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

PHELPS, WHO ELSE?



After his fourth consecutive Olympic title in the men's 4x200m free, Michael Phelps (USA) continues to accumulate records. Tonight, in the sixth session of finals at the Rio 2016 Games, the best athlete in history, managed the same feat in the 200m IM: after the gold in Athens 2004, Beijing 2008 and London 2012, the 31-year-old from Baltimore got his 26th medal and 22nd gold, touching home in 1:54.66. All the adjectives have been used to describe this enormous legend in Swimming, but for this particular race will stay in everyone's mind the last 50m, a freestyle leg that definitively decided the outcome of the race in his favour. Phelps was also world champion in this event at the 2003, 2005 and 2007 FINA World Championships. Moreover, this is his fourth gold in these Games, after the titles in the 200m butterfly, 4x100m free and 4x200m free.

His greatest rival in recent years, teammate Ryan Lochte (world gold medallist in the last four editions of FINA's major showcase) had the second time of the semis, but in the decisive race had to content with the fifth place, in a modest time of 1:57.47 (Lochte is the world record holder, in 1:54.00, from 2011). The minor medals went then to Kosuke Hagino (JPN, silver, 1:56.61) and to Wang Shun (CHN, bronze, 1:57.05).

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ITALY, USA: TWO OUT OF TWO

Italy and the US team both clinched their second win respectively and on the right track to finish atop in the groups.

Italy upset Australia in a brilliant game while the US trounced the Chinese. Spain bounced back to beat Hungary in a tense game just as Russia to demolish Brazil.

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AQUATIC MEDALS

Country	G	S	B	Total
USA	11	7	9	27
CHN	4	2	4	10
AUS	3	3	3	9
HUN	3	0	1	4
GBR	2	3	1	6
Total	29	27	29	85

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