

Opening ceremony

The Oregonian FRIDAY, AUG. 8, 2008 | FIRST OF 17

SATURDAY'S TELEVISION HIGHLIGHTS

+> 2 a.m.:

Women's soccer: Nigeria vs. Germany, Brazil vs. North Korea (live), MSNBC

+> 7 a.m.:

Beach volleyball; boxing; soccer; volleyball (taped), Telemundo

+> 10 a.m.:

Women's volleyball: USA vs. Japan; men's cycling road race (live), NBC

+> 2 p.m.: Boxing: middleweight and light heavyweight (live), CNBC

+> 8 p.m.:

Swimming: men's and women's 400 IM gold-medal finals, NBC

+> 9 p.m.: Tennis: first-round singles and doubles (live), CNBC

+> 11 p.m.:

Men's soccer: USA vs. Netherlands; men's basketball: Argentina vs. Lithuania; tennis; beach volleyball (live), USA Network

THE ARENA

The Beijing National Stadium, also known as "The Bird's Nest" is home to the opening ceremony, track and field events and soccer finals. Ground for the 91,000-seat arena was broken in December 2003. The Swiss architecture firm Herzog & de Meuron designed it.

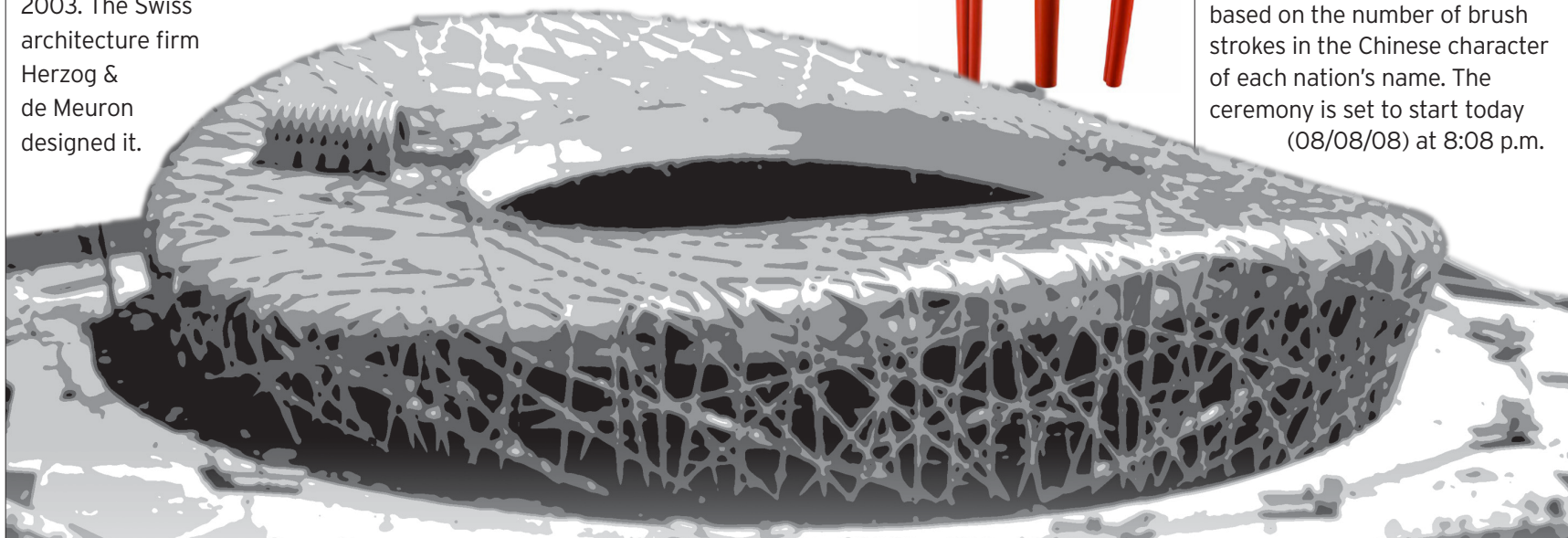
THE TORCH

Selected from 308 original initial entries, the design of the 2008 Olympic torch reflects the flavor of the 2008 Summer Games' home nation. Its shape is influenced by ancient scrolls and the inscribed designs represent clouds of luck. It's also designed to be technically sound. It can withstand wind gusts up to 40 mph and rainy conditions, and the flame is bright enough to be photographed clearly in daylight. The torch relay was 129 days long and covered 85,000 miles.



THE CEREMONY

In keeping with tradition, the parade of athletes will be led by Greek Olympians and will conclude with the competitors of the host country, China. The rest of the field will be introduced not in alphabetical order, but based on the number of brush strokes in the Chinese character of each nation's name. The ceremony is set to start today (08/08/08) at 8:08 p.m.



ON TELEVISION TODAY

8 p.m.: Opening ceremony (taped), NBC

11 p.m.: Boxing: middleweight and light heavyweight (live), CNBC

11 p.m.: Women's soccer: USA vs. Japan; women's basketball: USA vs. Czech Republic; equestrian: dressage; beach volleyball; fencing: women's sabre gold-medal final; badminton; weightlifting: women's 48kg (live), USA Network

ALL-TIME MEDAL COUNT

USA	897	693.5	606.5	2,197
USSR	440	357	325	1,122
ENGLAND	189.5	245.5	242.5	677.5
GERMANY	179.5	212	226	617.5

U.S. FLAG-BEARER

Team captains selected Sudanese refugee **Lopez Lomong**, who gained citizenship a year ago, to carry the Stars and Stripes in the opening ceremony. He qualified for the 1,500-meter race.



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DAY 2

Friday, Aug. 8

8 p.m.: Opening ceremony (taped), NBC

11 p.m.: Boxing: middleweight and light heavyweight (live), CNBC

11 p.m.: Women's soccer: USA vs. Japan; women's basketball: USA vs. Czech Republic; equestrian: dressage; beach volleyball; fencing; women's sabre gold-medal final; badminton; weightlifting: women's 48kg (live), USA Network

DAY 3

Saturday, Aug. 9

2 a.m.: Women's soccer: Nigeria vs. Germany, Brazil vs. North Korea; badminton: men's and women's singles; women's team handball: France vs. Angola, Russia vs. South Korea; women's volleyball: Italy vs. Russia, Poland vs. Cuba (live), MSNBC

7 a.m.: Beach volleyball; boxing; soccer; volleyball (taped), Telemundo

10 a.m.: Women's volleyball: USA vs. Japan; beach volleyball; men's cycling road race; fencing: women's sabre gold-medal final (live), NBC

2 p.m.: Boxing: middleweight and light heavyweight (live), CNBC

8 p.m.: Swimming: men's and women's 400 IM gold-medal finals; beach volleyball; men's gymnastics (live), NBC

9 p.m.: Tennis: first-round singles and doubles (live), CNBC

11 p.m.: Boxing: light welterweight and welterweight (live), CNBC

11 p.m.: Men's soccer: USA vs. Netherlands; men's basketball: Argentina vs. Lithuania; tennis; beach volleyball; equestrian: dressage; archery: women's team final; weightlifting: men's 56kg final (live), USA Network

DAY 4

Sunday, Aug. 10

12:30 a.m.: Men's volleyball: USA vs. Venezuela (live), NBC

2 a.m.: Primetime replay from Aug. 9, NBC

2 a.m.: Men's soccer: Italy vs. South Korea; women's field hockey: USA vs. Argentina; badminton; men's volleyball: Serbia vs. Russia, Bulgaria vs. China; men's water polo: Hungary vs. Montenegro, Croatia vs. Italy; men's team handball: Croatia vs. Spain; shooting: men's trap gold-medal final (live), MSNBC

4 a.m.: Men's soccer: Argentina vs. Australia; swimming; beach volleyball; gymnastics; basketball (live), Telemundo

10 a.m.: Men's basketball: USA vs. China; swimming; beach volleyball; women's cycling road race (live), NBC

1 p.m.: Boxing: light welterweight and welterweight (taped), CNBC

6 p.m.: Boxing (taped), Telemundo

7 p.m.: Swimming: men's 4x100m freestyle final, men's 100m breaststroke final; women's gymnastics; women's synchronized 3m diving (live), NBC

9 p.m.: Tennis: first-round singles and doubles (live), CNBC

11 p.m.: Boxing: featherweight and lightweight (live), CNBC

11 p.m.: Women's basketball: USA vs. China; women's water polo; rowing; beach volleyball; archery: men's team final; women's volleyball: Brazil vs. Russia (live), USA Network

DAY 5

Monday, Aug. 11

12:30 a.m.: Women's volleyball: USA vs. Cuba (live), NBC

2 a.m.: Primetime replay from Aug. 10, NBC

2 a.m.: Women's basketball: Australia vs. Brazil; beach volleyball; women's team handball: South Korea vs. Germany; women's volleyball: China vs. Poland; women's water polo: Italy vs. Russia; weightlifting: men's 62kg final; badminton; tennis (live), MSNBC

2 a.m.: Swimming; women's volleyball; women's gymnastics (taped), Telemundo

8 a.m.: Diving: women's synchronized 3m; beach volleyball (taped), Telemundo

10 a.m.: Beach volleyball; swimming; whitewater canoeing; rowing (live), NBC

2 p.m.: Boxing: featherweight and lightweight (taped), CNBC

6 p.m.: Gymnastics recap; equestrian: cross-country phase of eventing (taped), Oxygen

8 p.m.: Gymnastics: men's team finals; swimming: men's 200m freestyle, women's 100m backstroke; beach volleyball; men's synchronized 10m diving (live), NBC

9 p.m.: Softball: USA vs. Venezuela (live), CNBC

11 p.m.: Boxing: flyweight and bantamweight (live), CNBC

11 p.m.: Men's basketball: USA vs. Angola; women's field hockey: USA vs. Japan; rowing; men's team handball: Spain vs. Poland; tennis; badminton; beach volleyball (live), USA Network

DAY 6

Tuesday, Aug. 12

1 a.m.: Men's volleyball: USA vs. Italy; swimming semifinals (live), NBC

2 a.m.: Women's soccer: USA vs. New Zealand, Nigeria vs. Brazil; men's basketball: China vs. Spain; men's water polo: Serbia vs.

Croatia; men's volleyball: Serbia vs. Brazil; Greco-Roman wrestling; weightlifting; tennis; badminton (live), MSNBC

2 a.m.: Gymnastics: men's team competition; swimming; beach volleyball (taped), Telemundo

7:30 a.m.: Women's soccer: Nigeria vs. Brazil (taped), Telemundo

2:30 a.m.: Primetime replay from Aug. 11

10 a.m.: Beach volleyball; men's water polo: USA vs. Italy; swimming; whitewater canoe and kayak: men's C-1 and K-1 finals (live), NBC

2 p.m.: Boxing: flyweight and bantamweight (taped), CNBC

6 p.m.: Gymnastics recap; equestrian: jumping phase of eventing competition (taped), Oxygen

8 p.m.: Gymnastics: women's team competition; swimming: men's 200m butterfly final, women's 200m IM final; beach volleyball; women's synchronized 10m diving (live), NBC

9 p.m.: Softball: USA vs. Australia (live), CNBC

11 p.m.: Boxing: light flyweight and heavyweight (live), CNBC

11 p.m.: Men's soccer: USA vs. Nigeria, China vs. Brazil; women's basketball: USA vs. Mali; whitewater canoeing; rowing semifinals; table tennis (live), USA Network

DAY 7

Wednesday, Aug. 13

12:30 a.m.: Women's volleyball: USA vs. Venezuela; swimming (taped), NBC

2 a.m.: Primetime replay from Aug. 12

2 a.m.: Women's volleyball: Cuba vs. China; baseball: USA vs. South Korea, Cuba vs. Japan; tennis; men's cycling road time trial; Greco-Roman wrestling; tennis (live), MSNBC

2 a.m.: Men's soccer: Honduras vs. South Korea; swimming: various finals; women's volleyball; beach volleyball (live), Telemundo

7:30 a.m.: Men's soccer: Brazil vs. China; gymnastics: women's team final; diving: various finals (live), Telemundo

10 a.m.: Beach volleyball; women's water polo: USA vs. Italy; swimming (live), NBC

2 p.m.: Boxing: light flyweight and super heavyweight (live), CNBC

6 p.m.: Gymnastics recap; tennis; equestrian: team dressage (taped), Oxygen

8 p.m.: Gymnastics: men's all-around final; swimming: men's 100m freestyle final; beach volleyball; women's cycling road time trial; men's synchronized 3m diving (live), NBC

9 p.m.: Softball: USA vs. Canada (live), CNBC

11 p.m.: Boxing: welterweight and light heavyweight (live), CNBC

11 p.m.: Men's basketball: USA vs. TBD; baseball: USA vs. Netherlands; women's field hockey: USA vs. Germany; fencing: women's team sabre final; archery: women's individual final; beach volleyball; tennis (live), USA Network

DAY 8

Thursday, Aug. 14

1:30 a.m.: Men's water polo: USA vs. Serbia; swimming (taped), NBC

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2 a.m.: Men's volleyball: China vs. Japan; men's basketball: Argentina vs. TBD, Russia vs. Lithuania; Greco-Roman wrestling; men's team handball: France vs. Croatia; men's water polo: Hungary vs. Spain; badminton; table tennis (live), MSNBC

2 a.m.: Gymnastics: men's all-around final; swimming: various finals; men's basketball (taped), Telemundo

2:30 a.m.: Primetime replay from Aug. 13

8 a.m.: Beach volleyball; diving: various finals (taped), Telemundo

10 a.m.: Beach volleyball; swimming; whitewater canoe and kayak finals; rowing (taped), NBC

2 p.m.: Boxing: light welterweight and welterweight (taped), CNBC

6 p.m.: Gymnastics recap; tennis semifinals; equestrian: team dressage (taped), Oxygen

8 p.m.: Gymnastics: women's all-around final; swimming: men's 200m IM final, men's 200m backstroke final; beach volleyball; men's volleyball: USA vs. Bulgaria (live), NBC

9 p.m.: Softball: USA vs. Japan (live), CNBC

11 p.m.: Boxing: featherweight and lightweight (live), CNBC

11 p.m.: Women's basketball: USA vs. Spain; women's soccer quarterfinal; baseball: USA vs. Cuba; tennis: semifinals; cycling: track racing; archery: men's individual final (live), USA Network

DAY 9

Friday, Aug. 15

1:30 a.m.: Swimming: various semifinals; a whitewater canoe/kayak final (taped), NBC

2 a.m.: Women's volleyball: USA vs. China; women's soccer quarterfinal; beach volleyball; women's water polo: Netherlands vs. Australia, Hungary vs. Greece; men's weightlifting; badminton: women's doubles final (live), MSNBC

2 a.m.: Gymnastics: women's all-around final; swimming: various finals; women's volleyball (taped), Telemundo

2:30 a.m.: Primetime replay from Aug. 14

8 a.m.: Women's soccer; beach volleyball; boxing (live), Telemundo

10 a.m.: Beach volleyball elimination match; swimming; track & field qualifying; women's water polo: USA vs. Russia (live), NBC

2 p.m.: Boxing: bantamweight and featherweight (taped), CNBC

6 p.m.: Gymnastics recap; tennis semifinals; equestrian: jumping (taped), Oxygen

8 p.m.: Swimming: men's 100m butterfly final, men's 50m freestyle final; beach volleyball elimination match; track & field:

various finals; men's volleyball: USA vs. China (live), NBC

9 p.m.: Softball: USA vs. Chinese Taipei (live), CNBC

11 p.m.: Boxing: flyweight and middleweight elimination bouts (taped), CNBC

11 p.m.: Tennis: women's singles gold-medal match, men's doubles gold-medal match, women's singles bronze-medal match; men's singles bronze-medal match; track & field: 20km walk; cycling: various track finals; women's field hockey: USA vs. New Zealand (live), USA Network

DAY 10

Saturday, Aug. 16

12:30 a.m.: Track & field: women's 10,000m final; women's 3m diving (taped), NBC

2 a.m.: Primetime replay from Aug. 15, NBC

2 a.m.: Men's soccer quarterfinal; women's wrestling: 48kg and 55kg finals; baseball: USA vs. Canada; beach volleyball; equestrian (live), MSNBC

2 a.m.: Men's soccer quarterfinal; swimming: various finals; track & field: various finals (live), Telemundo

10 a.m.: Men's basketball: USA vs. Spain; men's water polo: USA vs. Croatia; track & field; women's 3m diving; beach volleyball; rowing: various finals; cycling: various track finals; badminton: women's singles gold-medal match; trampoline (live), NBC

2 p.m.: Boxing: flyweight and middleweight (taped), CNBC

6 p.m.: Men's volleyball (taped), Telemundo

7:30 p.m.: Track & field: women's marathon, men's 100m final; swimming: various finals (live), NBC

9 p.m.: Beach volleyball: women's quarterfinals; weightlifting: women's super heavyweight (taped), CNBC

11 p.m.: Tennis: men's singles and women's gold-medal matches; women's beach volleyball quarterfinals; cycling: various track finals; women's team handball: Russia vs. Germany (live), USA Network

DAY 11

Sunday, Aug. 17

12:30 a.m.: Beach volleyball: women's quarterfinals; track & field: women's 800m semifinals (taped), NBC

2 a.m.: Primetime replay from Aug. 16, NBC

2 a.m.: Softball: USA vs. Netherlands; Women's basketball: Australia vs. Russia; women's volleyball: Italy vs. Brazil; women's wrestling: 63kg, 72kg finals; men's fencing; badminton (live), MSNBC

4 a.m.: Swimming: various finals; track & field: various finals;

women's volleyball; diving; trampoline (taped), Telemundo

10 a.m.: Women's basketball: USA vs. New Zealand; beach volleyball quarterfinals; women's volleyball: USA vs. Poland; cycling: various track finals; rowing; table tennis (live), NBC

Noon: Boxing: light welterweight and welterweight quarterfinals (taped), CNBC

6 p.m.: Beach volleyball: women's quarterfinals (taped), Telemundo

7:30 p.m.: Track & field: women's 100m and steeplechase finals; gymnastics: men's individual floor and pommel horse finals, women's individual floor and vault finals; women's 3m diving; rowing: women's eights (live), NBC

9 p.m.: Softball: USA vs. China (live), CNBC

11 p.m.: Men's basketball: USA vs. TBD; men's water polo: USA vs. Germany; women's field hockey: USA vs. Great Britain; flatwater canoe/kayak; table tennis: men's team gold and bronze-medal matches (live), USA Network

DAY 12

Monday, Aug. 18

12:30 a.m.: Track & field: men's 10,000m final, women's triple jump final; men's beach volleyball quarterfinals; women's triathlon (taped), NBC

2 a.m.: Primetime replay from Aug. 17

2 a.m.: Women's soccer semifinal; men's basketball: Argentina vs. Russia; baseball: USA vs. China; men's cycling track finals; men's team handball: Germany vs. Denmark; weightlifting; beach volleyball (live), MSNBC

2 a.m.: Gymnastics: individual event finals; women's springboard diving final; track & field: various finals (taped), Telemundo

8 a.m.: Women's soccer semifinal; men's beach volleyball quarterfinals; boxing (live), Telemundo

10 a.m.: Men's volleyball: USA vs. Japan; men's beach volleyball quarterfinals; track & field; men's 3m diving (live), NBC

2 p.m.: Boxing: bantamweight, featherweight and super heavyweight quarterfinals (taped), CNBC

6 p.m.: Gymnastics recap; equestrian: team jumping final (taped), Oxygen

8 p.m.: Beach volleyball: semifinals; gymnastics: men's individual rings and vault finals, women's individual vault and uneven bars finals; women's trampoline final; track & field: men's long jump final, women's 800m final (live), NBC

9 p.m.: Men's freestyle wrestling: 55kg, 60 kg; table tennis: men's and women's singles (live), CNBC

11 p.m.: Women's basketball: quarterfinals; flatwater canoe/kayak; men's beach volleyball semifinals; table tennis: singles; cycling: various track finals; women's team handball (live), USA Network

DAY 13

Tuesday, Aug. 19

12:30 p.m.: Women's beach volleyball semifinals; men's triathlon; men's 3m diving semifinal (taped), NBC

2 a.m.: Primetime replay from Aug. 18, NBC

2 a.m.: Men's soccer semifinal; men's weightlifting: super heavy-

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weight final; baseball: USA vs. Chinese Taipei; men's freestyle wrestling: 55kg, 60kg finals; women's volleyball quarterfinals (live), MSNBC

2 a.m.: Men's soccer semifinal; gymnastics: various individual finals; track & field; men's diving (live), Telemundo

8:30 a.m.: Men's soccer semifinal (live), Telemundo

10 a.m.: Women's volleyball: quarterfinal; track & field qualifying; women's water polo semifinal (live), NBC

2 p.m.: Boxing: light flyweight, lightweight and heavyweight quarterfinals (taped), CNBC

6 p.m.: Gymnastics recap; synchronized swimming duet; equestrian: individual dressage (taped), Oxygen

8 p.m.: Men's beach volleyball semifinals; gymnastics: men's individual parallel bars and high bar finals, women's balance beam final; track & field: men's 1500m final, women's 100m hurdle final; men's 3m diving final (live), NBC

9 p.m.: Softball semifinal (taped), CNBC

11 p.m.: Men's basketball quarterfinals; flatwater canoe/kayak semifinals; women's open-water swimming gold-medal race; men's water polo semifinals (live), USA Network

DAY 13

Wednesday, Aug. 20

12:30 a.m.: Men's cycling BMX quarterfinals; men's trampoline finals (live), NBC

2 a.m.: Primetime replay from Aug. 19, NBC

2 a.m.: Softball bronze-medal game; baseball: USA vs. Japan; men's freestyle wrestling: 66kg, 74kg finals; men's volleyball quarterfinals; men's team handball quarterfinals; table tennis (live), MSNBC

2 a.m.: Men's 3m springboard diving; track & field; men's basketball quarterfinals (taped), Telemundo

8 a.m.: Men's beach volleyball semifinals; gymnastics: individual finals (taped), Telemundo

10 a.m.: Men's volleyball quarterfinals; women's 10m diving (live), NBC

2 p.m.: Boxing: flyweight and middleweight quarterfinals (taped), CNBC

6 p.m.: Gymnastics recap; synchronized swimming duet (taped), Oxygen

8 p.m.: Women's beach volleyball gold-medal match; cycling: BMX finals; women's 10m diving semifinals; track & field: men's 200m finals (live), NBC

9 p.m.: Women's 20km walk final (taped), CNBC

11 p.m.: Women's soccer gold-medal match; softball gold-medal game; flatwater canoe/kayak semifinals; freestyle wrestling: 84kg, 96kg, 120kg; table tennis (live), USA Network

DAY 14

Thursday, Aug. 21

12:30 a.m.: Women's volleyball semifinals; women's beach volleyball bronze-medal match; track & field: women's hammer throw final (live), NBC

2 a.m.: Primetime replay from Aug. 21, NBC

2 a.m.: Women's basketball semifinal; women's soccer bronze-medal match; women's water polo bronze-medal game; women's team handball; women's volleyball semifinals (live), MSNBC

2 a.m.: Women's platform diving semifinals; track & field: various finals (taped), Telemundo

8 a.m.: Women's soccer gold-medal match; women's beach volleyball gold-medal match (taped), Telemundo

10 a.m.: Men's open-water marathon swimming; women's water polo gold-medal match; equestrian: individual jumping final; rhythmic gymnastics (taped), NBC

2 p.m.: Men's freestyle wrestling gold-medal matches: 84kg, 96kg, 120kg (taped), CNBC

8 p.m.: Men's beach volleyball gold-medal match; track & field: men's 400m final, men's 110m hurdles final, women's 200m final; women's 10m diving final (live), NBC

9 p.m.: Baseball semifinal (taped), CNBC

11 p.m.: Boxing: flyweight, featherweight, light welterweight, middleweight, heavyweight semifinals (taped), CNBC

11 p.m.: Men's basketball semifinals; men's water polo semifinals; flatwater canoe finals; track & field: 50km walk; table tennis (live), USA Network

DAY 15

Friday, Aug. 22

12:30 a.m.: Men's volleyball semifinals; men's beach volleyball bronze-medal match (live), NBC

2 a.m.: Primetime replay from Aug. 21, NBC

2 a.m.: Men's soccer bronze-medal match; baseball semifinals; men's volleyball semifinals; women's field hockey bronze-medal game; women's modern pentathlon final; women's mountain biking (live), MSNBC

2 a.m.: Women's platform diving; men's beach volleyball finals; track & field (taped), Telemundo

7 a.m.: Men's soccer bronze-medal match; men's basketball semi-

final (live), Telemundo

10 a.m.: Men's basketball semifinal; flatwater canoe/kayak finals; women's table tennis finals (live), NBC

2 p.m.: Boxing: light flyweight, bantamweight, lightweight, welterweight, light heavyweight, super heavyweight semifinals (taped), CNBC

6 p.m.: Women's field hockey gold-medal game (taped), Oxygen

8 p.m.: Men's 10m diving semifinal; track & field: men's 4x100 final, men's pole vault final, decathlon final; rhythmic gymnastics (live), NBC

9 p.m.: Men's soccer gold-medal match (live), CNBC

11 p.m.: Baseball gold-medal game; women's team handball gold-medal game; men's field hockey gold-medal game; women's volleyball bronze medal game; men's table tennis semifinals (live), USA Network

11 p.m.: Men's soccer gold-medal game (taped), Telemundo

DAY 16

Saturday, Aug. 23

12:30 a.m.: Women's volleyball bronze-medal match; synchronized swimming; table tennis: men's singles semifinals (live), NBC

2 a.m.: Primetime replay from Aug. 22, NBC

5 a.m.: Table tennis: men's singles gold and bronze-medal matches (taped), MSNBC

6 a.m.: Baseball gold-medal game; boxing: various finals; track & field: various finals; men's 10m platform diving (live), Telemundo

9 a.m.: Women's basketball gold-medal game; women's volleyball gold-medal match; rhythmic gymnastics; synchronized swimming; boxing; flatwater canoe/kayak (live), NBC

6 p.m.: Men's volleyball semifinal (taped), Telemundo

6:30 p.m.: Track & field: men's marathon, men's 800m final; men's long jump final, 4x400 finals; men's 10m diving final (live), NBC

9 p.m.: Men's basketball bronze-medal game, CNBC

11 p.m.: Men's basketball gold-medal game; men's team handball gold-medal game; men's volleyball bronze-medal match; men's water polo bronze-medal match (taped), USA Network

DAY 17

Sunday, Aug. 24

Midnight: Women's volleyball gold-medal match (taped), Telemundo

12:30 a.m.: Men's basketball gold-medal game; table tennis: men's gold-medal match; mountain biking (live), NBC

4 a.m.: Track & field: men's marathon, other finals; men's basketball gold-medal game; men's platform diving finals; boxing finals (taped), Telemundo

Noon: Men's water polo gold-medal game; rhythmic gymnastics; boxing finals (taped), NBC

7 p.m.: Men's volleyball gold-medal match; Closing Ceremony (taped), NBC

11:30 p.m.: Men's volleyball gold-medal match; Closing Ceremony (taped), NBC