

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7
MORNING EDITION

PARIS 2024 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

JULY 25

SOC France vs. **Colombia** Pool Izquierdo, Perez FRA, 3-2

JULY 26

ALL Opening Ceremony Ceremonies All

JULY 27

MT Singles vs. Navone (ARG) First Rd. Borges Canceled / Weather

JULY 28

MT Singles vs. Navone (ARG) First Rd. Borges Navone, 6-2, 6-2
SOC New Zealand vs. **Colombia** Pool Izquierdo, Perez COL, 2-0
MT Doubles vs. Greece First Rd. Borges POR, 3-6, 6-3, [12-10]

JULY 30

MT Doubles vs. Germany Second Rd. Borges GER, 6-2, 6-2

JULY 31

SOC **Colombia** vs. Canada Pool Izquierdo, Perez CAN, 1-0

AUGUST 3

SOC **Colombia** vs. Spain Quarterfinals Izquierdo, Perez ESP, 2-2 (4-2)

AUGUST 6

TF Men's Javelin Qualifying Peters 88.63m, 2nd (Q)
Thompson 76.79m, 27th

AUGUST 7

TF Men's 800m First Round Arop 1:45.74, 17th (Q)
Anderson 1:46.82, 37th

AUGUST 8

TF Men's 800m Repechage Anderson 5 a.m.
TF Men's Javelin Final Peters 1:25 p.m.

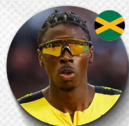
AUGUST 9

TF Men's 4x400m Relay First Round Eppie 4:05 a.m.
TF Men's 800m Semifinal Anderson 4:30 a.m.
Arop

AUGUST 10

TF Men's 800m Final Anderson 12:05 p.m.
Arop
TF Men's 4x400m Relay Final Eppie 2 p.m.

WHILE YOU WERE SLEEPING



MEN'S 800M - FIRST ROUND

Marco Arop (CAN)
Navasky Anderson (JAM)

Arop, 1:45.74, 17th (Q)

Anderson, 1:46.82, 37th



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.

QUALIFYING CRITERIA

- Under the new format introduced this year, the top three athletes in each 800m heat advanced to Friday's semifinals. All other athletes will run again on Thursday morning in the repechage round.
- Marco Arop (CAN) finished second in his heat behind Belgium's Eliott Crestan.
- Navasky Anderson (JAM) finished fifth. He will run in the second heat of the repechage Thursday morning. His toughest challenge will be Spain's Adrian Ben, who clocked the fourth-fastest time in the opening round but was fourth in his heat.
- The four heat winners in the repechage along with the next two fastest times for a total of six runners will advance to Friday's semifinals.

LONG LIVE THE KING

- Marco Arop (CAN) will attempt to become just the second reigning world champion in the 800m to win Olympic gold the following year. David Rudisha (KEN) did so at both the 2016 Rio and 2012 London Games.
- The only other reigning world champions to medal in the event were Wilson Kipketer (DEN), who won silver at the 2000 Sydney Games, and Alfred Kirwa Yego (KEN), who won bronze in Beijing in 2008.
- Though the reigning world champion, Arop enters the Olympics ranked No. 2 in the world behind Emmanuel Wanyonyi (KEN), who ran a 1:41.58, which ranks fourth in world history, in July.
- The men's 800m is the only track and field event at this year's Olympic Games where the reigning gold medalist is not present in the field.

MONUMENTAL MEDALS - MEN'S 800M

- The reigning world champion, Marco Arop (CAN) is a favorite for the podium in the men's 800m. No Canadian man has ever won gold at the Olympics, and Arop was the first to win a World Championships gold in the event.
- Canada boasts four Olympic medals in the 800m: silver and bronze in 1932, bronze in 1936 and silver in 1964.
- Meanwhile a medal for Navasky Anderson (JAM) would put him in historic company. Arthur Wint is Jamaica's only Olympic medalist in the 800m, winning silver at the 1948 London and 1952 Helsinki Games. He was the island's first Olympic medalist.
- No Jamaican man has reached an Olympic final in the 800m since George E. Kerr finished fourth in 1964.

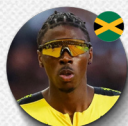
TWO-LAP TWO-STEPPING

- Marco Arop (CAN) and Navasky Anderson (JAM) are training partners in Starkville. Together, they make MSU the only school with multiple athletes in the men's 800m field at this year's Paris 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 Arop and Anderson train under MSU head coach Chris Woods, who will serve as an assistant coach with Team Canada in Paris.
- The pair each hold their nation's respective national record in the 800m.
- Arop and Woods brought home gold medals from Budapest in 2023 when Arop won the world title.
- When Anderson began training with them, his only instruction was to focus on staying close enough to Arop to touch his back.
- Both athletes won SEC Championships in the 800m while in Starkville and went on to finish as NCAA runners-up.
- Arop and Anderson went skydiving together in 2022.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS



MEN'S 800M - REPECHAGE

REPECHAGE: August 8 | 5 a.m. (Heat 2)

NOTEWORTHY: Repechage rounds are new to the Olympic Games in 2024...the new format guarantees each athlete in the 200m to 1500m distances at least two races in Paris...athletes who do not qualify by place in the first round move to the repechage...this replaces the previous time qualifiers system...athletes in the repechage must win their heat or advance on time.

MEN'S JAVELIN - FINAL

FINAL: August 8 | 1:25 p.m.

NOTEWORTHY: Anderson Peters (GRN) set an MSU Olympic record with an 88.63m throw on Tuesday morning...Peters will also attempt to set an MSU record for the best finish in the men's javelin currently held by Lee Preister (USA) who finished 11th in Paris 100 years ago...a medal would be State's first since 2000 and first ever in a field event...four men threw beyond 86.00m in qualifying...86.00m has won a medal in each of the last four Olympic Games.