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Olympics

Americans dominating the medal count in Rio



United States' Aly Raisman, silver, and Simone Biles, gold, display their medals after the gymnastics floor exercise finals on Tuesday in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Earned 33 medals in the swimming pool, 12 in gymnastics alone

By **TIM REYNOLDS**
Associated Press

RIO DE JANEIRO — The medal race at the Rio Olympics will likely remain close going into the final weekend.

For second place, that is. The U.S. — which has left the last five Summer

Games with more medals than any other country — is about to make it six in a row, and the Americans seem like they'll do so emphatically. With a handful of events left Tuesday night, the U.S. had 83 medals, 33 more than Britain and 34 more than China.

Take away the games that dealt with boycotts in 1980 and 1984, and the Americans are on pace for the biggest medal-count romp since outdistancing Sweden by 40 medals at the 1948 London Games. Incidentally, the all-time medal-count-margin

record is way out of reach, that being the U.S. win by 220 medals at the St. Louis Games of 1904.

"We are the United States. We come here with an enormous presence and a lot of advantage and privilege," swimming gold medalist Anthony Ervin said after he prevailed in Rio de Janeiro, part of a huge pool medal haul for the Americans. "Our staff is unbelievable. The amount of people that help us ... I don't think the other teams are necessarily getting that. It starts there."

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SUMMER GAMES 2016 MEDAL TRACKER	
TOP 10 MEDAL WINNERS	
1.	United States 28 28 28
2.	China 17 15 19
3.	United Kingdom 19 19 12
4.	Russia 12 12 14
5.	France 7 11 11
6.	Japan 7 4 18
7.	Germany 11 8 7
8.	Australia 7 8 9
9.	Italy 8 9 6
10.	Canada 3 2 9

PENDLETON

T-Wolves eager to be tested



Blue Mountain's Whitney McMahon attempts to dribble around teammate Karla Gonzalez during a drill on Monday in Pendleton.

Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Blue Mountain women's soccer prepares for inaugural season

By **MATT ENTRUP**
East Oregonian

As the embers from a scorching July smolder through August, the Blue Mountain Community College women's soccer isn't shying away from the heat. Head coach Art Mota knows the challenge awaiting

his historic group of Timberwolves, which open their inaugural season on Sept. 3 with a home game against Centralia.

Mota came to the Timberwolves off a three-year stretch as the head coach at Chemeketa where led the Storm to back-to-back post-season berths in 2014-15, so

is familiar with the lay of the land in Northwest Athletic Conference (NWAC) soccer.

"It's a very competitive conference and the division we're in in the East you're talking about Spokane who made to the finals last year, you've got North Idaho, you've got Walla Walla, Treasure Valley, all strong

programs and well-established programs," he said. "So it's going to be tough this first year."

Not helping matters was the late start Mota had in recruiting due to his hire date, which has left the initial T-Wolves roster at just 12 strong.

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MLB



Los Angeles' Jett Bandy dives into home safely as Seattle Mariners catcher Mike Zunino takes a late throw during Tuesday's game in Anaheim.

Mariners can't hold late leads, fall to Angels

By **ABBEY MASTRACCO**
Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Cliff Pennington hit a go-ahead triple in the eighth inning, Albert Pujols slugged his 22nd home run and the Los Angeles Angels came back twice to beat the Seattle Mariners 7-6 on Tuesday night and end an 11-game losing streak.

With two outs in the eighth, Jeffrey Marte turned on a 97 mph fastball from Arquimedes Caminero (2-3) and it drove into the stands to tie it 6-6. Jett Bandy kept the inning alive with a single, and Pennington sent him home with just his second triple since 2014.

Fernando Salas pitched a scoreless ninth for his third save, and Brett Oberholtzer (3-2) earned the win with a scoreless eighth.

The Mariners went ahead in the seventh when reliever J.C. Ramirez threw two wild pitches and overthrew first base on a routine groundout.

An error by Pennington put Robinson Cano on base and Ramirez then walked Nelson Cruz. With Kyle Seager batting, Ramirez threw his wild pitches, allowing Cano

to come home and tie the game and Cruz to reach third. Cruz scored when Ramirez threw Mike Zunino's grounder past Marte at first base.

Down 4-1 in the sixth, Ariel Miranda, who started in place of the injured James Paxton, walked Kole Calhoun and Mike Trout before being relieved by Nick Vincent. Vincent left a 1-2 fastball up for Pujols, who hit it well over the wall in left-center. Pujols, baseball's active home run leader with 582, is now one shy of tying with former teammate Mark McGwire for 10th on the career list.

Vincent, who played college baseball at nearby Long Beach State, gave up a home run to Bandy two batters later that put the Angels up 5-4.

The Mariners scored three runs in the second inning to go up 4-1.

UP NEXT

Mariners: RHP Cody Martin was recalled from Triple-A Tacoma and will make his third major league start on Wednesday. Martin is 1-2 with a 2.70 ERA in five relief appearances.

Angels: LHP Tyler Skaggs is 1-1 with a 4.37 ERA this season and 0-1 with a 5.21 ERA in three starts against the Mariners.

Olympics

Police: No evidence yet in Lochte robbery probe

Rio police say swimmers couldn't provide enough key details

Associated Press

RIO DE JANEIRO — Police investigating reports that American swimmer Ryan Lochte and three of his teammates were robbed at gunpoint in a taxi so far have found no evidence supporting the account, and say the swimmers were unable to provide key details in police interviews.

A police official with knowledge of the investigation told The Associated

Press that police cannot find their taxi driver or witnesses. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because the investigation is ongoing.

Lochte's attorney, Jeff Ostrow, said there was no question the robbery happened and that Lochte had 24-hour security hired after the incident. He hasn't been leaving his hotel room since.

"This happened the way he described it," Ostrow said.

According to Lochte and the United States Olympic Committee, the swimmers were returning to the athletes' village by taxi after a night out at the French Olympic team's hospitality

house in the Rodrigo de Freitas area in the upscale south zone of the city. The outing was several hours after Olympic swimming ended Saturday night at the Rio Games.

Traveling with Lochte were Gunnar Bentz, Jack Conger and Jimmy Feigen. Lochte swam in two events at the Rio Games, winning gold in the 4x200-meter freestyle relay. He is a 12-time Olympic medalist.

The group did not call police, authorities said, and officers began investigating once they saw media reports in which Lochte's mother spoke about the robbery. Police interviewed Lochte and one other swimmer,

who said they had been intoxicated and could not remember what type and color of taxi they rode in or where the robbery happened, the police official said. The swimmers also could not say what time the events occurred, or when they left the French House.

The incident got attention in part because of fears around street crime at the games. Athletes and visitors have been told to use caution around the Olympics. Street crime was a major concern of Olympic organizers, and Brazil deployed 85,000 soldiers and police, twice as many as Britain used during the 2012 London Olympics.

Sports shorts

Oregon WR takes fifth in Rio

RIO DE JANEIRO — Oregon Ducks wide receiver Devon Allen finished just off the medal stand in his lone Olympic event, finishing in fifth place of the men's 110-meter hurdles on Tuesday evening.

FACES



Allen

Jamaica's Omar McLeod took the gold medal in the event with a time of 13.05 seconds, while Spain's Orlando Ortega earned silver (13.17) and France's Dimitri Bascou (13.24) took bronze. Allen crossed the line at 13.31 seconds. The Oregon junior squeezed into the finals after finishing in third place of his semifinal group earlier Tuesday with a time of 13.36 seconds.

Allen will now re-join the Ducks after a few days off but he hopes to be ready for the season opener on Sept. 3 against UC Davis.

"I'll probably be the best-shaped athlete on the field right now," Allen told the AP Tuesday.

"We could squash that team, and I say that with all the respect in the world, but they outplayed us in every way. It's a terrible feeling."

— **Kerri Walsh Jennings**

United States beach volleyball player and her teammate April Ross fell to a Brazilian duo in the semifinals on Tuesday evening, marking the first time Walsh Jennings had ever lost a match in Olympic play. Walsh Jennings, who was a three-time gold medalist coming into Rio, and Ross will now play for bronze today.

EOU volleyball nets another preseason top-10 ranking

LA GRANDE — For the second-straight season, the Eastern Oregon University volleyball team begins the season with a Top-10 ranking.

The Tachikara-NAIA Coaches' Preseason Top 25 Poll was released on Tuesday and the Mountaineers slotted in at No. 8 in the poll — the highest-rated team in the Cascade Collegiate Conference.

The Mountaineers finished the 2015 season with a 25-6 overall record and made it all the way to the pool play round of the NAIA National Championships before being knocked out.

Two additional CCC members earned rankings, with College of Idaho at No. 11, Southern Oregon No. 18, while Northwest received votes.

THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1933 — Lou Gehrig of the New York Yankees plays his 1,308th straight game to break Everett Scott's record of 1,307.

2008 — At the Beijing Olympics, Michael Phelps and three teammates win the 400M medley relay for Phelps' eighth gold medal.

2014 — The Phoenix Mercury sets a WNBA record with their 29th win, beating the Seattle Storm 78-65 in the season finale. Phoenix (29-5) tops the previous mark set by Los Angeles (28-4 in both 2000 and 2001) and Seattle (28-6 in 2010).

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