City in 15th. Bareback rider R.C. Landingham, formerly of Pendleton but now residing in Hat Creek, California, is ranked fifth.

The 28th Farm-City Pro Rodeo will hold perfor-

mances at the Umatilla County Fairgrounds Wednesday-Saturday at 7:25 p.m.

Tickets are \$17 for general admission, \$20 for reserved seating and \$5 for children — cost includes entry to the Umatilla County Fair.

Tickets can be purchased ahead of time at Banner Bank locations in Hermiston, Pendleton, Umatilla, Stanfield and Boardman, the Hermiston Chamber of Commerce, NW Farm Supply and Fiesta Foods in Hermiston, and the Farm-City Pro Rodeo and Umatilla County Fair offices.

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