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

THANK YOU MICHAEL!



The last one? Four years ago, in London 2012, Michael Phelps (USA), after concluding his fourth Olympics and totalling 22 podium presences, announced his retirement. Came Rio 2016 and also Phelps, for six more medals (including five victories), for an accumulated 28 medal-tally (among them 23 Olympic titles)!

The last (are we sure?) triumph of the best athlete ever happened in the last session of the Swimming finals at the Rio Aquatics Stadium, with the gold of the US 4x100m medley relay in a new Olympic record of 3:27.95. The previous best was also from the North Americans and was set in Beijing 2008. Phelps swam the butterfly leg and was decisive in the final victory, as Adam Peaty had brought Great Britain to the first place after the breaststroke leg.

Phelps leaves Rio (and the pools?) with six medals, distributed as follows: gold in the 200m fly, 200m IM, 4x100m free, 4x200m free, 4x100m medley, and silver in the 100m fly. No other athlete in the Olympic history has a comparable record: besides the total number of 28 medals, Phelps is obviously the only competitor to ever win at least six medals in four consecutive editions of the Games. Moreover, in Beijing 2008, he was the first athlete ever to earn eight gold medals in a single Olympics! Superlatives are not enough for the man who has brought Swimming to another dimension in the last 12 years!

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WOMEN: ITALY, USA TOP GROUPS, EYEING SEMIS

No surprise in the last round of the women's prelims, thus Italy and the USA clinched the top spots of the respective groups and face an easier quarter-final in two-day time. The other QFs featuring Russia v Spain and Australia v Hungary promise mouth-watering clashes with loads of excitements.

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AQUATIC MEDALS

Country	G	S	B	Total
USA	16	10	10	36
CHN	4	2	4	10
AUS	3	4	4	11
HUN	3	2	2	7
GBR	2	5	1	8
Total	37	37	36	110

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