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This FINA newsletter provides you with daily highlights from Rio 2016 Olympic Games.

SWIMMING, FINALS, DAY 2 – PHELPS IS BACK!



Michael Phelps is back and ready to shine once more at the Olympics! In the fourth and last final of Day 2 in the Aquatics Stadium, the best athlete in the history of the Games, got his 23rd medal in the competition, and 19th gold, by decisively contributing to the victory of the US 4x100m free relay, in a time of 3:09.92.

Second swimmer of the North American quartet to leave the starting block, Phelps swam his 100m in a very fast 47.12, leaving the way to his teammates Ryan Held and Nathan Adrian to successfully finish the task. Like in Beijing 2008, the silver went to France in 3:10.53. The Europeans had taken revenge four years ago in London, but were unable to repeat the performance in Brazil. The bronze went to Australia in 3:11.37.

Before this intense moment, the evening at the Olympic Aquatics Stadium started with the comfortable win of Sarah Sjöström (SWE) in the women's 100m butterfly in a new World Record of 55.48. It was an improvement of her own previous global mark, achieved at the 2015 FINA World Championships in Kazan (RUS), when she got the gold in 55.64. In Rio, Sjöström perfectly controlled the race, thus getting her first-ever Olympic medal.

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WU AND SHI GIVE CHINA A GOLDEN START

Wu Minxia won the fifth Olympic diving gold medal of her fine career when she partnered Shi Tingmao to a commanding victory in the women's synchronised 3m springboard and gave China the winning start on the boards that came as no surprise from the sport's leading diving nation as competition began in the Maria Link Stadium outdoor pool.

Wu Minxia (CHN), gold, women's 3m synchro:

"The Chinese success is mainly due to our constant search for perfection. Moreover, our predecessors have set the level very high and this is a great motivation for us."

"Guo Jingjing always helped me a lot. She has been my older sister, taking care of me. Even now that I have some medals in the Olympics, she will always be my big sister."

"After I conclude my diving career, I would like to contribute to the development of sport in China and learn other things that I couldn't until now."

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AQUATIC MEDALS

Country	G	S	B	Total
USA	2	3	3	8
AUS	2	0	2	4
CHN	1	1	0	2
UK	1	1	0	2
JPN	1	0	1	2
Total	9	9	9	27

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