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2020 Olympic Games – Day Two Recap, July 26

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USA Swimming Event Medal Count at the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020

Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
USA	2	3	3	8

Team USA Athlete Medal Count at the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020

Athlete	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
Zach Apple	1	0	0	1
Bowe Becker	1	0	0	1
Brooks Curry*	1	0	0	1
Caeleb Dressel	1	0	0	1
Blake Pieroni	1	0	0	1
Chase Kalisz	1	0	0	1
Jay Litherland	0	1	0	1
Katie Ledecky	0	1	0	1
Emma Weyant	0	1	0	1
Erika Brown	0	0	1	1
Catie DeLoof*	0	0	1	1
Hali Flickinger	0	0	1	1
Natalie Hinds	0	0	1	1
Simone Manuel	0	0	1	1
Allison Schmitt*	0	0	1	1
Kieran Smith	0	0	1	1
Olivia Smoliga*	0	0	1	1
Abbey Weitzeil	0	0	1	1

*prelim swim in relay event

Women's 100m Butterfly – Final

Gold – Maggie MacNeil (CAN), 55.59

Silver – Yufei Zhang (CHN), 55.64

Bronze – Emma McKeon (AUS), 55.72

4. Torri Huske (Arlington, Va./Arlington Aquatic Club), 55.73

Race Notes:

- Nine one-hundredths of a second separated second from fourth place.
- Huske is the 10th teenager to represent the U.S. in the event since its Olympic debut in 1956.

Quotes

Torri Huske: "I hit the wall and I kind of didn't know what was happening until I looked up at the scoreboard and saw it. I'm very thankful to have had this opportunity to swim at the Olympics."

Torri Huske: "(The experience) has been really surreal. I feel like, up until my first swim, I didn't really process that I was here swimming at the Olympics. So it has been really surreal."

Torri Huske: "It's really nice being with Team USA. There is no one in the crowd, but you can still hear them and that is always really exciting. I'm very happy to get to be with Team USA"

Men's 200m Freestyle – Semifinal

1. Duncan Scott (GBR), 1:44.60
2. Kieran Smith (Ridgefield, Conn./University of Florida), 1:45.07
12. Townley Haas (Richmond, Va./NOVA of Virginia Aquatics/Texas), 1:46.07

Race Notes:

- Smith set a new personal best as he advances to tomorrow's final.
- With his 1:45.07, Smith moved up to No. 6 on the all-time list of American performers.
- U.S. seeking first gold in event since Michael Phelps in 2008.

Women's 100m Breaststroke – Semifinal

1. Tatjana Schoenmaker (RSA), 1:05.07
2. Lilly King (Evansville, Ind./Indiana Swim Club), 1:05.40
3. Lydia Jacoby (Seward, Alaska/Seward Tsunami Swim Club), 1:05.72

Race Notes:

- King, the fastest American of all time, and Jacoby, the fifth-fastest American of all time, advance to the final.
- King has opportunity to defend Olympic title

Quotes

Lydia Jacoby: "(The Olympic experience) has been great. (The swim) felt better than yesterday, not quite as fast as a time, so I'm hoping I can use that same layout and bring it into tomorrow and make it a little faster."

Lydia Jacoby: "I think it is really important to remember that at the end of the day, it is another meet. We all swim our best, but you just have to remember to keep your head on your shoulders and not get too carried away with the idea that you are at the Olympics."

Lilly King: "It was better than last night (prelims) for sure, I definitely have some things I can work on tonight to get ready for tomorrow (finals) – just got to focus on the prep right now and get ready for the swim in the morning."

Men's 100m Breaststroke – Final

Gold – Adam Peaty (GBR), 57.37

Silver – Arno Kamminga (NED), 58.00

Bronze – Nicolo Martinenghi (ITA), 58.33

4. Michael Andrew (Encinitas, Calif./MA Swim Academy), 58.84

T-6. Andrew Wilson (Bethesda, Md./Athens Bulldog Swim Club), 58.99

Race Notes:

- Andrew's swim is the sixth-fastest swim of his career.
- Wilson ties the fifth-fastest time of his career.
- First Olympic Games since 2008 where U.S. did not win a medal.

Quotes:

Michael Andrew: "Overall, all three of my swims have been a little off, so it is disappointing, but at the same time, I'm grateful for being here. I'm too blessed to stress, not many people get to experience the Olympics like this and overall it is just an honor to be here."

Women's 400m Freestyle – Final

Gold – Ariarne Titmus (AUS), 3:56.69

Silver – Katie Ledecky (Bethesda, Md./Nation's Capital/Alto Swim Club), 3:57.36

Bronze – Bingjie Li (CHN), 4:01.08

7. Paige Madden (Mobile, Ala./University of Virginia), 4:06.81

Race Notes:

- Ledecky's swim is the fourth-fastest time in history and second fastest of her career.
- Ledecky's silver gives her the seventh Olympic medal of her career, tying her for 13th on the all-time list for total medals by a female swimmer

Quotes

Katie Ledecky: "Was certainly a tough race and I think we delivered. I mean it can't get much better than that. Tremendous racing, a lot of fun and can't be too disappointed with that. It was my second-best swim ever. Felt like I fought–fought tooth and nail–and that's all I can ask for."

Katie Ledecky: "I felt pretty smooth and strong going out but flipped at the 300 and it's like oh – she's right there. It was just a battle at the end. Didn't feel like I died or fell off, (Titmus) just had that faster 50 or 75 and got her hand on the wall first."

Men's 100m Backstroke – Semifinal

1. Ryan Murphy (Jacksonville, Fla./California Aquatics/Bolles), 52.24

9. Hunter Armstrong (Dover, Ohio/Ohio State University/CCS), 53.21

Race Notes

- Murphy's 52.24 is tied for the 21st-fastest swim in history – he now holds eight of the top-25 swims in history.
- Murphy is attempting to become the fifth swimmer in history to win Olympic gold twice in the men's 100m backstroke

- Should Murphy medal in the final, he would be the eighth U.S. swimmer to medal in the event in back-to-back Olympic Games.

Quotes

Ryan Murphy: “I like how I did that one. I feel solid about it. I think we’ll find some things and get a little faster in the final.”

Ryan Murphy: “It was a second better than last night (prelims) - it felt easier than last night - so that was nice. I think last night I was really nervous; I was swimming tight. This morning I was a little more comfortable with the meet so it is good – I think every session will feel a little bit less nervous and that will be good.”

Women's 100m Backstroke – Semifinal

1. **Regan Smith (Lakeville, Minn./Riptide), 57.86***

4. **Rhyan White (Herriman, Utah/University of Alabama/WFFM), 58.46**

**Olympic record*

Race Notes

- Smith sets a new Olympic record – her second such record in as many days.
- White’s 58.46 is three one-hundredths off her personal best.
- U.S. seeking first multi-medal performance in the event since Natalie Coughlin (gold) and Margaret Hoelzer (bronze) in 2008.

Quotes

Regan Smith: “It was great. I’m really pleased with it. I was just trying to clean some things up from last night and get ready for tomorrow. I’ll take that and I’m really happy with it.”

Regan Smith: “Ultimately (setting an Olympic record) doesn’t matter – tomorrow is what I’m shooting for. I feel great. I just hope to keep the ball rolling and the energy flowing into tomorrow.”

Rhyan White: “It was really good – it was fun. I was pretty nervous, but luckily got to swim next to Regan (Smith) so it was a little more comfortable.”

Rhyan White: “It’s a kind of different feeling of nervousness (compared to the U.S. Olympic Team Trials – Swimming), I would say. There’s a little bit of pressure here, but I think a lot of that pressure is from myself. Since it’s my first time (at an Olympic Games), I’m just taking it for what it is.”

Men’s 4x100m Freestyle Relay – Final

Gold – USA, 3:08.97

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

Blake Pieroni (Valparaiso, Ind./Sandpipers of Nevada)

Bowe Becker (Las Vegas, Nev./Sandpipers of Nevada/Minnesota)

Zach Apple (Trenton, Ohio/Mission Viejo Nadadores)

Silver – Italy, 3:10.11

Bronze – Australia, 3:10.22

Race Notes:

- U.S. repeats as Olympic champion – the U.S. has won 10 out of 13 available gold medals in the event’s history.
- Brooks Curry (Dunwoody, Ga./Louisiana State University/Dynamo) also earns medal via his prelims swim in the event.
- Three of the five medalists for the U.S. (Apple, Becker, Curry) are Olympic rookies.
- Apple’s 46.69 relay split was one of only two splits in the field under 47 seconds.

Quotes

Zach Apple: “It’s easy (to anchor) when these three guys are leading my out and giving me a lead. I love living in the pressure. It is kind of why we race - because we want to be in the pressure and that brings out the best in us. I think that is what you saw there.”

Caeleb Dressel: “We know there is a target on our back every year, to be honest. We don’t need the same guys every go around, it is always competitive and that is why I consider our (U.S. Olympic Trials – Swimming) one of the fastest meets in the world – it is tough to make the team, and if you make it, you deserve to be up here.”

Caeleb Dressel: “I felt good the whole way, I knew I had to get my hand on the wall first and get some clean water. Everyone did their job, it’s a relay for a reason, there are four guys for a reason, it is certainly not just me and it is certainly not just one guy. I was never scared; the scariest part was my leg for myself because I had control about that. I knew they were going to get the job done, I wasn’t nervous at all. Especially when Zach (Apple) hit the water and I saw him break out, I knew it was over.”

Bowe Becker: “It’s awesome. I love competing, I love that grind, that hurt, you don’t get it anywhere else. To do it at this stage is just unforgettable.”

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