

## Pool, sea concerns being resolved: organizers

## Olympic athletes need to think beyond Rio Games

WASHINGTON, Oct 17, (Agencies): Around the world, thousands of Olympic athletes are training intensely for the biggest moment of their lives.

Hopefully, they're also pondering what they'll be doing a year from now, once the high of the Rio Games wears off.

Dealing with the rest of your life can be even tougher than winning a gold medal.

American swimmer Allison Schmitt knows that all too well. She fell into a deep depression after taking five medals at the London Olympics. Only in the past year did she finally seek out professional help.

That's a question that faces many Olympic athletes, who spend four years on a single-minded pursuit but aren't prepared for what comes next. And the time for everyone — athletes, coaches, organizations — to start thinking about it is now.

Win or lose, and even if they have no plans to retire from competition, it's not like

there's a new season right around the corner, a conduit that allows them to quickly hit the reset button.

While there's no hard numbers to back up Cochran's anecdotal assessment, the issue has come to the attention of organizations such as the US Olympic Committee and USA Swimming, which have started looking for ways to help athletes deal with the post-Olympic blues. In swimming, there's a new mentorship program that includes retired national team members. Some have turned to groups such as the Navy SEALs, who cope with similar letdowns.

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Maybe it's not a surprise that Michael Phelps, the winningest athlete in Olympic history, kept running into trouble away from the pool after some of his biggest triumphs. He's had two drunken-driving arrests, along with an embarrassing photo that showed him inhaling from a marijuana pipe.

"The nature of preparing for the Olympics is you don't look ahead, you don't look behind," said Bob Bowman, who coaches both Phelps and Schmitt. "You don't think about the future, what might



Bowman



Kohei Kono after defeating Koki Kameda (not pictured) in the WBA-Super Flyweight Attraction fight at UIC Pavilion on Oct 16, in Chicago, Illinois. (AFP)

happen, what's out there, any of those things."

Phelps and Bowman are now preparing for the Rio Games in Tempe, Arizona,

## Kono beats Kameda to keep WBA crown

CHICAGO, Oct 17, (AFP): Japan's Kohei Kono survived a punishing low blow in the early rounds to retain his WBA super flyweight title Friday with a unanimous 12-round decision over countryman Koki Kameda.

With the victory, the 34-year-old Kono becomes the first Japanese fighter to win a world title in four weight divisions and he did it in the first title fight between Japanese boxers on US soil.

Kono (31-8-1, 13 knockouts) knocked Kameda down with a straight right hand in the second round of the action-packed fight at the UIC

Pavilion venue. Kameda (33-2, 18 knockouts) was penalized by the referee Celestino Ruiz in the third round for low blows, forcing Kono to take a knee at one point.

Ruiz's patience seemed to wear thin in the seventh as he threatened

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to halt the bout if either of the fighters committed any more fouls.

Kono pressed the attack in the final two rounds, which impressed the judges who awarded him the bout by

on hold. "Michael is doing an exceptional job right now thinking what life is going to look like at this time next year and five years beyond that. He never did that before," Bowman said. "I'm trying to get Allison to start thinking that way a little bit."

Meanwhile, Rio Olympics organizers said Friday that a dispute with world swim-

ming authorities over the construction of an open-air water polo facility for next year's Games is being resolved.

The Rio 2016 Olympics organizing committee also insisted that testing of sewage-laden waters where sailing and some swimming events will take place meets new recommendations from the World Health Organization.

Venezuela's Liborio Solis took the title with a majority decision in 2013 but Kono reclaimed it last year with an eighth-round knockout over Thailand's Denkaosan Kaovichit.

Kameda, a 28-year-old southpaw nicknamed "The Fist of Osaka," had won 11 fights in a row entering the Chicago matchup.

## Cougars pummel Tulane 42-7

## Utah State floors Boise State



Utah State cornerback Deshaun Hines (17) breaks up a pass a Boise State wide receiver Chaz Anderson (6) during the second half of an NCAA college football game, Oct 16, in Logan, Utah. (AP)

LOGAN, Utah, Oct 17, (AP): Utah State turned Boise State's seven first-half turnovers into 35 points to romp to a 52-26 victory over the Broncos in college football on Friday.

Marwin Evans returned an interception 90 yards for a touchdown as time expired before halftime and the Aggies snapped a 12-game losing streak against Boise State that dated back 18 years.

The 52 points are the most No. 21-ranked Boise State has ever allowed as a ranked team.

Utah State quarterback Kent Meyers threw for 157 yards and a career-high three touchdowns and added 63 yards rushing and a touchdown. Hunter Sharp caught two touchdown passes.

Nick Vigil had a game-high 14 tackles for the Aggies, and Tyler Fackrell added 11. Fackrell forced one fumble and

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recovered two, while Vigil had one of each.

Boise State quarterback Brett Rypien threw for 299 yards but with three interceptions.

Meanwhile, Houston's Greg Ward Jr. ran for three touchdowns and threw a scoring pass as the Cougars beat Tulane 42-7.

Playing as a ranked team for the first time since 2011, the No. 24-ranked Cougars took a half-game lead over Memphis and Navy in the West Division.

Despite three starting offensive linemen sitting out with injuries, Houston piled up 461 total yards, including 239 on the ground, and went 7 of 15 on third down. Ward completed 17 of 25 passes for 222 yards and had 14 carries for 77 yards.

Houston held Tulane to 262 total yards and forced 11 punts.

## Out of home waters

## Nationality 'debate' stirs America's Cup

SAN DIEGO, Oct 17, (AP): America's Cup-related racing comes to Bermuda for the first time this weekend, with two of the highest-profile teams looking to carve out a home-course advantage on the island nation that committed \$77 million to host sailing's marquee regatta.

The America's Cup World Series will be sailed Saturday and Sunday, the third in the series of preliminary regattas leading to the America's Cup in 2017.

The top three teams in the standings are Emirates Team New Zealand, the hard-luck loser in the 2013 America's Cup; Land Rover BAR, the British team led by Sir Ben Ainslie; and Oracle Team USA, the two-time America's Cup champion that decided to defend the Auld Mug offshore rather than keep it in San Francisco.

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Bermuda is a British overseas territory some 640 miles off North Carolina - and at the northern tip of the mythical Bermuda Triangle.

"We like to say with the America's Cup being in Bermuda, that it's halfway home," said Ainslie, who hopes to become the first Englishman to win back the trophy his countrymen lost in 1851.

Ainslie was knighted by Queen Elizabeth after winning his fourth straight gold medal at the 2012 London Games. "We certainly have great ties with Bermuda with its British heritage. They have been incredibly supportive of us. I think Bermuda is as proud of its British heritage as we are from our side."

Oracle skipper Jimmy Spithill, who was Ainslie's boss in the last Cup, thinks otherwise. The syndicate, owned by software billionaire Larry Ellison, relocated from San Francisco to Bermuda in May.

Moving the America's Cup out of home waters is just one area where Oracle continues to buck tradition.



Brent Burns #88 of the San Jose Sharks takes a penalty for tripping Adam Henrique #14 of the new Jersey Devils during overtime at the Prudential Center on Oct 16, in Newark, New Jersey. (AFP)

## Sharks stay perfect as Leafs claim 1st victory

Avalanche down Ducks; Kings edge Wild in OT

NEWARK, New Jersey, Oct 17, (AP): Martin Jones fell just short of a third consecutive shutout, and then Joe Pavelski and Brent Burns scored in a shootout to lift the San Jose Sharks to a 2-1 victory over the winless New Jersey Devils on Friday night.

Jones stopped 31 shots and came within 3:38 of his third shutout in four games as the Sharks improved to 4-0 under former New Jersey coach Pete DeBoer. New Jersey is 0-3-1 under new coach John Hynes.

Patrick Marleau scored for the Sharks in the opening minute and the goal stood until Adam Henrique ended Jones' shutout bid with a tying power-play goal. Henrique scored for New Jersey on its first shootout attempt, but Jacob Josefson was stopped on the second and Mike Cammalleri missed the net on the third.

## Avalanche 3, Ducks 0

In Anaheim, California, Reto Berra made 35 saves for his second career

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shutout and Nathan MacKinnon scored in the opening minute of Colorado's victory over winless Anaheim.

Jack Skille also scored for the Avalanche, who dominated their road opener against the three-time defending Pacific Division champions. The Ducks fell to 0-3-1 with just one goal all season.

Berra became the third goalie to shut out the Ducks this season, making several big saves. It was the Swiss netminder's 52nd NHL game.

Frederik Andersen stopped 22 shots for the Ducks, who haven't scored in more than 163 mins since Sami Vatanen got their only goal against Vancouver on Monday.

## Kings 2, Wild 1, OT

In Los Angeles, Anze Kopitar scored at 2:19 of overtime, Tyler Toffoli connected on a power play in the second period and Los Angeles got its first victory of the season.

The Kings, who last season became the eighth team in NHL history to miss the playoffs a year after winning the Stanley Cup, were in danger of starting a season 0-4 for the first time. Their longest winless streak from the start of a season was nine games in 1984-85 (0-6 with three ties).

Kopitar scored on a 25-foot wrist shot in the first overtime game for either team in the new 3-on-3 format.

## NHL Results/Standings

WASHINGTON, Oct 17, (RTRS): Results and standings from the NHL games on Friday:

San Jose 2 New Jersey (SO) 1

Toronto 6 Columbus 3

Carolina 5 Detroit 3

Winnipeg 3 Calgary 1

St. Louis 4 Vancouver 3

Colorado 3 Anaheim 0

LA Kings 2 Minnesota (OT) 1

Western Conference

Central Division

Winnipeg 4 1 0 18 9 8

St. Louis 4 1 0 17 12 8

Minnesota 3 0 1 13 11 7

Nashville 3 1 0 10 6 6

Dallas 3 1 0 15 11 6

Colorado 2 2 0 15 14 4

Chicago 2 3 0 10 13 4

Pacific Division

San Jose 4 0 0 14 2 8

Vancouver 3 1 1 15 9 7

Arizona 3 1 0 13 6 6

Calgary 1 3 0 8 14 2

Los Angeles 1 3 0 4 13 2

Anaheim 0 3 1 11 11 1

Edmonton 0 4 0 5 13 0

Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division

Montreal 5 0 0 16 6 10

Florida 3 1 0 14 5 6

Detroit 3 1 0 14 9 6

Tampa Bay 3 2 0 17 14 6

Ottawa 3 2 0 16 13 6

Toronto 1 2 1 11 15 3

Buffalo 1 3 0 8 12 2

Boston 1 3 0 13 18 2

Metropolitan Division

NY Rangers 3 2 0 13 13 6

NY Islanders 2 1 1 11 12 5

Philadelphia 2 1 1 7 10 5

Washington 2 1 0 9 9 4

Carolina 1 3 0 10 13 2

Pittsburgh 1 3 0 5 8 2

New Jersey 0 2 1 6 13 1

Columbus 0 5 0 12 26 0

Note: Overtime losses (OTL) are worth one point in the standings and are not included in the loss column (L).

Team	W	L	OTL	GF	GA	PTS
San Jose	4	0	0	14	2	8
Vancouver	3	1	1	15	9	7
Arizona	3	1	0	13	6	6
Calgary	1	3	0	8	14	2
Los Angeles	1	3	0	4	13	2
Anaheim	0	3	1	11	11	1
Edmonton	0	4	0	5	13	0
Carolina	5	0	0	16	6	10
Florida	3	1	0	14	5	6
Detroit	3	1	0	14	9	6
Tampa Bay	3	2	0	17	14	6
Ottawa	3	2	0	16	13	6
Toronto	1	2	1	11	15	3
Buffalo	1	3	0	8	12	2
Boston	1	3	0	13	18	2
NY Rangers	3	2	0	13	13	6
NY Islanders	2	1	1	11	12	5
Philadelphia	2	1	1	7	10	5
Washington	2	1	0	9	9	4
Carolina	1	3	0	10	13	2
Pittsburgh	1	3	0	5	8	2
New Jersey	0	2	1	6	13	1
Columbus	0	5	0	12	26	0

Minnesota coach Mike Yeo challenged that LA was offside on Kopitar's goal, but the goal was upheld.

For Minnesota, Darcy Kuemper stopped 35 shots in his season debut. Kings goalie Jonathan Quick stopped 25 shots.

## Maple Leafs 6, Blue Jackets 3

In Columbus, Ohio, Leo Komarov scored two late goals and Toronto beat Columbus to give Mike Babcock his first victory as coach of the Maple Leafs.

Joffrey Lupul had a goal and an assist, and Jake Gardiner, James van Riemsdyk, and Nazem Kadri also scored to help Toronto improve to 1-2-1. Daniel Winnik added three assists, Morgan Rielly had two, and James Reimer finished with 24 saves. The Maple Leafs played for the first time six days.

Scott Hartnell had a goal and an assist to reach 600 career points, and Boone Jenner and Nick Foligno also scored for Columbus.

The Blue Jackets are 0-5-0, extending the worst start in franchise history.

## Hurricanes 5, Red Wings 3

In Detroit, Eric Staal and Kris Versteeg each had a goal and two assists and Carolina handed Detroit its first loss of the season.



Komarov

## NFL dominates MLB playoffs

## Ross 'launches' program to advance race relations

WASHINGTON, Oct 17, (Agencies): Stephen Ross, owner of the NFL's Miami Dolphins, launched a nonprofit organization on Friday aimed at combating racism by using sports to promote "understanding, respect and equality."

The Ross Initiative in Sports for Equality (RISE) has the backing of the country's major sports leagues and broadcasters.

In 2013, the locker room of Ross's Dolphins was seen as a flashpoint of intolerance when offensive lineman Jonathan Martin abruptly left the team in the middle of the season, saying he was the victim of racial slurs and bullying.

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"The sports community is uniquely positioned and empowered to help drive national discussion and action to unite our country, promote understanding, respect and equality and advance race relations now and for the next generation," said Ross.

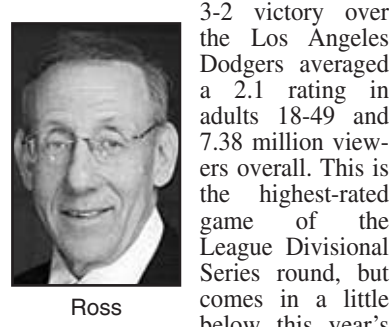
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Sports dominated the primetime landscape on Wednesday, with a deciding game of the **Mets-Dodgers** series on TBS and NFL action on CBS and NFL Network drawing most of the live viewership and sending shows like including Fox's "Bones," NBC's "The Blacklist" and ABC's "Scandal" and "How to Get Away With Murder" to season lows.

According to national estimates from Nielsen, CBS and NFL Network's "Thursday Night Football" matchup between the **Atlanta Falcons** and **New**

**Orleans Saints** averaged a combined 4.9 rating in adults 18-49 and 14.78 million viewers overall on the networks—a bit below last week's averages and the lowest of this football season for "TNE." CBS accounted for 82 percent of the total viewership 77 percent of the adults 18-49 audience.

Over at TBS, the New York Mets' 3-2 victory over the Los Angeles Dodgers averaged a 2.1 rating in adults 18-49 and 7.38 million viewers overall. This is the highest-rated game of the League Divisional Series round, but comes in a little below this year's



Ross

two wild-card round games. And last night's result far exceeds the peak ratings of the LDS round last year, which was a 1.2 in 18-49 and 4.35 million viewers overall.

**Seattle Seahawks** defensive end **Michael Bennett** was unrepentant this week, but unnecessary roughness in bringing down Cincinnati Bengals quarterback **Andy Dalton** has cost him an \$20,000 NFL fine.

Bennett was penalized in the Seahawks' 27-24 loss to the Bengals after he knocked Dalton down three times on a play on which Seattle's Earl Thomas intercepted a Dalton pass. Thomas returned the pick 68 yards to the Bengals' 31-yard line, but the penalty instead had the Seahawks starting at their own 18 with 54 seconds to play in the first half.

half of the field and set off on the four-year-old at the 800m (half mile).

Mongolian Khan joined the leaders on the turn, pinched a break on Our Ivanhowe before it was left to Trip To Paris to run on along the

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inside to finish second.

Japan's Fame Game (9-1) came from a long way back to turn in an eye-catching trial for the Nov 3 3200-metre (2 mile) Melbourne Cup at Flemington.

## Mongolian Khan clinches Australia's Caulfield Cup

MELBOURNE, Oct 17, (AFP): New Zealand stayer Mongolian Khan held off northern hemisphere challenges to win the 2400-metre (1-1/2 mile) Caulfield Cup, a main leadup race to next month's Melbourne Cup, on Saturday.

The 4-1 race favourite was given a perfect ride from jockey Opie Bosson before holding the late charge from English stayer Trip To Paris (30-1) by half a length.

German-bred Our Ivanhowe (25-1) took the minor placing after making his run with the winner. Bosson settled Mongolian Khan in the first