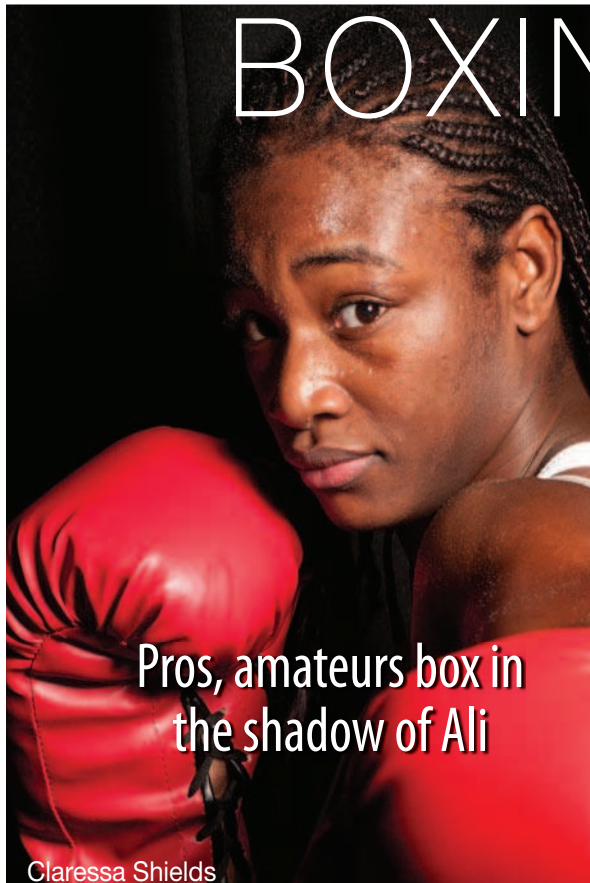


BOXING



Pros, amateurs box in the shadow of Ali

Claressa Shields

Two recent developments are drawing an enormous amount of attention to the 2016 Olympic boxing tournament, and with good reason. The first is the fact that this will no longer be an amateur event as professional boxers are being welcomed to the competition. And, the recent passing of Muhammad Ali has sparked a renewed interest not only in boxing, but in the summer games themselves. Ali's (then Cassius Clay) 1960 gold medal launched his career but his lighting of the Olympic flame in Atlanta in 1996 is an equal part of Olympic history. Back in the ring, 2012 U.S. gold medalist Claressa Shields returns as a middleweight.

8/6-13 Q; 8/14-21 M

CANOE/KAYAK



Canoe/kayak: paddling along

Canoeing is divided into two disciplines – slalom and sprint – with the former taking place on a whitewater obstacle course negotiated by single competitors or teams of two, and the latter being contested on a flat-water course in distances of 200, 500 or 1,000 meters in teams of one, two or four. The competition is divided into two classes: canoe, in which competitors kneel and use a single-bladed paddle to move themselves along; and kayak, where competitors are seated in the boat and can use both ends of a paddle. Sixteen gold medals are awarded in the two classes. Countries that figure to dominate the podium in Rio include Australia, Germany, Russia, China and Great Britain.

8/7-8 Q; 8/9-11 M; 8/15 Q; 8/16 M; 8/17 Q; 8/18 M; 8/19 Q; 8/20 M

Athlete Profile

KERRI WALSH JENNINGS



Full Name: Kerri Lee Walsh Jennings

Country: United States

Birthplace: Santa Clara, CA.

Birth date: Aug. 15, 1978

Height/Weight: 6 feet, 3 inches/157 pounds

Events: women's beach volleyball

Credentials: Olympic gold medalist, 2004, 2008, 2012

Factoids: Walsh's husband is Casey Jennings, a champion professional beach volleyball player. With Misty May-Treanor retired, Walsh's 2016 Olympic partner will be April Ross.