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2020 Olympic Games – Day Five Recap, July 30

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USA Swimming Event Medal Count at the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020

| Country | Gold | Silver | Bronze | Total |
|---------|------|--------|--------|-------|
| USA | 6 | 9 | 9 | 24 |

Team USA Athlete Medal Count at the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020

| Athlete | Gold | Silver | Bronze | Total |
|------------------|------|--------|--------|-------|
| Katie Ledecky | 1 | 2 | 0 | 3 |
| Caeleb Dressel | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Lilly King | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Ryan Murphy | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Allison Schmitt* | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Regan Smith | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Hali Flickinger | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Zach Apple | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Bowe Becker | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Brooks Curry* | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Bobby Finke | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Lydia Jacoby | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Blake Pieroni | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Chase Kalisz | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Brooke Forde* | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Jay Litherland | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Paige Madden | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Katie McLaughlin | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Bella Sims* | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Erica Sullivan | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Alex Walsh | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Emma Weyant | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Erika Brown | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |

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| Catie DeLoof* | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Kate Douglass | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Natalie Hinds | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Annie Lazor | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Simone Manuel | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Kieran Smith | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Olivia Smoliga* | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Abbey Weitzeil | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |

*Includes medal(s) from prelim swims in relay event(s)

Men's 100m Butterfly – Semifinal

1. Caeleb Dressel (Green Cove Springs, Fla./Gator Swim Club), 49.71*

15. Tom Shields (Huntington Beach, Calif./California Aquatics), 51.99

*New Olympic record

Race Notes

- Dressel's swim is the third fastest of all time and eighth performance in history under :50. He will advance to the final and attempt to win his third medal in Tokyo.
- Dressel now holds 12 of the top-20 swims in the world in the event.
- Dressel's 49.71 was the only semifinal swim under :50 and was half a second faster than the next-closest finisher.

Quotes

Caeleb Dressel: "I was happy with it. I wanted to try and get some speed up front, and then towards the end, I thought my peripherals were showing correctly so I shut it down a bit towards the end. I'm happy with the time and looking forward to the final in the morning."

Caeleb Dressel: "I feel fine, I'm not worried about the schedule – I've had it written down for a couple weeks now. I know what's coming, I know how to pace it correctly and pace the prelims, semi and final and I know how to take care of my body. I'm not worried about anything, I know it's going to be tough."

Women's 200m Breaststroke – Final

Gold – Tatjana Schoenmaker (RSA), 2:18.95[^]

Silver – Lilly King (Evansville, Ind./Indiana Swim Club), 2:19.92

Bronze – Annie Lazor (Beverly Hills, Mich./Mission Viejo Nadadores), 2:20.84

[^]New world record

Race Notes

- King and Lazor train together at Indiana Swim Club. The two swam side-by-side during the U.S. Olympic Team Trials – Swimming final, where they finished 1-2, and now in the Olympic final, where they won silver and bronze.
- King was ahead of the world-record line at the 100-meter mark. She now becomes just the second U.S. swimmer in history to go 2:19.
- Only once before have two U.S. women medaled in this event at the same Olympiad (2000 – Kristy Kowal, who won silver and Amanda Beard, who won bronze).

- Seventh event in Tokyo where two U.S. swimmers have shared the podium.

Quotes

Lilly King: “We go through practice every day together, we went through Trials together, we do it here together, so that is kind of the way we have always planned it. No matter how much we fight and get at it in practice, we always learn to do it together. I’m just really, really excited for this moment.”

Annie Lazor: “It’s hard not to feel great right now. We had two great swims and I’m so happy to be able to do it with [Lilly], just like practice every day. I feel amazing but I still don’t feel like it has sunk in yet, honestly.”

Men’s 200m Backstroke – Final

Gold – Evgeny Rylov (ROC), 1:53.27

Silver – Ryan Murphy (Jacksonville, Fla./California Aquatics/Bolles), 1:54.15

Bronze – Luke Greenbank (GBR), 1:54.72

4. Bryce Mefford (El Dorado Hills, Calif./Sierra Marlins Swim Team/Cal), 1:55.49

Race Notes

- Murphy wins second Olympic medal in the event.
- Murphy’s second medal in Tokyo – to go along with his bronze in the 100m backstroke.
- Murphy posted 50-meter splits of 27.11, 28.52, 29.02 and 29.50.
- Mefford was .77 off of the bronze-medal swim.
- Mefford’s 1:55.49 was the second-fastest swim of his career.

Quotes

Ryan Murphy: “It’s good, I go into every race trying to win. I train all year to try to win. To come up in second is obviously a little bit bittersweet, but I think it’s one of those where in 10 minutes or 15 minutes from now, when it sinks in, having a silver medal is really cool. I really do appreciate that and it really is an honor to race for the USA.”

Ryan Murphy: “I think in the race, my goal was to try and put myself in a position at the 150 (meter mark) to make a run at it. Going in, my feeling is I’d rather give myself a shot at winning than to swim it safe and get silver. So I definitely gave myself a shot to try and go out there and win, I paid for it a little bit at the end, but I think I’m happy with the way I approached that.”

Bryce Mefford: “It was a great race. I would have liked to be a little bit quicker. Obviously to get third would have been extremely cool, but I’m happy that I came into the meet fourth and came out of the meet fourth. I stayed in my position, held my ground and it is just such a great honor to be here. I’m so thankful for everyone who has pushed me to get here.”

Women’s 100m Freestyle – Final

Gold – Emma McKeon (AUS), 51.96

Silver – Siobhan Haughey (HKG), 52.27

Bronze – Cate Campbell (AUS), 52.52

8. Abbey Weitzeil (Santa Clarita, Calif./California Aquatics), 53.23

Race Notes

- Spots one through seven, going into the race, were separated by less than .6 seconds.
- Weitzel posted splits of 25.31 and 27.92.
- Time is seven hundredths faster than Weitzel's swim at the 2016 Rio Olympics.

Men's 200m Individual Medley – Final

Gold – Wang Shun (CHN), 1:55.00

Silver – Duncan Scott (GBR), 1:55.28

Bronze – Jeremy Desplanches (SUI), 1:56.17

5. Michael Andrew (Encinitas, Calif./MA Swim Academy), 1:57.31

Race Notes

- Andrew was in first place heading into the final 50 meters.
- Andrew had splits of 24.21, 30.30, 32.11 and 30.69.
- Andrew will have the 50m freestyle on his schedule for his final attempt at an individual medal in Tokyo.

Quotes

Michael Andrew: "It hurt really bad. It hurt worse than it looked, and it looked pretty bad. I still don't know what the split was, but I imagine it is a mid-:30 or a high-:30, it's just disappointing, obviously we've been working really hard at that. Now we go back to the drawing board and we figure out what we can do three years from now, if I'm still going to swim that race three years from now. It was one of those races that I knew I had to be fast in the 150 and then I was praying for some Holy Spirit power to get me home in that 50, and it wasn't all there, but I'm just grateful that I felt like I experienced Jesus' presence in the water, so win or lose, it was an awesome opportunity."

Women's 200m Backstroke – Semifinal

1. Emily Seebohm (AUS), 2:07.09

2. Phoebe Bacon (Chevy Chase, Md./Wisconsin Aquatics/NCAP), 2:07.10

3. Rhyan White (Herriman, Utah/University of Alabama/WFFM), 2:07.28

Race Notes

- White and Bacon shared a lane line in their heat, swimming in lanes four and five, respectively.
- Bacon posted 50-meter splits of 29.77, 31.75, 33.02 and 32.56.
- White posted 50-meter splits 29.72, 32.50, 33.02, 32.24
- Bacon and White will attempt to become the eighth U.S. duo to win medals together in an event in Tokyo.

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