

Olympics

Ledecky shatters record, takes gold in 800M



United States' Katie Ledecky shows off her gold medal in the women's 800-meter freestyle medals ceremony at the 2016 Summer Olympics, Friday, Aug. 12, 2016, in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

The 19-year-old continues USA's reign in the Rio pool

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RIO DE JANEIRO — Katie Ledecky came into the Rio Olympics facing enormous expectations. Some athletes might've buckled under the pressure. She seemed to thrive on it.

The 19-year-old from suburban Washington capped off one of the greatest performances in Olympic history with her fourth gold medal and second world record, shattering her own mark in the 800-meter freestyle Friday night. "I just wanted to lay it all out there," Ledecky said. She certainly did that. And more. Ledecky joined Debbie Meyer as the only female swimmers to sweep the three longest freestyle races. Meyers took the 200, 400 and 800 at Mexico City in 1968.

She also followed fellow swimmers Amy Van Dyken and Missy Franklin as the only American women to win as many as four golds in a single Olympics. "I hit all my goals right on the nose this week," Ledecky said. "I'm just proud to be part of that history." Four years ago, she seemingly came out nowhere to capture gold as a 15-year-old at the London Games. Then, after her coach moved to the West Coast, Ledecky hooked up with Bruce Gemmell and never missed a beat. She called it "a testament See LEDECKY/3B

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As of Aug. 12 at 7:58 p.m.	
TOP 10 MEDAL WINNERS	
1.	United States 16 12 15
2.	China 13 10 14
3.	Japan 7 3 14
4.	Russia 5 9 8
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6.	Australia 5 6 7
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8.	Italy 4 7 4
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HERMISTON

McGinn gets timely pickup

Evan Jayne, of Mar-seille, France, rides Walleye Rock for 80.5 points in bareback riding Friday at the Farm-City Pro Rodeo in Hermiston.

Staff photo by Kathy Aney



Oregon steer wrestler takes lead in second round at Farm-City

By MATT ENTRUP
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There will be no buyer's remorse for Mike McGinn regarding his latest purchase. The single-horse powered "Chevy" may be just the pickup his season needs, and the Oregon steer wrestler got some immediate returns on his investment with a 4.1-second time in Friday's performance that moved him to the lead in the second round at the Farm-City Pro Rodeo. "I just bought this horse Thursday so this is my first rodeo on him," said the cowboy from nearby Haines. "It worked out pretty cool." McGinn said he didn't but Chevy without a test drive, and the two paired to win in Greeley, Colorado, earlier this summer, but

this was his first time riding him as owner. He won't have a chance to win in Hermiston after missing his first draw, but his 4.1 is the quickest time of the week and a sure bet to hold up for some money in the second round. "It's pretty cool because, heck, this is home," said the first-time Farm-City contestant. "I live like an hour from here and it's awesome. Hermiston's got a great crowd and it's fun, everybody knows you." McGinn is 24th on the Columbia River Circuit, and said he hopes his check from Hermiston is enough to get him into the hunt for the circuit finals. The only change to the aggregate leaderboard was Seth Brockman of Wheatland, Wyoming, who turned

See FARM-CITY/3B



Tie-down roper Rhon Richard, of Roosevelt, Utah, completes his run in 8.5 seconds Friday at the Farm-City Pro Rodeo in Hermiston.

Staff photo by Kathy Aney

MLB

Seattle's offense goes cold in loss

Ends streak of seven straight wins in Oakland for Seattle

By MICHAEL WAGAMAN
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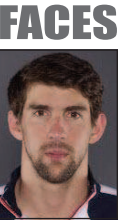
OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Yonder Alonso hit a tiebreaking two-run single in the sixth inning off rookie Joe Wieland and the Oakland Athletics beat Seattle 6-3 on Friday night to end the Mariners' six-game winning streak. Khris Davis added his career-high 28th home run, Marcus Semien matched his career-high with four hits and Stephen Vogt had an RBI double and scored twice to help the A's to their fourth win in five games. Sean Manaea fought early command issues and allowed three runs over six innings for his first win since June 29. Manaea (4-7) gave up three hits, walked three and struck out four. Kyle Seager homered and Shawn O'Malley added two hits for the Mariners. Seattle had won seven straight at the Coliseum, including a three-game sweep in May, before going cold offensively in its return. The Mariners hit into inning-ending double plays in the first, second and third innings and failed to score after Manaea walked the leadoff batter each time. Ryan Madson retired three batters for his 25th save. Oakland broke the game open See MARINERS/2B

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Sports shorts

Phelps settles for first silver in Rio

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) — A stunner at the Rio Olympics: Michael Phelps has been beaten. Joseph Schooling of Singapore built a big lead on the opening lap and easily held off the hard-charging Phelps to win gold in the 100-meter butterfly. So, unless Phelps decides to come out of retirement again, his final individual race at the Olympics will go down as a silver. He still has a chance to win his 23rd gold medal in his final race of the Olympics, the 4x100 medley relay. Phelps was sixth at the turn and Schooling almost exactly a decade younger than the 31-year-old American wouldn't let him pull off the comeback, winning in 50.39 seconds. Phelps shared the silver with two other longtime rivals, Chad le Clos of South Africa and Laszlo Cseh of Hungary. They all touched in 51.14.



Phelps

"Of course, I can't wait until I get the medal and I can walk around the house and say 'Daddy, I got you.'"

— Michelle Carter
The United States athlete became the first American to win the gold medal in shot put since 1960 with a throw of 67 feet, 8 1/4 inches. In doing so, she also bested her father, Michael Carter, who took home the silver medal in shot put at the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles.

Seahawks get extension from Texas A&M for '12th man' use

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — Texas A&M and the Seattle Seahawks have extended a deal allowing the NFL team's limited use of the university's "12th Man" trademark to describe fans. The school says the Seahawks will no longer use "12th Man" references on social media or on the Ring of Honor at CenturyLink Field. Texas A&M secured the trademark in 1990, and reached an agreement with the Seahawks in 2006 after the university sued. The Aggies trace the "12th Man" to 1922 when student E. King Gill came out of the stands to help the injury-plagued roster. Gill never took the field, but the story came to signify fan commitment to the team.



THIS DATE IN SPORTS
1979 — Lou Brock of the St. Louis Cardinals reaches the 3,000-hit plateau with an infield hit off Chicago Cubs pitcher Dennis Lamp.
2008 — Michael Phelps swims into history as the winningest Olympic athlete ever with his 10th and 11th career gold medals — and five world records in five events at the Beijing Games. He wins the 200-meter butterfly and swims leadoff for the U.S. 800 freestyle relay team, which shatters the world mark by more than four seconds.
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