

Michael Phelps

PHELPS' OLYMPIC MEDALS

SYDNEY '00	0	0	0	0
ATHENS '04	6	0	2	8
BEIJING '08	8	0	0	8
TOTAL	14	0	2	16



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TODAY'S TV HIGHLIGHTS

12:30 a.m.: Men's basketball gold-medal game; table tennis: men's medal match;

mountain biking (live), NBC

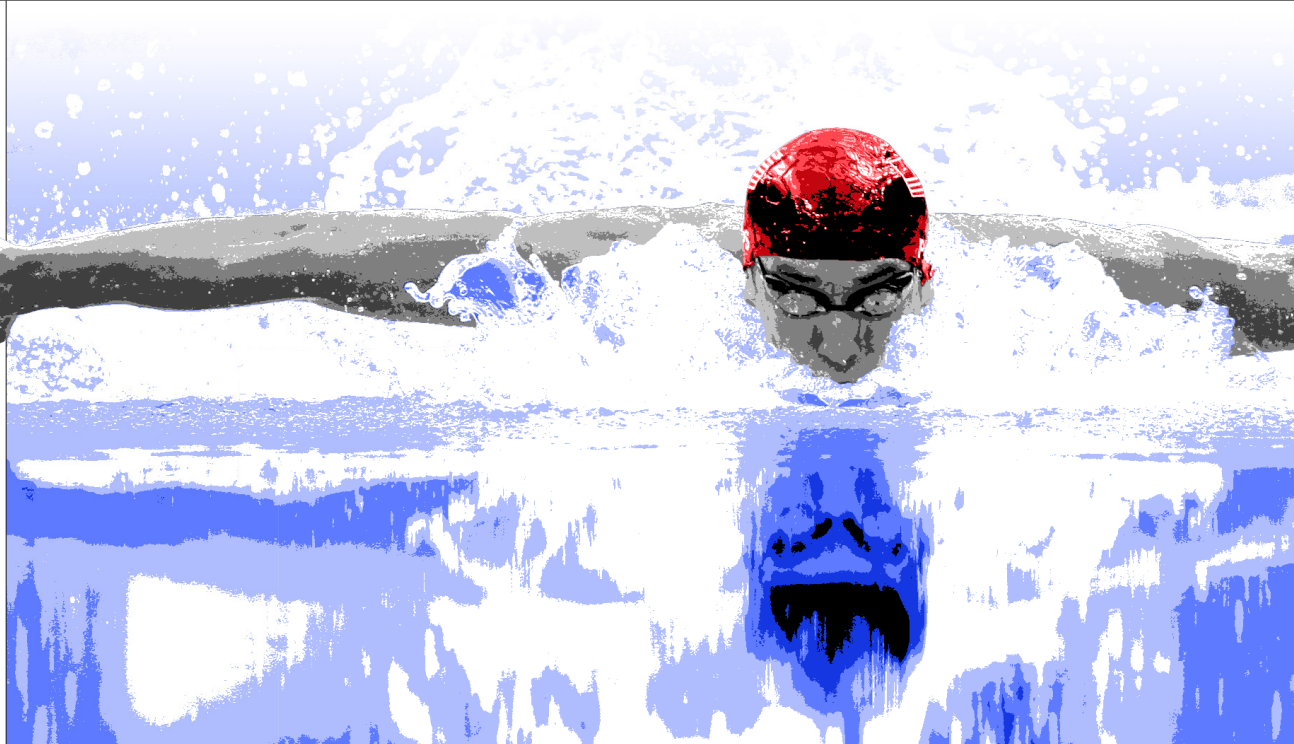
4 a.m.: Track & field: men's marathon, other finals; men's basketball gold-medal game; men's platform diving finals; boxing finals (taped), Telemundo

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

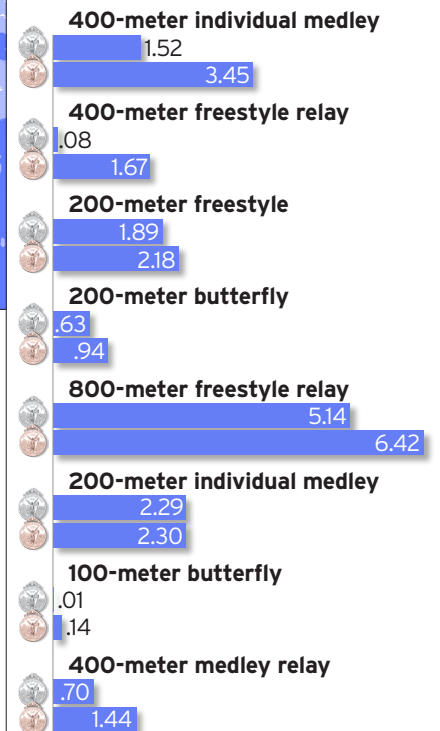
(taped), NBC



HOW HE DID IT

Phelps' record-setting meet at the Olympics saw incredible comebacks, crushing blowouts and photo finishes. Here's a look at how he broke Mark Spitz's 36-year-old record of seven golds at a single Olympics by taking eight home from Beijing.

The margin of victory, in seconds, for Phelps and his U.S. teammates over the silver and bronze winners.



THE 100M BUTTERFLY

With a time of 50.58 in the 100-meter butterfly, Phelps averaged a speed of 77.8 inches per second. At that rate, his .01-second victory over Milorad Cavic of Serbia would have been by .78 inches, though the actual margin of victory was likely even closer. The two competitors raced about the length of a football field and in the end were separated by the tips of their fingers.

.78 in.

EIGHT-FOR-EIGHT

In Chinese culture, eight is a lucky number. It seems to be for Michael Phelps, too. He broke Mark's Spitz's gold medal record with eight. In the process, he set seven world records and now owns more Olympic golds (14) than anyone.

PHELPS '08 vs. SPITZ '72

Phelps/team	Event	Spitz/team
Did not race	100M freestyle	51.22
1:42.96	200M freestyle	1:52.78
50:58	100M butterfly	54.27
1:52.03	200M butterfly	2:00.70
3:08.24	400M freestyle relay	3:26.42
6:58.56	800M freestyle relay	7:35.78
3:29.34	400M medley relay	3:48.16
1:54.23	200M IM	Did not race
4:03.84	400M IM	Did not race

WHAT'S NEXT?

Phelps says he's going to write a book called "Built to Succeed" about his Olympic glory and how swimming has helped him cope in his personal life. It's reportedly due out in December.