



Benjamin Savsek of Slovenia celebrates as he crosses the finish line to win gold medal in the Men's C1 of the Canoe Slalom at the 2020 Summer Olympics in Tokyo, Japan. (AP)

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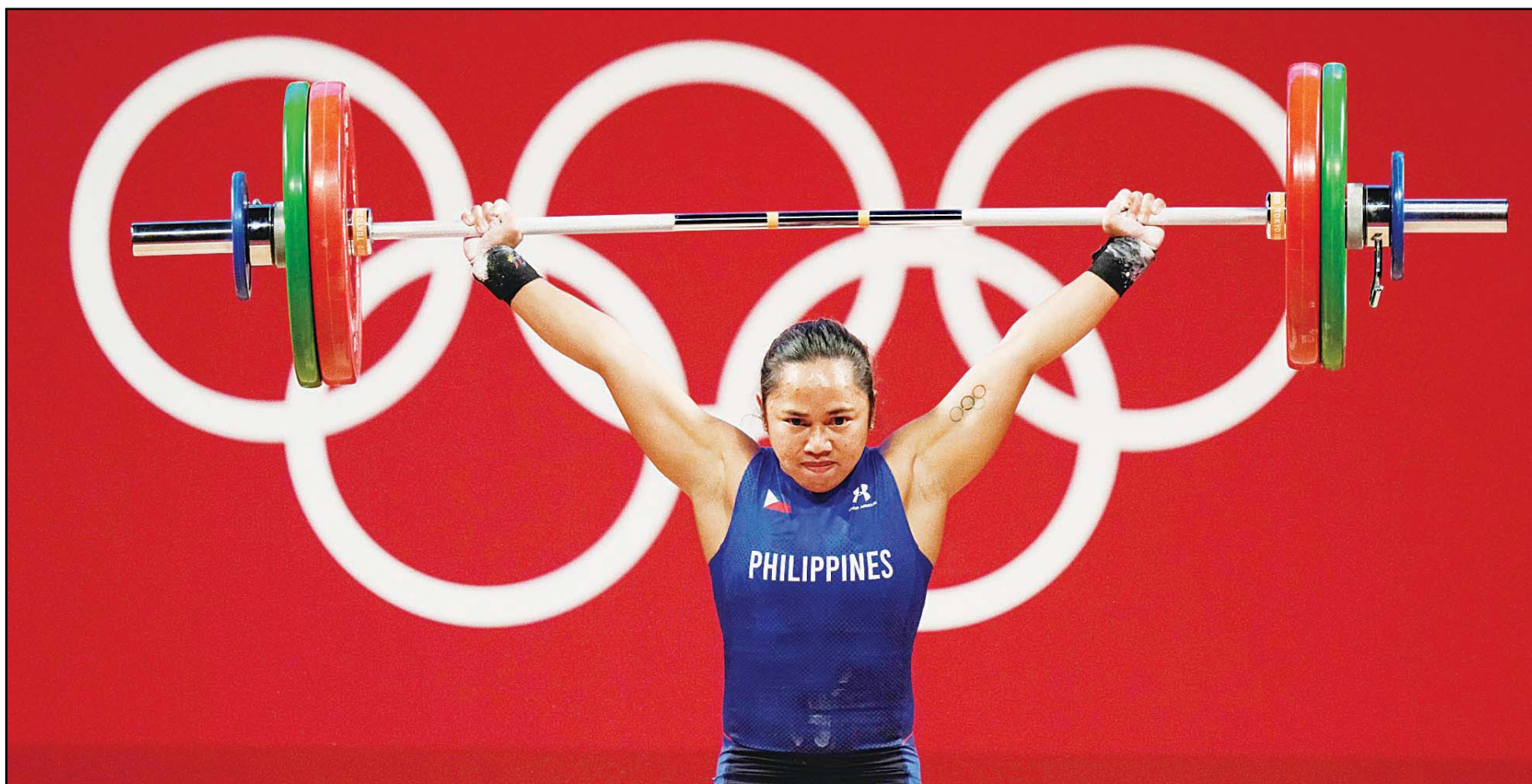
Philippines' Diaz wins historic gold as Titmus ends Leddecky golden run



Egypt's Seif Eissa reacts after defeating United States' Paige McPherson, to win a bronze medal for the taekwondo women's 67kg match at the 2020 Summer Olympics in Tokyo, Japan. (AP)



Silver medalist Jordan's Julyana Al-Sadeq holds his medal. (AP)



Hidilyn Diaz of Philippines competes in the women's 55kg weightlifting event, at the 2020 Summer Olympics in Tokyo, Japan. (AP)

English sets record; Daley, Lee claim diving title

TOKYO, July 26, (AP): Hidilyn Diaz became the first Olympic gold medalist from the Philippines after winning the women's 55-kilogram weightlifting category at the Tokyo Olympic Games on Monday.

Diaz overtook Liao Qiuyun of China on her last lift in the clean and jerk to win with a total 224 kilograms. That was one more than Liao.

China had won all three events so far and was hoping to sweep the gold medals in the eight competitions its athletes have entered. Liao came into the competition as the world record holder with a total 227kg.

Zulfiya Chinshanlo of Kazakhstan took bronze with 213kg. Chinshanlo won what was then the 53-kilogram class at the 2012 London Olympics, but was stripped of her gold medal after a positive test for two banned steroids.

Katie Leddecky strolled onto the deck first, which meant she was headed to the second spot on the medal podium.

What a strange place for her to be.

For the first time in a brilliant career, Leddecky wasn't the first swimmer to touch the wall in an individual event at the Olympics.

She had nothing to be ashamed of. She swam one of the best races of her career on the biggest stage. She was simply beaten in the 400-meter freestyle by someone who was a bit better on this day.

Still, it was a bit jarring.

It wasn't quite good enough to beat Australia's Ariarne Titmus, who chased down Leddecky over the final two laps to win in 3 minutes, 56.69 seconds.

It was the second-fastest time ever recorded, surpassed only by Leddecky's world record of 3:56.46 at the 2016 Rio Games.

Leddecky touched in 3:57.36, her fastest time in three years and fourth-fastest in the history of the eight-lap event.

Of course, most people will focus on where she finished.

Leddecky has been second before - in relays and at big-time meets such as the world championships.

But this was a first at the Olympics.

Leddecky won her only individual event at the 2012 London Games, stunningly taking gold in the 800 free as a relatively unknown 15-year-old. She was a big star by Rio, where she backed up the hype by sweeping the 200, 400 and 800 free.

That streak ended at the Tokyo Aquatics Centre, but Leddecky was more focused on the time beside her name, not the number in front of it.

Maggie MacNeil captured Canada's first gold medal at the pool with a victory in the women's 100-meter butterfly.

The reigning world champion touched first in 55.59 seconds, edging out China's Zhang

Yufei (55.64) for the top spot. Australia's Emma McKeon took the bronze in 55.72, beating American teenager Torri Huske by one-hundredth of a second.

Huske went out fast, as is her style, and appeared to be close to the front with about 10 meters to go. But she faded on her final strokes and just missed a spot on the podium.

The U.S. team was denied a medal for the first time in the swimming competition.

Defending champion and world-record holder Sarah Sjöström of Sweden was seventh. Britain's Adam Peaty repeated as Olympic champion in the men's 100-meter breaststroke.

Peaty was perhaps the surest best at the Olympic pool, being the first man to break both 58 and 57 seconds in his signature event. He posted the fifth-fastest time in history (57.37 seconds) to blow away the field.

Arno Kamminga of the Netherlands claimed the silver in 58.00, while the bronze went to Italy's Nicolo Martinenghi in 58.33. American Michael Andrew was next in 58.84 - the second straight final in which a U.S. swimmer finished fourth and was denied a medal.

Caeleb Dressel led off an American victory in the men's 4x100-meter freestyle relay. Dressel gave the U.S. a lead it never relinquished, swimming the first leg in a blistering 47.26 seconds.

Blake Pieroni and Bowe Becker kept the Americans out front before Zach Apple turned in an anchor leg of 46.69 to leave no doubt at the end.

The U.S. won gold in 3 minutes, 08.97 seconds, the third-fastest relay in history. Italy took the silver in 3:10.11, with the bronze going to Australia in 3:10.22.

The team representing the Russian Olympic Committee rode remarkable performances by Artur Dalaloyan and Nikita Nagornyy to edge Japan and China in a taut men's team gymnastics final.

The victory marked the first Olympic title for the Russians since the 1996 Atlanta Games.

Russia's total of 262,500 points was just good enough to hold off the sport's other two superpowers. Japan used a brilliant high bar routine by Daiki Hashimoto in the final rotation to surge past China for second with a score of 262.397.

The Chinese were undone by a fall from Lin Chaopan on floor exercise during the first rotation.

Britain's Tom Daley and Matty Lee won gold in men's 10-meter synchronized diving, ending any chance of a sweep by China at the Tokyo Aquatics Centre.

Daley and Lee sealed their victory with a brilliant final dive and received one perfect 10 from the judges. Every other mark but one was a 9.0 or 9.5.

Daley and Lee finished with a total score of 471.81 points, edging China's Cao Yuan and Chen Aisen by a mere 1.23. It was the first Olympic gold for Daley, long the star of British diving. He had previously claimed a pair of bronze medals.

The bronze went to Russia's Aleksandr Bondar and Viktor Minibaev with 439.92.

American shooter Amber English set an Olympic record to knock off reigning wom-

en's skeet champion Diana Bacosi of Italy.

English, ranked No. 1 in the world, hit 56 of 60 targets to bounce back from just missing the U.S. Olympic team for the 2012 and 2016 Games.

Bacosi matched English by hitting 47 of 50 shots to reach the final, but missed on her third attempt and a chance to repeat as Olympic champion.

China's Wei Meng took bronze after tying a world record in qualifying.

Japan ended China's overwhelming dominance in table tennis by winning Olympic gold in mixed doubles in a major upset.

Jun Mizutani and Mima Ito beat a Chinese team that has often seemed unbeatable. China won all four gold medals at the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Games and the team of Xu Xin and Liu Shiwen was a heavy favorite this time.

Mizutani won bronze in singles in Rio and Ito is considered by some to be China's biggest threat in the female ranks.

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China won the first two games 11-5 and 11-7 but Japan took the next three 11-8, 11-9 and 11-9. China then won the sixth game 11-6 to set up a deciding seventh game which Japan dominated. The host country took an 8-0 lead and held on for an 11-6 victory.

China's table tennis team is so strong that world champion Liu didn't even make the women's singles' team and is only playing team events.

Cheung Ka Long won Hong Kong's second Olympic gold medal in its history by beating defending champion Daniele Garozzo 15-11 in the men's foil fencing final.

Cheung secured the win with a video review for the last point and then ran to celebrate with his coach. Garozzo earlier needed medical treatment after straining a thigh muscle when Cheung led 6-5.

Hong Kong's only previous Olympic win



Ariarne Titmus, of Australia holds up her medal after winning the final of the women's 400-meters freestyle at the 2020 Summer Olympics in Tokyo, Japan. (AP)

was gold for Lee Lai Shan in women's windsurfing in 1996.

Alexander Choupenitch won bronze for the Czech Republic after beating Takahiro Shikine of Japan 15-8.

Slovenia's Benjamin Savsek won gold in the men's canoe slalom ahead of the Czech Republic's Lukas Rohan and Germany's Sideris Tasiadis.

Savsek is ranked No. 7 in the world. He knew he had the time to beat after a clean run with no time penalties, and pumped his first as he crossed the finish line. He didn't have long to wait to see his time of 98.25 seconds hold up as the winner.

Rohan's run included a gate touch and 2-second penalty and he finished 3.71 seconds off the lead. Tasiadis, who came in ranked No. 1 in the world and won silver in 2012, was a distant 5.45 seconds slower than Savsek.

Tom Pidcock won the Olympic men's



Nikita Nagornyy, of the Russian Olympic Committee, performs on the pommel horse during the artistic gymnastic men's team final at the 2020 Summer Olympics in Tokyo. (AP)

Oly Medals Table

TOKYO, July 26, (AP): Olympic Games medals table on Monday.

	G	S	B	T
Japan	8	2	3	13
United States	7	3	4	14
China	6	5	7	18
Russia	4	5	3	12
Britain	3	3	1	7
South Korea	3	0	4	7
Australia	2	1	3	6
Kosovo	2	0	0	2
Italy	1	4	4	9
France	1	2	2	5
Canada	1	2	1	4
Hungary	1	1	0	2
Tunisia	1	1	0	2
Croatia	1	0	1	2
Slovenia	1	0	1	2
Austria	1	0	0	1
Ecuador	1	0	0	1
Hong Kong	1	0	0	1
Iran	1	0	0	1
Norway	1	0	0	1
Philippines	1	0	0	1
Thailand	1	0	0	1
Uzbekistan	1	0	0	1
Taiwan	0	2	2	4
Netherlands	0	3	0	3
Brazil	0	2	1	3
Germany	0	0	3	3
Kazakhstan	0	0	3	3
Georgia	0	2	0	2
Czech Republic	0	1	1	2
Indonesia	0	1	1	2
Serbia	0	1	1	2
Spain	0	1	1	2
Switzerland	0	1	1	2
Egypt	0	0	2	2
Mongolia	0	0	2	2
Turkey	0	0	2	2
Ukraine	0	0	2	2
Belgium	0	1	0	1
Bulgaria	0	1	0	1
Colombia	0	1	0	1
Denmark	0	1	0	1
India	0	1	0	1
Jordan	0	1	0	1
Romania	0	1	0	1
Ivory Coast	0	0	1	1
Estonia	0	0	1	1
Israel	0	0	1	1
Kuwait	0	0	1	1
Mexico	0	0	1	1
New Zealand	0	0	1	1
Note: Table reads as gold, silver, bronze and total. (AP)				

mountain bike race, extending Britain's dominance from the road and track to the dirt.

Leaving reigning champion Nino Schurter and his Swiss teammate Mathias Flueckiger behind on the fourth of seven laps, the 21-year-old multidiscipline prodigy proceeded to dominate the toughest course in Olympic history.

Flueckiger gave chase in vain and was left with a silver medal. David Valero Serrano of Spain won a surprise bronze.

Sofia Pozdniakova won an all-Russian fencing final 15-11 to take goal in women's saber and consign teammate Sofya Velikaya to a third consecutive silver medal in the event.

Pozdniakova is the daughter of Russian Olympic Committee president and four-time gold medalist Stanislav Pozdnyakov. He was watching in the arena. Russia is competing under the guise of the ROC at the Tokyo Games in the latest doping-related sanctions from the Court of Arbitration for Sport.

Velikaya was the individual saber runner-up at the 2012 and 2016 Olympics. She also has a team gold from 2016.

Manon Brunet of France won the bronze medal after beating Anna Marton of Hungary 15-6.

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