

MISSISSIPPI STATE DAILY OLYMPIC BULLETIN

MONDAY, AUGUST 5

EVENING EDITION

| PARIS 2024 SCHEDULE/RESULTS | | | |
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| JUL | Y 25 | | |
| SOC | France vs. Colombia | Pool | Izquierdo, Perez FRA, 3- |
| JUL | Y 26 | | |
| ALL | Opening Ceremony | Ceremonies | All |
| JUL | Y 27 | | |
| MT | Singles vs. Navone (ARG) | First Rd. | Borges Canceled / Weather |
| JUL | Y 28 | | |
| MT | Singles vs. Navone (ARG) | First Rd. | Borges Navone, 6-2, 6- |
| SOC | New Zealand vs. Colombia | Pool | Izquierdo, Perez COL, 2- |
| MT | Doubles vs. Greece | First Rd. | Borges POR, 3-6, 6-3, [12-10 |
| _ | Y 30 | Second Rd. | Devees CED / 2 / |
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| SOC | Colombia vs. Spain | Quarterfinals | Izquierdo, Perez ESP, 2-2 (4-2 |
| ΔUC | GUST 6 | | |
| TF | Men's Javelin Qualifying | Group A | Thompson 3:20 a.n |
| TF | Men's Javelin Qualifying | Group B | Peters 4:50 a.n |
| AUC | GUST 7 | | |
| TF | Men's 800m | First Round | Anderson, Arop 4:55 a.n |
| AUC | GUST 8 | | |
| TF | Men's 800m (if nec.) | Repechage | Anderson, Arop 5 a.n |
| TF | Men's Javelin | Final | Peters, Thompson 1:25 p.n |
| _ | GUST 9 | | |
| TF | Men's 4x400m Relay | First Round | Eppie 4:05 a.n |
| TF | Men's 800m | Semifinal | Anderson, Arop 4:30 a.n |
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| TF | Men's 800m | Final | Anderson, Arop 12:05 p.n |
| TF | Men's 4x400m Relay | Final | Eppie 2 p.n |

NEXT UP...







MEN'S JAVELIN - QUALIFYING

Curtis Thompson (USA) | Group A Anderson Peters (GRN) | Group B



3:20 a.m. CT / 10:20 a.m. Local & 4:50 a.m. CT / 11:50 a.m. Local Stade de France (Paris, France)

NOTEWORTHY

GENERAL

- Mississippi State track and field gets underway this week with five athletes competing, representing five different nations. That is second only to the 2021 Tokyo Games for the most track and field athletes in program history at a single Games and a record for the most countries represented.
- The five nations represented include the first track and field athletes from Botswana and Jamaica and a return to the Games by the first Grenadian athlete
- Mississippi State's last Olympic medal came 24 years ago at the 2000 Sydney Games when Jude Monye (NGR) and the Nigerian 4x400m relay team finished second but were awarded the gold medal when Team USA was later disqualified for doping offense.

#JAVU GOES GLOBAL

- Curtis Thompson (USA) and Anderson Peters (GRN) were two-thirds of State's javelin podium sweep at the 2019 NCAA Championships.
- That was the 11th sweep of any event podium in NCAA Outdoor Championships history. Arkansas has since added to the rare company with a sweep of the women's 400m in 2024.
- Oregon's 1964 squad is the only other trio to sweep in the men's javelin, and that was before the implement was changed in 1986.
- Mississippi State's pair of javelin throwers make up two-thirds of NCAA collegiate representation in the men's javelin at the Paris Games. Baylor's Chinecherem Nnamdi (NGR) is the only other athlete in this year's field to have thrown for an NCAA program.
- To date, Peters boasts five of the top-10 all-time throws by a collegiate athlete, and he has since joined the top five in world history, tossing 93.07m in 2022.
- The Olympic record in the men's javelin is 90.57m set by Andreas Thorkildsen (NOR) at the Beijing 2008 Games.
- Since 2004, throws of 86.00m or greater would have won a medaled in the last four Games. Thompson and Peters both have personal bests bevond 86.00m.

THE TASK AT HAND

- Qualification for the Olympic finals in throws events comes down to reaching a standard mark or being one of the top athletes needed to achieve the required number for the finals.
- In the men's javelin, the standard mark on Tuesday morning will be 84.00m. The minimum number of athletes for the final is 12.
- Curtis Thompson (USA) and Anderson Peters (GRN) both have personal bests beyond that mark. Peters has thrown 86.62m already this season and threw 85.19m in his final meet before traveling to Paris.
- Thompson's best mark of the season was 83.04m at the U.S. Olympic Trials. He has thrown over 80.00m four times this year.
- Peters is a two-time world champion but has spent the last two years recovering from significant injuries in 2022.

TUNING IN

- Curtis Thompson's (USA) hometown of Florence, New Jersey, is
 hosting a live watch party for him. The Florence Township Municipal
 Building's courtroom will be opened at 4:20 a.m. ET to welcome
 members of the public.
- Thompson serves as the throws coach for Spain Park High School in Birmingham, Alabama

MONUMENTAL MEDALS - MEN'S JAVELIN

- Anderson Peters (GRN) is the only Olympic javelin thrower in his
 nation's history. He was the first athlete from the Americas to win
 gold at the World Championship in the event in 2019 and defended
 that title in 2022. Keshorn Walcott (TTO) is the only athlete from the
 Caribbean to win Olympic gold in the javelin.
- Grenada has only won four Olympic medals as a nation. Prior to this
 year all were by Kirani James in the men's 400m. James has won gold,
 silver and bronze in the 2012, 2016 and 2020 Games.
- · Lindon Victor (GRN) won bronze in the decathlon earlier this week.
- Curtis Thompson (USA) will try to become the first American to win javelin gold since 1952 when Cyrus Young and Bill Miller won gold and silver, respectively. An American has not stood on the podium in more than 50 years (1972).

TRACK TIES

- Navasky Anderson (JAM) and Lee Eppie (BOT) were roommates while at MSU. Marco Arop (CAN) and Anderson Peters (GRN) were also roommates while in Starkville.
- Peters is one of three Mississippi State track athletes to win backto-back NCAA Outdoor Championships. The first, Commodore Scott Cochran (USA), was also State's first Olympic medalist, running leadoff on the Americans' world-record-setting 4x400m relay team in Paris in 1924. Cochran won the NCAA 440-yard in 1922 and 1923.

UPCOMING EVENTS





MEN'S 800M - FIRST ROUND

QUALIFYING: August 7 | 4:55 a.m. (Heats TBD)

NOTEWORTHY: Marco Arop (CAN) and Navasky Anderson (JAM) are training partners in Starkville, they make MSU the only school with multiple athletes in the men's 800m field at this year's Games ... the two Bulldogs are one-third of the NCAA collegiate representation in the event with Hampton, Kansas, Penn State and Texas A&M each having one athlete in the field...both hold their nation's respective national record in the 800m.