



### Poland grants visa to Belarus Olympian

Poland granted a visa Monday to a Belarusian Olympic sprinter who said she feared for her safety and that her team's officials tried to force her to fly home, where the autocratic government was accused of diverting a flight to arrest a dissident journalist. An activist group that is helping athlete Krystsina Tsimanouskaya told The Associated Press that it bought her a plane ticket to Warsaw for the coming days.

authorities relentlessly crack down on government critics. The runner said on her Instagram account that she was put in the 4x400 relay even though she has never raced in the event. The runner was then apparently hustled to the airport but refused to board a flight for Istanbul and instead approached police for help. In a filmed message distributed on social media, she also asked the International Olympic Committee for assistance. "I was put under pressure, and they are trying to forcibly take me out of the country without my consent," the 24-year-old said in the message. (AP)



Krystsina Tsimanouskaya, of Belarus, runs in the women's 100-meter run at the 2020 Summer Olympics, on July 30. (AP)

## TOKYO 2020



# Japan rally past US to reach semifinals

### Serbia sweep South Korea

## US women's volleyball team head to quarters

TOKYO, Aug. 2, (AP): Coach Karch Kiraly knew there would be challenges and adversity to overcome if the U.S. women's volleyball team wanted to achieve its goals at the Tokyo Olympics.

He sure was right during pool play, and now the Americans are in position to make a run at their first gold medal in the sport after winning their group.

Two key starters have gone down with ankle injuries, an assistant coach spent two weeks in quarantine as a close contact to someone who tested positive for COVID-19 and the Americans dealt with a straight-set loss to the team known as the Russia Olympic Committee.

But after finishing the preliminary stage with a tense, five-set win over Italy on Monday despite setter Jordyn Poulter joining star Jordan Thompson on the sideline with a rolled right ankle, the U.S. heads into the quarterfinals in good form.

### VOLLEYBALL

In Kiraly's first Olympics as a head coach, the Americans raced through their first six matches undefeated before losing in the semifinals to Serbia by star blocker Foluke Akinradewo Gunderson went down with a knee injury.

The injuries to Thompson and Poulter haven't slowed down the U.S. team yet in Tokyo, with Annie Drews thriving in place of Thompson as an opposite and Micha Hancock stepping in at setter after Poulter got hurt.

Drews led the team with 22 points in the five-set win over Italy in her first Olympic start after Thompson rolled her ankle upon landing on a teammate's foot in a loss Saturday to the ROC.

Thompson was watching from the stands. She is working tirelessly to rehab the injury in hopes of being able to return later in the tournament.

Serbia (4-1) swept South Korea earlier Monday, but both teams advanced to the quarterfinals out of Pool A along with Brazil (4-0) and the Dominican Republic.

Italy (3-2) took second place in Pool B followed by Turkey (3-2) and ROC (3-2).

The Russians will play the winner of Group A, which will be either Serbia or Brazil. A draw late Monday will determine the other two matchups.



United States' Andrea Drews, (left), spikes a ball past Italy's Caterina Chiara Bosetti during the women's volleyball preliminary round pool B match between United States and Italy at the 2020 Summer Olympics, on Aug. 2, in Tokyo, Japan. (AP)



Japan's Tetsuto Yamada dives back to first on a pickoff attempt during the ninth inning of a baseball game against the United States at the 2020 Summer Olympics, on Aug. 2, in Yokohama, Japan. (AP)

### SKorea top Israel

YOKOHAMA, Japan, Aug. 2, (AP): Yuki Yanagita tied it with an RBI grounder off Scott McGough in the ninth inning, Takuya Kai hit a winning single against Edwin Jackson in the 10th and Japan beat the United States 7-6 Monday night to reach the Olympic semifinals.

Japan overcame a 6-5, ninth-inning deficit against McGough, a 31-year-old former Miami Marlins reliever with 16 saves in his third season with the Central League's Yakult Swallows. He walked Seiya Suzuki with one out as rain started to fall, then allowed a single to Hideto Asamura that put runners at the corners.

Yanagita hit a chopper to second, driving in a run on the grounder.

Under tournament rules, extra innings start with runners on first and second, an even more extreme distortion than the Major League Baseball runner-on-second rule used since the start of the 2020 pandemic season.

Ryoji Kuriyayashi (1-0) retired the side in order in the top half, and Jackson (0-1), a 37-year-old veteran of a record 14 major league teams, relieved in the bottom of the inning.

Pinch-hitter Ryooya Kurihara sacrificed, manager Mike Scioscia went to the mound and the U.S. went to a five-man infield.

Kai, who had entered as a defensive replacement, lined the next pitch off the right-field wall.

Japan (3-0) will play South Korea (3-1) on Wednesday night for a spot in the final.

The U.S. (2-1) fell into the loser's bracket of the double-elimination second round. To reach this weekend's final, it must beat the winner of Tuesday's elimination game between the Dominican Republic (1-2) and Israel (1-3), and then the Japan-South Korea loser.

### BASEBALL

### Australia, US and Japan advance to quarters

## China undefeated in women's pool play

SAITAMA, Japan, Aug. 2, (AP): Li Yueru scored 14 points, and China finished pool play undefeated beating Olympic newcomer Belgium 74-62 Monday night.

Both China and Belgium had already qualified for the quarterfinals with only seeding on the line when they played. China (3-0) finished atop Group C, while Belgium (2-1) remains one of the four seeded teams in the quarterfinals based on point differential.

Belgium led 21-17 after the first 10 minutes but China was up 38-37 at halftime. The lead was cut to one with 1.3 seconds left when Emma Meesseman hit two free throws after Huang Si-



China's Ting Shao (7) drives past Belgium's Kim Mestdagh (5) during a women's basketball preliminary round game at the 2020 Summer Olympics, on Aug. 2, in Saitama, Japan. (AP)

final 2:19 to clinch and start a celebration.

### US 93, France 82

A'ja Wilson scored 22 points and Breanna Stewart added 17 to help the U.S. beat France 93-82.

The win was the 52nd in a row for the U.S. dating back to the bronze medal game of the 1992 Olympics. The U.S. went undefeated in group play - albeit not in the dominant fashion the team is used to - and advanced to the quarterfinals. The Americans (3-0) haven't lost a game in group play since women's basketball was added to the Olympics in 1976.

Even with the loss, France (1-2) advanced to the quarterfinals because of point differential with the other third-place teams. The team had to lose by 14 points or less to advance.

### Japan 102, Nigeria 83

Saki Hayashi scored 23 points and Japan shot its way into the quarterfinals with a 102-83 rout of Nigeria in the final pool play game for both teams.

Yuki Miyazawa added 19 points for the host nation, which made 19 3-pointers in the game.

Japan (2-1) got off to a fast start from the field, making seven of its first nine 3-point attempts to go up 30-22 after the first quarter. Nigeria cut its deficit to 38-36 before Japan scored 13 straight points to take control. Hayashi had consecutive 3-pointers sandwiched around a steal of the inbounds pass in between them. She had 20 points in the half, hitting six 3-pointers.

### BASKETBALL

jing was assessed an unsportsmanlike foul, her second. Meesseman had 20 points by halftime but only scored four in the second half.

The Chinese led 59-52 after the third quarter and never trailed again.

Li Meng added 11 points for China, and Yang Liwei and Pan Zhenqi each had 10.

Julie Allemand and Kim Mestdagh scored 12 apiece for Belgium.

### Australia 96, Puerto Rico 69

Marianna Tolo scored 26 points, and Australia beat Puerto Rico 95-69 to advance to the quarterfinals of the women's Olympic tournament.

The world's second-ranked team came in

### Olympic Medalists

#### ATHLETICS

##### Men's 3000m Steeplechase

GOLD: Soufiane El Bakkali, Morocco  
SILVER: Lamecha Girma, Ethiopia  
BRONZE: Benjamin Kigen, Kenya

##### Men's Long Jump

GOLD: Miltiadis Tentoglou, Greece  
SILVER: Juan Miguel Echevarria, Cuba  
BRONZE: Maykel Masso, Cuba

##### Women's 100m Hurdles

GOLD: Jasmine Camacho-Quinn, Puerto Rico  
SILVER: Kendra Harrison, United States  
BRONZE: Megan Tapper, Jamaica

##### Women's 5000m

GOLD: Sifan Hassan, Netherlands  
SILVER: Hellen Obiri, Kenya  
BRONZE: Gudaf Tsegay, Ethiopia

##### Women's Discus Throw

GOLD: Valarie Allman, United States  
SILVER: Kristin Pudenz, Germany  
BRONZE: Yaime Perez, Cuba

#### BADMINTON

##### Men's Singles

GOLD: Viktor Axelsen, Denmark  
SILVER: Long Chen, China  
BRONZE: Anthony Sinisuka Ginting, Indonesia

##### Women's Doubles

GOLD: Indonesia (Greysia Polii, Apriyani Rahayu)  
SILVER: China (Qing Chen Chen, Yi Fan Jia)  
BRONZE: South Korea (Soyeong Kim, Heeyong Kong)

#### CYCLING TRACK

##### Women's Team Sprint

GOLD: China (Shanju Bao, Tianshi Zhong)  
SILVER: Germany (Lea Sophie Friedrich, Emma Hinze)  
BRONZE: ROC (Daria Shmeleva, Anastasiia Voinova)

#### EQUESTRIAN

##### Eventing Individual

GOLD: Julia Krajewski, Germany  
SILVER: Tom McEwen, Britain  
BRONZE: Andrew Hoy, Australia

##### Eventing Team

GOLD: Britain (Tom McEwen, Laura Collett, Oliver Townend)  
SILVER: Australia (Kevin McNab, Shane Rose, Andrew Hoy)  
BRONZE: France (Nicolas Touzaint, Karim Florent Laghouag, Christopher Six)

#### GYMNASTICS

##### Men's Rings

GOLD: Yang Liu, China  
SILVER: Hao You, China  
BRONZE: Eleftherios Petrounias, Greece

##### Men's Vault

GOLD: Jeahwan Shin, South Korea  
SILVER: Denis Abliazin, ROC  
BRONZE: Artur Davtyan, Armenia

##### Women's Floor Exercise

GOLD: Jade Carey, United States  
SILVER: Vanessa Ferrari, Italy  
BRONZE: Mai Murakami, Japan  
BRONZE: Angelina Melnikova, ROC

#### SHOOTING

##### 50m Rifle 3 Positions Men

GOLD: Changhong Zhang, China  
SILVER: Sergey Kamenskiy, ROC  
BRONZE: Milenko Sebic, Serbia

##### 25m Rapid Fire Pistol Men

GOLD: Jean Quiquampoix, France  
SILVER: Leuris Pupo, Cuba  
BRONZE: Yuehong Li, China

#### WEIGHTLIFTING

##### Women's 87kg

GOLD: Wenwen Li, China  
SILVER: Emily Jade Campbell, Britain  
BRONZE: Sarah Elizabeth Robles, United States

##### Men's Greco-Roman 130kg

GOLD: Mijain Lopez Nunez, Cuba  
SILVER: Iakobi Kajaia, Georgia  
BRONZE: Riza Kayaalp, Turkey  
BRONZE: Sergei Semenov, ROC

##### Men's Greco-Roman 60kg

GOLD: Luis Alberto Orta Sanchez, Cuba  
SILVER: Kenichiro Fumita, Japan  
BRONZE: Salike Wallihan, China  
BRONZE: Sergey Emelin, ROC

##### Women's Freestyle 76kg

GOLD: Aline Rotter Focken, Germany  
SILVER: Adeline Maria Gray, United States  
BRONZE: Yasemin Adar, Turkey  
BRONZE: Qian Zhou, China. (AP)

### Spain, Greece win water polo groups

TOKYO, Aug. 2, (AP): Spain goalkeeper Unai Aguirre yelled and splashed toward his bench. He wagged his finger after a couple of saves.

Forget about all the hard-throwing field players in water polo at the Tokyo Olympics. It's all about defense heading into the quarterfinals.

Spain and Greece won their respective groups Monday with a pair of solid defensive performances. Aguirre made 10 saves to lead Spain to an 8-4 victory over Croatia, and Greece rolled to a 14-5 victory against the United States.

### WATER POLO

Spain allowed a tournament-low 31 goals while going 5-0 in Group B. Greece permitted just 34 goals while going 4-0-1 in Group A. Italy, the only other undefeated team at 3-0-2, yielded the second-fewest goals in group play at 32.

Serbia also won Monday, shutting down Montenegro for a 13-6 victory, and Italy played to a 5-5 draw against

Hungary.

The last day of group play finalized the matchups for the quarters on Wednesday. Spain takes on the U.S., and Greece faces Montenegro. Italy-Serbia and Croatia-Hungary are the other two matchups.

Led by the excitable Aguirre, who turned 19 on July 14, Spain limited Croatia to one goal in the first half and then turned away every push by the 2012 Olympic champions down the stretch. Alejandro Bustos Sanchez helped put it away with a 6-on-5 goal with 2:41 left.

Spain is aiming for its first medal at the Olympics since it won gold in 1996, and Perrone said its defense is key to the way it wants to play.

Greece is going for its first medal at the Olympics. It has come close before, losing to Russia in the bronze medal match in 2004. It finished sixth at the Rio Games.

Greece was among the last teams to secure a spot in Tokyo, finishing second in the qualification tournament in the Netherlands in February. But it looks determined to make the most of its time in Japan.



United States' Ben Stevenson (10) is defended by Greece's Marios Kaptosis (4) during a preliminary round men's water polo match at the 2020 Summer Olympics, on Aug. 2, in Tokyo, Japan. (AP)

Boston prospect Triston Casas hit a tiebreaking, three-run homer in the fifth inning for a 6-3 lead after Todd Frazier started a comeback from a 2-0 deficit with an RBI double off former Yankees teammate Masahiro Tanaka.

Host Japan, seeking its first baseball gold medal, chased Tampa Bay prospect Shane Baz in the third inning. Tanaka, who returned to Japan this season after seven years in New York, left in a three-run fourth after Mark Kolozsvary's run-scoring single and a go-ahead single by No. 9 hitter Nick Allen.

Hayato Sakamoto, the 2019 Central League MVP for the Yomiuri Giants, tied it 3-3 in the bottom half against former St. Louis pitcher Brandon Dickson with his second double, but the U.S. broke ahead in the fifth against right-hander Koyo Aoyagi.

Eddy Alvarez, the 2014 speedskating silver medalist turned baseball player, and Tyler Austin singled. That brought up Casas, a 21-year-old Double-A player and former first-round draft pick, whose go-ahead, crushed a leadoff homer, dicked Saturday's win over South Korea. He drove an outside 2-1 pitch to the opposite field for a 6-3 lead.

Japan pulled within a run in the bottom half against Anthony Carter when Suzuki, Japan's 2019 Home Run Derby champion, crushed a leadoff homer, Asamura doubled and Ryoosuke Kuchiki hit a run-scoring infield single. Texas minor leaguer Ryder Ryan came in and escaped further damage.

### South Korea 11, Israel 1

Former big league outfielder Hyun Soo Kim, who played for Baltimore and Philadelphia in 2016-17, capped a seven-run fifth with a two-run homer off 34-year-old left-hander Jeremy Bleich, a Pittsburgh advance scouting assistant who retired as professional player in 2019.

Kim hit his second double of the game with two outs in the seventh against 42-year-old right-hander Shlomo Lipetz, who will return to his day job at New York's City Winery after the Olympics. Soo scored on Hye-seong Kim's single, making this the first game of the tournament cut short under an Olympic rout rule.

Israel (1-3) plays an elimination game Tuesday against the Dominican Republic (1-2).

Ji-hwan Oh hit a two-run homer in the second as South Korea took a 3-0 lead. Back-ho Kang had four of South Korea's 18 hits.

After Danny Valencia's bases-loaded walk cut the lead to 3-1 in the fifth, Sang-woo Cho (1-0) retired Ryan Lavarnway on an inning-ending hump-back liner to the pitcher.