

## Guam drills provide ‘at-scale’ tests

BY WYATT OLSON

*Stars and Stripes*

Joint U.S. Army and Air Force exercises centered on Guam are intended to keep adversaries guessing about how America’s armed forces would defend and attack during a conflict, a top Pacific Air Forces official said Sunday.

“We know one thing for sure is that they’ve studied the way that the U.S., our allies and partners have employed force when it’s been necessary,” Lt. Gen. Jon Thomas, deputy commander of Pacific Air Forces, told reporters during a conference call that also included Gen. Charles Flynn, commander of U.S. Army Pacific.

“[Adversaries] believe that we’ll concentrate and will build large mountains of sustainment and supply, and then we’ll wait to go forward,” Thomas said. “We know that we can’t wait to do that, nor can we give them that opportunity, and so thus we’re preparing to operate in a different way.”

This summer’s exercises are doing just that.

The Army is now in the midst of the Guam-based Pacific Forager 21 exercise,

which involves about 4,000 U.S. personnel who rapidly deployed to the theater.

Training scenarios include an 82nd Airborne operation; a bilateral airborne operation with the Japan Ground Self-Defense Force and 1st Special Forces Group; a live-fire exercise with Apache attack helicopters; and multidomain operations involving the transport over land, air and sea of Strykers, the Avengers surface-to-air missile system and High Mobility Artillery Rocket Systems, the Army said.

The Air Force is wrapping up the Pacific Iron exercise, during which aircraft and about 800 airmen from Pacific Air Forces and the Air Combat Command deployed quickly into the Indo-Pacific region under the Air Force’s new operational concept called agile combat employment.

The concept employs a “hub-and-spoke” system of established and remote air bases and prepositioned equipment that allows quick and unpredictable deployment of air assets.

Thomas described Pacific Iron as “our largest and our most comprehensive exercise to date to exercise” agile combat em-

ployment.

“We’ve demonstrated the ability to move forward to the second island chain 26 F-22s, 12 F-15Es and four C-130s here ... on Guam or nearby,” Thomas said.

Meanwhile, the Army is honing its own operational concept, multidomain warfare, during Forager, Flynn said. Under the concept, the Army is part of a joint force with the Air Force, Marines and Navy that is capable of engaging and defeating adversaries in all domains — air, land, sea, space and cyberspace — in both “gray area” competition and armed conflict.

Both generals emphasized that the exercises taking place demonstrate the services’ concepts “at scale.”

“There’s a whole host of work that gets done as concepts are being developed,” Flynn said. “But when you actually bring real forces together in real time, and they really have to sustain and they really have the command and control and they really have to conduct operational maneuvers at distance and at scale — I think that’s where their greatest incremental learning goes on.”

## Pair of Royal Navy ships to patrol Indo-Pacific

BY ALEX WILSON

*Stars and Stripes*

The Royal Navy will permanently station two offshore patrol vessels in the Indo-Pacific region later this summer, according to the U.K. Ministry of Defence.

The HMS Spey and HMS Tamar, both River-class vessels, will deploy in August and “will be supported by partners during their operations, including Australia, Japan and Singapore,” according to an email from the ministry to Stars and Stripes on July 21.

A spokesman attributed that information to the ministry itself, in keeping with the department’s policy. It did not specify where the ships would be stationed.

The ships, nearly 300 feet long, have a range of more than 5,500 nautical miles, a maximum speed better than 24 knots and a maximum crew of 45, plus a contingent of 50 Royal Marines, according to the Royal Navy website.

They also have flight decks that can support a Merlin helicopter.

Jeff Kingston, director of Asian Studies at Temple University Japan, described the deployment as a “largely symbolic” gesture meant to demonstrate solidarity with the United States and its allies in their ongoing efforts to contain China.

“This is aimed at countering China’s regional hegemonic am-

bitions and rising tensions associated with this powershift,” he wrote in an email to Stars and Stripes on Thursday.

Kingston said he doesn’t expect the gesture will have lasting significance, or the United Kingdom to remain active in the Pacific for long.

“Boris Johnson needs to show the British that [the U.K.] still stands tall in the post-Brexit world and appeals to those who crave to punch above the U.K.’s weight, and is also eager to demonstrate that London remains Washington’s reliable deputy sheriff,” he wrote.

The Spey and Tamar are currently homeported in Portsmouth, England. Their arma-

ment includes a remotely operated Oerlikon 30 mm gun for defense against short-range missiles and other explosives, and an Oerlikon KAA200 20 mm automatic cannon for short-range, anti-aircraft defense.

The Spey, skippered by Lt. Cmdr. Ben Evans, was commissioned on June 18, according to the Royal Navy’s website. The fifth and last of the second-generation River-class ships, the vessel was built by BAE Systems at its shipyard on the River Clyde.

The Tamar, fourth of its class and led by Lt. Cmdr. Michael Hutchinson, was commissioned in December in Portsmouth. It was also built by BAE Systems.

## US soldier makes it to Olympic men's steeplechase final

By SETH ROBSON  
*Stars and Stripes*

TOKYO — A U.S. soldier ran a personal best on the first morning of Olympic track and field competition in Japan's capital city to qualify for the men's 3,000-meter steeplechase final.

Army Spc. Benard Keter, 29, a native of Kenya who calls Lubbock, Texas, his home, completed the grueling obstacle course in 8:17.31 on Friday. The course on an Olympic track is studded with 3-foot-high wooden barriers and a 12-foot-long water obstacle.

Keter, who joined the Army in May 2016, surged through the pack from last place to lead a group of six competing for places in the final.

He trailed for the first half of the steeplechase, but by the final lap the lanky soldier had battled into third place.

He was passed by several rivals before the finish line, but the pace was fast enough to get him into the final, which will feature the top-three runners from each heat and the next six fastest.

To win a medal, Keter, a supply specialist and member of the Army's World Class Athlete Program, will likely need to run even faster.

The top qualifier is Ethiopian Lamecha Girma, who won the first heat in 8:09.83, a fraction of a second ahead of Japan's Miura Ryuji.

After the race, Keter said the U.S. Olympic team is the hardest in the world to break into.

But soldiers are trained to be leaders, he said.

"Be a leader first, before you try to be anything else," he said. The military athletes on Team USA, he said, are helping lead it.

"Today is the first day of track and field," Keter said. "We are here to lead everybody with Team USA to achieve their best out there over the next few days."

Keter described the steeplechase as "not just a physical event, but more of a mental event."

He added: "Being a soldier-athlete means everything ... not only to me, but also my command. It gives me an opportunity to perform at my best on the track and in uniform."

## Yokota base creates time capsule to mark pandemic

By JUAN KING  
*Stars and Stripes*

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — A handful of the current Japanese and American inhabitants of this Air Force installation in western Tokyo gathered Thursday to send a message to their peers in the future.

Col. Andrew Campbell, commander of the 374th Airlift Wing, presided over the burial of a time capsule outside the wing headquarters — an event, he said, that marks a special time in Yokota's history.

"As we dedicate this time capsule, to commemorate the 2020 Olympics hosted by Japan, we continue to battle the COVID-19 pandemic," he said. "The Games' delay reflects the pandemic's drag on every aspect of our mission and personal lives. I'm proud of what this wing and our community has accomplished despite the pandemic. This community's resilience is the source of my optimism for the future."

Into the capsule — a large, stainless-steel box — went items donated by organizations from across the base: wrench, a wooden sake drinking cup and 3D-printed replicas of 2020 Olympic medals. There were also COVID-19 vaccine vials and copies of Stars

and Stripes newspapers with reports from the past year on how the military was affected by the pandemic.

The capsule was later closed, sealed and buried, with a plaque laid over top by the 374th Civil Engineering Squadron. It will not be dug up and opened until Japan hosts another Summer Olympics.

More than 50 people, including Col. Takashi Izuhara, commander of the Japan Air Self-Defense Force Operations Support Wing, and deputy commander Col. Yasuhiro Uchi, assembled for the event.

"It's an awesome opportunity to be part of history, and the fact that we're here with our Japanese brothers and sisters celebrating the Olympics and we've found a way to preserve that memory for the future," said Col. Julie Gaulin, 374th Airlift Wing vice commander.

Thursday's event also left an impression on Airman 1st Class Justin Young, 26, of Baton Rouge, La.

"I am excited," he said. "I hope I'm still alive when they do open it, but I hope I am able to witness this being opened by the next generation of people that are going to be on this base at that time."

## 37 US soldiers killed in 1971 helo crash honored in German exhibit

By IMMANUEL JOHNSON  
*Stars and Stripes*

GRAFENWOEHR, Germany — The 37 young U.S. soldiers who died nearly 50 years ago when the helicopter they were in exploded and crashed in a field near the West German town of Pegnitz, north of Nuremberg, are being remembered in an exhibit at the Museum for Cultural and Military History in Grafenwoehr.

The exhibit, titled "Forever in our thoughts," seeks to preserve the memory of the victims of the Aug. 18, 1971, crash, which Stars and Stripes reported at the time was the worst training accident involving American troops in West Germany since the end of World War II.

Everyone on board the Chinook helicopter carrying them from Ludwigsburg to the Grafenwoehr Training Area for a live-fire exercise — four crew from the 4th Aviation Company and 33 soldiers from the 2nd Battalion, 4th Infantry Regiment, 56th Field Artillery Brigade — died in the accident, Stars and Stripes reported following the accident.

The exhibit, which opened July 22, features photos, newspaper articles and letters collected by Pegnitz archivist Andreas Bayerlein. They tell the stories of the lives lost and of grieving family members like Beth Hartman, who married Pfc. Roger Madison Hartman on Aug. 31, 1970, the day he turned 20 and she turned 18.

# Study: Vaccine does not affect coronavirus level

*Associated Press*

In another dispiriting setback for the nation's efforts to stamp out the coronavirus, scientists who studied a big COVID-19 outbreak in Massachusetts concluded that vaccinated people who got so-called breakthrough infections carried about the same amount of the coronavirus as those who did not get the shots.

Health officials on Friday released details of that research, which was key in last week's decision by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to recommend that vaccinated people return to wearing masks indoors in parts of the U.S. where the delta variant is fueling infection surges. The authors said the findings suggest that the CDC's mask guidance should be expanded to include the entire country, even outside of hot spots.

The findings have the potential to upend past thinking about how the disease is spread. Previously, vaccinated people who got infected were thought to have low levels of virus and to be unlikely to pass it to others. But the new data shows that is not the case with the delta variant.

The outbreak in Provincetown — a seaside tourist spot on Cape Cod in the county with Massachusetts' highest vaccination rate — has so far included more than 900 cases. About three-quarters of them were people who were fully vaccinated.

Leaked internal documents on break-

through infections and the delta variant suggest the CDC may be considering other changes in advice on how the nation fights the coronavirus, such as recommending masks for everyone and requiring vaccines for doctors and other health workers.

The delta variant, first detected in India, causes infections that are more contagious than the common cold, flu, smallpox and the Ebola virus, and it is as infectious as chickenpox, according to the documents, which mentioned the Provincetown cases.

The documents were obtained by The Washington Post. As they note, COVID-19 vaccines are still highly effective against the delta variant at preventing serious illness and death.

The Provincetown outbreak and the documents highlight the enormous challenge the CDC faces in encouraging vaccination while acknowledging that breakthrough cases can occur and can be contagious but are uncommon.

The White House on Friday defended its approach to rising virus cases and shifting public health guidelines, repeatedly deferred to the CDC while stressing the need for vaccinations.

"The most important takeaway is actually pretty simple. We need more people to get vaccinated," White House spokeswoman Karine Jean-Pierre said.

## Fla. sets 1-day record with over 21K new cases

*Associated Press*

ORLANDO, Fla. — Florida reported 21,683 new cases of COVID-19, the state's highest one-day total since the start of the pandemic, according to federal health data released Saturday, as its theme park resorts again started asking visitors to wear masks indoors.

The state has become the new national epicenter for the virus, accounting for around a fifth of all new cases in the U.S. as the highly contagious delta variant of the coronavirus continues to spread.

Republican Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis has resisted mandatory mask mandates and vaccine requirements, and along with the state Legislature, has limited local officials' ability to impose restrictions meant to stop the spread of COVID-19. DeSantis on Friday barred school districts from requiring students to wear masks when classes resume next month.

The latest numbers were recorded on Friday and released on Saturday on the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's website. The figures show how quickly the number of cases is rising in the Sunshine State: only a day earlier, Florida reported 17,093 new daily cases. The previous peak in Florida had been 19,334 cases reported on Jan. 7, before the availability of vaccinations became widespread.

The state reported 409 deaths this week, bringing the total to more than 39,000. The state's peak happened in mid-August 2020, when 1,266 people died over a week.

## Summer surge likely to get worse before it gets better

*The Washington Post*

The newly resurgent coronavirus could spark 140,000 to 300,000 cases a day in the United States come August, fueled by the highly transmissible delta variant and the widespread resumption of normal activities, disease trackers predict.

The nation is already reporting more than 70,000 cases a day, according to The Washington Post's rolling seven-day average — an increase of nearly 60,000 in the daily average in less than six weeks. Cases, mea-

sured as that rolling average, have risen to levels not seen since February.

Justin Lessler, a University of North Carolina epidemiology professor who assisted in coordinating pandemic forecasts through the COVID-19 Scenario Modeling Hub, said he was "quite concerned. ... It worries me that we may have been too optimistic" in projecting lower caseloads into the fall.

The seven-day average of cases nationwide has risen by about 60% in the past week

alone. Daily hospitalizations rose by roughly 40% and deaths rose almost 30%, now averaging more than 300 each day.

The surge has multiple propellants. The delta variant, which transmits more easily between people, is one.

Delta, originally detected in India and first diagnosed in the United States in March, rapidly replaced other variants to become dominant.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates delta is responsible for more

than 8 in 10 new cases.

Another major contributor, epidemiologists said: Relaxing precautions, such as no longer wearing masks or engaging in social distancing. That probably includes behavior even among the vaccinated, Columbia University epidemiologist Jeffrey Shaman said.

"The central issue is that people want to put the pandemic and the virus behind them," he said, offering as examples unmasked crowds packed into bars and ballparks.



# Guam marks 80% vaccination rate for adults

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Guam lifted many of its COVID-19 restrictions Friday after passing a key vaccination milestone in the fight against the coronavirus pandemic.

Under an initiative dubbed Operation Liberate Guam, the U.S. island territory reached its goal of vaccinating 80% of its adult population, according to a statement Thursday from Gov. Lou Leon Guerrero's office.

By executive order, Guerrero's office rescinded limitations on social gatherings, canceled social distancing guidelines and al-

lowed local businesses to reopen at full capacity.

The order applies to dine-in restaurants, bars, gyms and fitness centers, places of worship and nonorganized contact sports, Guam's Joint Information Center said. The restrictions were lifted at 12:01 a.m. Friday.

"I would like to thank our hard-working men and women behind the scenes at our vaccination clinics and private medical clinics, our entire medical community ... and especially all those who have been fully vaccinated for contributing to this great success," acting Gov. Josh Tenorio said in the

statement. Tenorio was standing in for Guerrero who was traveling off-island, a spokesman in her office said Friday.

Tenorio urged the remainder of the island's eligible population to get vaccinated.

Mask policies on Guam, however, remain in place, according to Guerrero's statement and another from Joint Region Marianas. Fully vaccinated individuals are not required to wear masks indoors or outdoors while on base, according to the joint region's policy.

The Defense Department on Wednesday mandated the wear-

ing of masks in high-risk areas to combat the highly transmissible delta variant of COVID-19.

"The recently signed DoD policy does not require any change to our mask policies at this time, unless a command implements more restrictive guidance," a post on the Joint Region Marianas Facebook page said Thursday. "JRM will continue to take prudent measures to limit the spread of COVID-19 and will vigorously assess our COVID-19 policies to ensure we are protecting our personnel and the local community while maintaining mission readiness."

## Europe's vaccine passes reveal some resistance

*Associated Press*

VERONA, Italy — Shouts of "Liberty!" have echoed through the streets and squares of Italy and France as thousands show their opposition to plans to require vaccination cards for normal social activities, such as dining indoors at restaurants, visiting museums or cheering in sports stadiums.

Leaders in both countries see the cards, dubbed the "Green Pass" in Italy and the "health pass" in France, as necessary to boost vaccination rates and persuade the undecided.

Italian Premier Mario Draghi likened the anti-vaccination message from some political leaders to "an appeal to die."

The looming requirement is working, with vaccination requests booming in both countries.

Still, there are pockets of resistance by those who see it as a violation of civil liberties or have concerns about vaccine safety. About 80,000 people protested in cities across Italy last weekend, while thousands have marched in Paris for the past three weekends, at times

clashing with police. More than 200,000 marched across France on Saturday, 14,000 of them in Paris, in the biggest show yet.

European nations in general have made strides in their vaccination rates in recent months, with or without incentives. No country has made the shots mandatory, and campaigns to persuade the undecided are a patchwork.

Denmark pioneered vaccine passes with little resistance. Belgium will require a vaccine certificate to attend outdoor events with more than 1,500 people by mid-August and indoor events by September. Germany and Britain have so far resisted a blanket approach, while vaccinations are so popular in Spain that incentives are not deemed necessary.

In France and Italy, demonstrations against vaccine passes or virus restrictions in general are bringing together otherwise unlikely allies, often from the political extremes. They include far-right parties, campaigners for economic justice, families with small children, those against vaccines and those who fear them.

## 'Botched' ballot count in Ariz. ends, troubles linger

*Associated Press*

PHOENIX — Arizona Republicans' partisan review of the 2020 election results got off to a rocky start when their contractors broke rules for counting ballots and election experts warned the work was dangerous for democracy.

When the auditors stopped the counting and returned the ballots last week, it hadn't gotten better. In the last week alone, the only audit leader with substantial election experience was locked out of the building, went on the radio to say he was quitting, then reversed course hours later. The review's Twitter accounts were suspended for breaking the rules. A conservative Republican senator withdrew her support, calling the process "botched." And the lead auditor confirmed what was long suspected: that his work was almost entirely paid for by supporters of Donald Trump who were active in the former president's movement to spread false narratives of fraud.

All this came nearly 100 days into a process that was supposed to take "about 60 days," according to the Senate Republicans who launched it. And it's not over

yet. Contractors are now producing a report on the findings that could take weeks or more to write.

The turmoil casts even more doubt on the conclusions of what backers describe as a "forensic audit" but what experts and critics say is a deeply flawed, partisan process.

"Not even a shred of being salvaged at this point," said Sen. Paul Boyer, the first Republican state senator to publicly come out against the audit in May. "They've botched it at so many points along the way that it's irrecoverable."

Boyer's opposition became less lonely last weekend when another Republican, Sen. Michelle Ugenti-Rita, one of the Legislature's strongest advocates for stricter voting laws, agreed that "the Trump audit" was "botched." Along with all 14 Democrats, a majority of the Senate, which commissioned the audit, is now against it.

"I wanted to review our election processes and see what, if anything, could be improved," Ugenti-Rita wrote on Twitter. "Sadly, it's now become clear that the audit has been botched."

## AMERICAN ROUNDUP

### Air traffic control warns 'jetpack guy is back'

**CA** LOS ANGELES — The FBI is investigating what one commercial airline pilot said might have been an airborne person with a jetpack, high in the busy skies near Los Angeles International Airport.

The Los Angeles Times reported that the Boeing 747 pilot radioed to report "a possible jetpack man in sight," according to a recording from the website LiveATC.

The pilot spotted an object that might have resembled a jetpack 15 miles east of LAX at 5,000 feet altitude, a Federal Aviation Administration spokesperson told the newspaper.

"Use caution, the jetpack guy is back," said one air traffic alert.

### Man injured by jaguar after crossing barrier

**FL** JACKSONVILLE. — A man was injured by a jaguar at a Florida zoo after climbing over a barrier and moving too close to the animal's enclosure, officials said.

The attack occurred at the Range of the Jaguar display at the Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens, the Florida Times-Union reported.

The man was hospitalized with non-life-threatening injuries, zoo officials said.

The man climbed over a waist-high safety barrier that puts about 4 feet of empty space between visitors and the jaguar exhibit's fence, zoo spokeswoman Kelly Rouillard said. The man began taunting the jaguar and reached his hand through

the fence, she said.

A 12-year-old big cat named Harry swiped at the man and injured him.

### Lab gets help on seaweed, cattle emission project

**ME** EAST BOOTHBAY — A Maine marine science lab has received \$5 million to further research into whether seaweed-based food can help reduce greenhouse gas emissions from cows.

Bigelow Laboratory has been working in recent years on whether the feed supplements can help cut emissions of methane at cattle operations. Methane emissions, which happen when cows belch, contribute to climate change.

Nichole Price, a senior research scientist at Bigelow Laboratory and the project leader, said the grant from the Shelby Cullom Davis Charitable Fund will help scientists apply their work in a way that is feasible on a global scale.

### Ex-jail employee, mother arrested on theft charges

**KS** CONCORDIA — A former north-central Kansas jail employee and her mother were arrested, accused by Kansas Bureau of Investigation officials of theft of public money.

Agents arrested Amber Lindberg, 40, of Concordia, in Minneapolis, Kan., on suspicion of theft, misuse of public funds, official misconduct and several other counts, the KBI said in a news release.

Also arrested was Lindberg's mother, Joyce Jasper, 62, of Concordia, on suspicion of theft.

### Keeper of estate of slain cop's son arrested

**IN** TERRE HAUTE — An Illinois woman who oversees the estate of a slain Terre Haute police officer's son was arrested for allegedly stealing more than \$200,000 from the boy's estate.

Josie M. Huff, 31, of Robinson, Ill., was arrested on one felony count of theft, Indiana State Police said.

Huff is guardian of the estate for her child, who is the son of late Terre Haute Police Officer Robert Shawn "Rob" Pitts, who died in a May 2018 shootout as officers were pursuing a homicide suspect.

State police said investigators received information from a family member that Huff had misused and misappropriated funds for "self-gain" totaling \$248,653.81.

### Detectives search for clues in teen's death

**FL** HOLLYWOOD — Detectives are trying to determine why a 15-year-old South Florida boy became ill and died.

The boy died at Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital in Hollywood. Medical staff told investigators they were concerned about a strange odor — that was possibly gas — coming from the boy's body, the Broward Sheriff's Office said in a release.

That prompted deputies and firefighters to go to the boy's home in nearby West Park to investigate and look for any other possible victims, the release said.

One deputy began having trouble breathing as he left the

home, officials said. He was taken to a hospital for treatment.

HAZMAT teams with the sheriff's office and Hollywood Fire Rescue took readings and samples to determine if any hazardous chemicals were present. No hazardous or harmful materials were found.

### Cargo ship ordered to leave after insects found

**LA** NEW ORLEANS — Federal agents near New Orleans ordered a cargo ship to leave the U.S. after an inspection found wood infested with a type of Asian beetle that has been destroying trees in the U.S. for about 25 years.

They discovered the beetle in wood onboard the Pan Jasmine, The New Orleans Advocate/The Times-Picayune reported.

The wood was found to have burrowing holes and fresh sawdust. U.S. Department of Agriculture insect specialists identified five pests in the wood.

### 3 treated for rabies after raccoon attack

**AL** CULLMAN — Three people were treated for exposure to rabies after a raccoon attacked a person on a walking trail near a subdivision, state health officials said.

The animal went after a person in Cullman while showing signs of rabies, so it was collected and tested for the neurological illness, the Alabama Department of Public Health said in a statement.

An investigation showed three people were potentially exposed to rabies, so they were treated to prevent infection.

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# Italy's Jacobs takes 100 in sprint shocker

Associated Press

TOKYO — The 100 meters at the Olympics is the event that turns sprinters into kings: Jesse Owens, Carl Lewis, Usain Bolt.

On one of the most unusual nights this sport has ever seen, fans, experts, and even the racers themselves needed a lineup card.

The race that has long defined Olympic royalty went to a Texas-born Italian who hadn't cracked 10 seconds in a 100 until this year. He's a 26-year-old whose best days before this came in the long jump. He's a man who even the runner in the lane next to him didn't really know.

At the Tokyo Olympics, Marcell Jacobs is The World's Fastest Man.

"I think I need four or five years to realize and understand what's happening," Jacobs said.

The Italian crossed the line in 9.8 seconds Sunday night to capture the first 100-meter medal ever for the country better known for its soccer prowess. Pietro Mennea won the 200 at the 1980 Olympics in Moscow and Livio Berruti won that race at the 1960 Games in Rome.

Even in a race with no clear favorites — American Ronnie Baker was a candidate and China's Su Bingtian ran a shocking 9.83 in the semis — Jacobs came from nowhere.

He topped America's Fred Kerley, a 400-meter runner who moved down in distance because he saw a medal chance here, and Canada's Andre DeGrasse, who adds another 100-meter bronze to the one he won Rio.

Kerley finished second in 9.84 and DeGrasse was next at 9.89.

"I really don't know anything about him," Kerley said of the new gold medalist. "He did a fantastic job."

Jacobs' path was made that much clearer because of who wasn't in the race. The reigning world champion, Christian Coleman, is serving a ban for missed doping tests. The world leader in 2021 and the favorite to win the gold, Trayvon Bromell, didn't make it out of the semifinals.

Bolt, who has commandeered the Olympic and every other sprint stage since 2008, is long gone.

He was a sure thing in all nine Olympic sprints he ran since the Beijing Games — a

stretch of dominance that redefined track and field, but also left a gaping hole in the sport when he called it a career.

"He changed athletics forever," Jacobs said. "I'm the one who won the Olympics after him. That's unbelievable. But drawing comparisons, I don't think it's the time now."

Bolt's world record is 9.58. Before Sunday, Jacobs' personal best was 9.95.

"I mean, 9.8 from the Italian guy?" DeGrasse said. "I didn't expect that. I thought my main competition would be the Americans."

Nope. The Italians.

Perhaps the only person at the track who really knew the new champ was the man who hugged him after he crossed the finish line. That was Gianmarco Tamberi, the Italian high jumper who tied Qatari's Mutaz Essa Barshim for gold.

Tamberi and Barshim ended their evening-long jump-fest in a dead heat — a rare result that appeared headed for a jump-off to decide gold and silver. But after huddling with an official who told them two gold medals were possible, Barshim agreed to call it a tie for first.

Bedlam ensued.

Barshim ran up to the stands to celebrate. Tamberi covered his face with his hands and rolled on the ground. "I was in ecstasy," he said. He was clearly a man looking for someone to hug.

He found just the person a few minutes later when Jacobs, of all people, crossed the line first. Tamberi leaped into the broadcasted sprinter's arms and curled his own arm around Jacobs' bald head.

"My heart was exploding," Tamberi said.

Only a night before, they'd been sitting in Jacobs' tiny room in the Olympic village playing video games.

"And we said, 'Can you imagine if we win?'" Jacobs said. "(We said) 'No, no, no. It's impossible. Don't think this.'"

Theirs was one of many beautiful moments on a most unusual Day 3 of the Olympic track meet. Another highlight came from Venezuelan Yulimar Rojas' toppling of a 26-year-old world record in the triple jump. Her new mark is 51 feet, 5 inches.

## Schauffele wins golf gold for US

Associated Press

KAWAGOE, Japan — Four feet between his golf ball and the cup was all that separated Xander Schauffele from an Olympic gold medal, and he couldn't help but let his mind wander.

For Schauffele, it would be as special as a major, the championships that have eluded him far too many times, most recently at the Masters. For his father, an Olympic medal to share after his own aspirations ended in a horrific car accident that cost him his left eye.

Schauffele bowed his head and closed his eyes to snap back into the present.

"I just reminded myself, this is just a 4-footer," he said Sunday. "All you have to do is make it. No big deal."

He made it. It was a big deal.

With more pressure than he needed, Schauffele got the prize he wanted in a conclusion to men's golf so wild that nine players were in the mix for a medal as the last three players measured their putts on the 18th green.

The putt that mattered most belonged to Schauffele, who had to lay up short of the water and rely on a wedge and a putt for par and a 4-under 67.

"I maybe put more pressure on myself wanting to go win this more than anything else," he said. "And with my dad, he dedicated a big chunk of his life for quite some time to obtaining a medal, and that was taken away from him. ... It was more than just golf for me. And I'm just really, really happy and fortunate to be sitting here."

Rory Sabbatini set an Olympic record with a 61 — with two bogeys on his card — and won the silver medal for Slovakia. C.T. Pan won the bronze for Taiwan in a seven-man playoff.

Stefan Schauffele watched the medal ceremony from off the 18th green, tears behind dark sunglasses as his son put the medal around his neck. The father was 20 when he was invited to train with Germany's national team as a decathlete. He was hit by a drunk driver, an accident that left him blind in one eye and no longer able to compete in the sports he loved.

He eventually found golf, which he passed on to his son.



# Gray reaches final after Rio letdown

*Associated Press*

CHIBA, Japan — Adeline Gray knows she at least will claim that elusive Olympic medal.

Now she can focus squarely on the gold.

Gray, a five-time world champion, had never won an Olympic medal during her career. She finished a disappointing seventh at the Rio Olympics in 2016 after losing in the quarterfinals.

But she broke through on Sunday with a 3-2 win over Kyrgyzstan's Aiperi Medet Kyzzy in a 167.5-pound semifinal.

With the victory, she clinched the sixth Olympic medal for a U.S. woman and is positioned to become America's second woman to win gold.

"We're in the finals," Gray said. "I mean, that's the goal, right? And I felt like I had my team waiting for me to kind of get this ball rolling on the right foot. And I felt like I've lived up to that."

Gray went into the 2016 Olympics with injuries that eventually took her out of action for a year.

Now she's got her health and her shot at the gold. She will face Germany's Aline Rotter-Focken in the final on Monday. The two are friends — Gray even invited Rotter-Focken to her wedding.

"We've been talking about this for years," Gray said. "We've been competing against each other since we were like 17, 16 something like that. So this is just like, so many years of hard work and effort coming into fruition."

American Ildar Hafizov lost his opening match 5-0 to Cuba's Luis Orta at about 132 pounds. Because his opponent reached the final, he is alive in repechage and can battle back for bronze. He will face the Russian Olympic Committee's Sergey Emelin on Monday for the chance to advance to a bronze medal match. Emelin, the No. 2 seed, lost to Orta 4-3 in the quarterfinals.

## Nye wins rare weightlifting silver

TOKYO — The United States had its best weightlifting result at the Olympics for 21 years, and Ecuador had its first ever female champion.

Neisi Dajomes of Ecuador won the women's 167.5-pound weightlifting event as Kate Nye took silver for America's best result in the sport since 2000 on Sunday.

"It feels surreal," Nye said. "I'll definitely savor this moment. I'm just so happy. I'm going to celebrate this because it's a huge win for me."

Dajomes lifted about 260 pounds in the snatch and nearly 320 pounds in the clean and jerk for an approximate total of 580, beating Nye by almost 31 pounds.

The only U.S. weightlifting medals this century were gold for Tara Nott in 2000 in the first ever women's Olympic competition, bronze for Cheryl Haworth the same year and a bronze for Sarah Robles in 2016.

Nye said the silver medal came after "the most challenging year of my career so far." She has been open about her 2019 diagnosis of bipolar disorder, and said the coronavirus pandemic brought more challenges by limiting some of her usual methods for working on her mental health.

Moving up in weight class from the non-Olympic 156.5-pound division was tough, and "between that and COVID, a coaching switch, lots of personal stuff with my mental health, it's been a really hard year," Nye said. "But I think all of those trials and tribulations made me the person I am today, and I don't think I would be in that second-place spot without them."

## Lee adds bronze, Skinner silver

TOKYO — Sunisa Lee came to Japan to win a gold medal. And she did. Just not the one she really, really wanted.

The 18-year-old from Minnesota is a revelation on uneven bars, where her routines are an intricate series of connections and releases completed with so much ease it looks like she's making it all up on the fly.

She's one of the best in the world on it, and she showed it during the all-around final, where her electric set helped her edge Rebeca Andrade of Brazil and become the fifth straight American woman to claim the Olympic title.

Three days and a crush of fame later, she wasn't quite right. Admitting she'd become distracted by the attention surrounding her triumph, connections that typically come so easily were labored during Sunday's event finals, if they came at all. The result was a bronze-medal finish that left her disappointed.

Yes, the all-around title is great. She'll carry it with her for the rest of her life. But the bars are her jam. Only her long-anticipated showdown with Belgium star Nina Derwael never materialized. Leading off the eight-woman final, Lee knew in the middle of her routine it wasn't going to be good enough to top the podium long before her 14.500 flashed across the scoreboard.

Andrade — runner-up to Lee in the all-

around — provided the first gymnastics gold for Brazil.

Andrade's 15.083 average put her just ahead of MyKayla Skinner. The 24-year-old American didn't know if she would compete in the finals until Saturday afternoon after Biles opted out.

After she stuck the landing and saluted, then Skinner heard the roar from her teammates watching in the stands. One voice seemed louder than the rest — Simone Biles, rooting for Skinner in what would become a silver-medal winning performance.

"I knew she was going to be the loudest one in there tonight," Skinner said.

## U.S. men's volleyball eliminated

TOKYO — The U.S. men's volleyball team was eliminated after pool play at the Olympics for the first time since 2000 after losing in three sets to Argentina on Sunday night.

The Americans won two of their first three matches in Tokyo before losing to Brazil and Argentina to fall to fifth place in Pool B and miss out on the quarterfinals for the first time since losing all five matches in Sydney 21 years ago.

The U.S. was never able to get into good form leading up to the Games, going 8-7 in a tune-up tournament in Italy, and that didn't change in Tokyo. They started off well by sweeping France in the opener, but lost three of their last four matches.

Argentina took advantage of the Americans faulting on five of their final six serves late in the third set to close out the match. Argentina advanced as the third-place team in Pool B with three straight wins.

## US beach volleyball teams ousted

TOKYO — Americans Sarah Sponcil and Kelly Claes are out of the beach volleyball tournament after a three-set loss to Canada in the knockout round opener.

Heather Bansley and Brandie Wilkerson beat the U.S. 22-24, 21-18, 15-13 at the Shio-kaze Park venue.

In the afternoon session, a Qatari pair that is ranked No. 1 in the world beat Nick Lucena and 2008 gold medalist Phil Dalhausser 14-21, 21-19, 15-11 in the first round of knockout play.

Dalhausser and Lucena went 2-1 in round-robin play, losing only to a Dutch team that won the world championships in 2013. That left them with a tough matchup against Cherif Samba and Ahmed Tijan, who had trained with them in Florida to prepare for a series of world tour events in Cancun, Mexico, and then the Olympics.

# Epic swims for Dressel, McKeon

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TOKYO — Caeleb Dressel finished his gold rush with two more dazzling swims. The guy who dreads the attention won't be able to escape it now.

He's one of the greatest Olympians ever. "I'm really glad to be done," said the tattooed Floridian, who captured his fourth and fifth gold medals of the Tokyo Games on Sunday.

Australia's Emma McKeon put her own remarkable stamp on the record book with a staggering haul of hardware.

McKeon won two more golds and became the first female swimmer — and second woman in any sport — to claim seven medals at one Olympics. Four of them were gold, the other three bronze.

"It's going to take a little bit to sink in," said McKeon, a 27-year-old from Brisbane. "I'm very proud of myself."

Dressel, 24, was perfect in the events he had a chance in, capping off his stunning week in the final race at the Tokyo Aquatics Centre by putting the Americans ahead

to stay in the 4x100 medley relay on their way to a world record.

In his first race Sunday, he cruised to a relatively easy victory in the 50 freestyle. By the time Dressel was done, he had entered an elite club of swimmers who won at least five gold medals at one Games.

Michael Phelps did it three times, highlighted by his record eight golds at the 2008 Beijing Games.

There's also Mark Spitz (seven golds in 1972), East German Kristin Otto (six golds, 1988) and Matt Biondi (five golds, '88).

Phelps, Spitz and Biondi are the only male swimmers to capture seven medals overall at an Olympics. The only other woman to win seven — in any sport — was Soviet gymnast Maria Gorokhovskaya, who claimed two golds and five silvers at the 1952 Helsinki Games.

Mirroring Dressel's final day, McKeon won the 50 free and took the butterfly leg on the Aussies' winning effort in the women's 4x100 medley relay.

The only event Dressel failed to win all

week was the new 4x100 mixed medley relay, though that was no fault on his own.

In a race featuring two men and two women, the Americans tried a different lineup than everyone else, which left Dressel more than 8 seconds behind when he took over on the anchor leg.

Otherwise, his time in Tokyo was perfect.

A win in the 4x100 free relay. A world record in the 100 butterfly. A victory in the 100 freestyle.

The last morning at the pool started with another romp in the 50 free — Dressel's third individual title of the Games.

After diving in, he used his dolphin-like underwater technique to pop out of the water with the clear lead. In a race usually decided by a few hundredths of a second, he touched a half-body length ahead of the field in an Olympic record of 21.07 seconds.

France's Florent Manaudou repeated as the Olympic silver medalist in 21.55, followed by Brazil's Bruno Fratus in 21.57.

# Votto just inches short of HR streak record

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NEW YORK — Joey Votto could not have come any closer.

The star slugger fell inches short of matching the major league record with a home run in eight consecutive games, but Javier Báez did clear the fence in his New York debut and the Mets rallied past the Cincinnati Reds 5-4 in 10 innings Saturday night.

With the Mets down to their final strike, Dominic Smith hit a tying single off Sean Doolittle in the ninth. Brandon Drury opened the bottom of the 10th with an RBI single against Luis Cessa (3-2), driving in automatic runner Kevin Pillar from second base to win it.

Votto, riding a seven-game homer streak, laced a line drive that hit the orange padding atop the right-field wall in the eighth and bounced back into play — mere inches from sailing over near the 370-foot sign.

**Rays 9, Red Sox 5:** Wander Franco had two key run-scoring hits, the Tampa Bay bullpen worked out of a pair of bases-loaded jams and the host Rays beat Boston to take the AL East lead.

**Yankees 4, Marlins 2:** Anthony Rizzo

homered in his second consecutive game since joining the Yankees, leading New York over Miami on a night Marlins manager Don Mattingly missed the game after testing positive for COVID-19.

**Indians 12, White Sox 11:** White Sox rookie Seby Zavala hit the first three home runs of his career, including a grand slam, but Cleveland rallied to beat Chicago. Austin Hedges, Owen Miller and Amed Rosario homered to help Cleveland overcome a five-run deficit.

**Dodgers 8, Diamondbacks 3:** Justin Turner hit a go-ahead, two-run homer, Albert Pujols had a pair of RBI singles and Los Angeles beat Arizona.

**Angels 1, Athletics 0:** Shohei Ohtani ended a long run drought with an RBI double, Jaime Barria outdueled Cole Irvin and Los Angeles beat Oakland.

**Giants 8, Astros 6:** San Francisco hit five home runs, four off Astros ace Zack Greinke, and beat Houston in an inter-league matchup of division leaders.

**Braves 8, Brewers 1:** Dansby Swanson hit a grand slam and a two-run shot and drove in a career-high seven runs to lead Atlanta past Milwaukee.

**Blue Jays 4, Royals 0:** George Springer hit two home runs, Alek Manoah pitched seven dominant innings and Toronto beat Kansas City for its third straight victory.

**Twins 8, Cardinals 1:** Ryan Jeffers hit a three-run homer, rookie right-hander Bailey Ober threw four effective innings and Minnesota beat St. Louis to end a three-game losing streak.

**Cubs 6, Nationals 3:** Kyle Hendricks earned his major league-leading 13th victory, Rafael Ortega homered and Chicago beat Washington.

**Orioles 5, Tigers 2:** John Means struck out six in six strong innings, Maikel Franco homered and Baltimore beat Detroit.

**Pirates 3, Phillies 2:** Jacob Stallings drove in the winning run with a fielder's choice in the ninth inning, lifting Pittsburgh past Philadelphia.

**Rockies 5, Padres 3:** Germán Márquez outdueled Yu Darvish and hit a 418-foot home run off his fellow All-Star to help Colorado beat San Diego.

**Rangers 5, Mariners 4 (10):** Jonah Heim hit his second two-run homer of the game in the 10th inning to lift Texas past Seattle.