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MEDAL TRACKER

Team	🥇	🥈	🥉	T
USA	14	16	11	41
China	16	7	10	33
Russia	9	12	9	30
Japan	15	4	6	25
Australia	9	2	11	22

Results as of 8 p.m. Thursday

Swimming: More medals for U.S.

Russia's Evgeny Rylov completed a backstroke sweep at the Tokyo Olympics on Friday.

Rylov added the 200-meter backstroke title to his victory in the 100 back, winning with an Olympic-record time of 1 minute, 53.29 seconds.

The silver went to American Ryan Murphy in 1:54.15, while Britain's Luke Greenbank grabbed the bronze in 1:54.72.

Murphy was a double-gold medalist at the 2016 Rio Games, extending America's dominance of the backstroke events that went back to 1992.

Rylov ended the U.S. winning streak with his two golds in Tokyo. Murphy settled for a bronze and silver this time.

Also on Friday, South Africa's Tatjana Schoenmaker set the first individual swimming world record in Tokyo.

She won the women's 200-meter breaststroke with a time of 2 minutes, 18.95 seconds, breaking the mark of 2:19.11 set by Denmark's Rikke Møller Pedersen at the 2013 world championships in Barcelona.

The United States claimed the other two medals. Lilly King set a blistering pace early in the race and held on for a silver in 2:19.92. Annie Lazor grabbed bronze in 2:20.84.

It was the third world record at the Tokyo Aquatics Centre, with the first two coming in women's relays.

Volleyball: USA in the quarterfinals

The U.S. women's volleyball team won its third straight match at the Olympics Thursday and is assured of a spot in the quarterfinals.

The Americans beat Turkey 25-19, 25-20, 17-25, 20-25, 15-12 in their third pool play match to join Italy at 3-0 in Pool B.

The United States is seeking its first gold medal in the sport and is off to a good start in Tokyo with wins over Argentina, defending champion China and Turkey.

Italy, Serbia and Brazil have also clinched spots in the quarters with the other four spots still to be determined.

Canoe: Aussie wins women's slalom

Australia's Jessica Fox made Olympic history at the Tokyo Games Thursday as the first gold medalist in women's canoe slalom.

Fox made the last run of the final and crushed it, beating rival and silver-medalist Mallory Franklin of Britain with a winning run of 105.04 seconds through the rapids of the Kasai Canoe Slalom Center. It was a clean run without the mistakes and penalty seconds that prevented her from winning gold in the kayak slalom two days earlier, when she won bronze.

The women's canoe slalom is one of 18 new events introduced to the Olympics this year in a push for gender equity. It replaced the men's double canoe slalom.

—Associated Press



LEE'S GOLDEN MOMENT

In a dramatic twist, gymnast becomes fifth straight all-around champion for U.S.



Morry Gash/AP

Sunisa Lee, of the United States, performs on the balance beam during the artistic gymnastics women's all-around final at the Summer Olympics Thursday in Tokyo. Her score of 13.833 pushed her past Brazil's Rebeca Andrade heading into the floor exercise. Lee became the fifth consecutive American to win gold in the all-around.

BY WILL GRAVES | Associated Press

TOKYO — Sunisa Lee wanted to quit during quarantine. It all had become too much. The lingering pain from a broken foot. The deaths of two family members from COVID-19. Her father's slow recovery from an accident that left him paralyzed.

The urge eventually passed. It always does. Still, less than two months ago the 18-year-old gymnast hobbled around the podium at the U.S. championships, getting by more on grit than anything else.

Tokyo seemed far away. The top of the Olympic podium, even farther.

Then suddenly, there she was on Thursday night as a tinny version of "The Star-Spangled Banner" echoed across Ariake Gymnastics Centre. Gold medal around her neck. A watch party back home among the Hmong-American community in her native Minnesota raging. A victory she never envisioned not yet sinking in.

"It's crazy," Lee said after winning the Olympic all-around title following a tight duel with Brazil's Rebeca Andrade. "It doesn't seem like real life."

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Sunisa Lee, of the United States, embraces her coach Jeff Graba after performing on the uneven bars during the artistic gymnastics women's all-around final Thursday at the Summer Olympics in Tokyo. Lee's score of 15.300 was the highest on that apparatus.

Gregory Bull/AP

Sneaking a peek: Fans find creative ways to get a glimpse

There's no spectators this year, at least not officially

BY DAVE SKRETTA
Associated Press

MISHIMA, Japan — The soon-to-be Olympic champion was in what cyclists derisively call "the pain cave," empty lungs searing and legs feeling like dead weight. The climb he was on seemed inter-

minable, the evil gradient sending him straight into the sky.

Hardly the time for Richard Carapaz to look fondly upon a near-naked man running beside him on the road.

Except ... did the stoic rider from Ecuador actually crack a smile?

Indeed, he did. That same stunt that overzealous fans pull in the Alps and Pyrenees during the Tour

de France, where it might annoy Carapaz to no end, was actually welcomed by him in the Olympic road race. That's because the draconian measures taken by the organizers of the Tokyo Games to prevent the spread of COVID-19 have also prevented fans from the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to see most of the world's best athletes perform on their own soil.

Or roads, as it were.

"It gave us a sensation of somehow coming back to normality, seeing the fans there," Carapaz said later. "I loved it."

Technically speaking, a ban on fans for almost every event remains in place. Police and volunteer security guards are on almost constant patrol. But that hasn't stopped many locals from catching a glimpse of the action.

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NBA | DRAFT

As expected, Pistons grab Cunningham at No. 1

Oregon's Chris Duarte picked 13th by Pacers

BY AARON BEARD
AP Basketball Writer

The Detroit Pistons selected Oklahoma State's Cade Cunningham with the No. 1 pick in the NBA draft Thursday night.

Cunningham had been widely expected to be the first name called in

New York, though Pistons general manager Troy Weaver wouldn't reveal plans earlier this week and said the team would look at every scenario, including trades.

In the end, Detroit stuck with the 19-year-old mentioned as a potential top pick before ever stepping foot on the Oklahoma State campus.

Oregon's Chris Duarte, a 6-foot-6 shooting guard, was selected at No. 13 by the Indiana Pacers. Duarte, 24, av-

eraged 17.1 points as a senior for the Ducks last season and was one of the oldest players in the draft.

Cunningham, a 6-foot-8, 220-pound point guard from Arlington, Texas, lived up to expectations with his size and fluid game to become a first-team Associated Press All-American.

He averaged 20.1 points, 6.2 rebounds and 3.5 assists with a game that allowed him to hit from 3-point

range, score off the dribble or find teammates out of traps.

Cunningham attended the draft wearing a dark suit, shirt and tie with sparkles on his collars and cuffs. When the pick was announced, Cunningham kissed 2-year-old daughter Riley, sitting on his lap, then hugged family members and took the stage alongside NBA Commissioner Adam Silver to don a blue Pistons hat.

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