



OLYMPIC GAMES



LOS ANGELES
July 28 - August 12, 1984



USA vs Soviet Union =

Boycott part 2

The 1984 Summer Olympics, officially known as the Games of the XXIII Olympiad, took place in Los Angeles, California, United States in 1984. This was the second occasion Los Angeles hosted the games, the first being in 1932.

Los Angeles strictly controlled expenses by using existing facilities except a swim stadium and a velodrome that were paid for by corporate sponsors. The Olympic Committee led by Peter Ueberroth used some of the profits to endow the LA84 Foundation to promote youth sports in Southern California, educate coaches and maintain a sports library. The 1984 Summer Olympics are often considered the most financially successful modern Olympics.

The host state of California was the home state of U.S. President Ronald Reagan, who officially opened the Games. He had served as Governor of California from 1967 to 1975. The official mascot of the Los Angeles Games was Sam the Olympic Eagle. The logo of the games featured red, white, and blue stars arranged horizontally and struck through with alternating streaks; it was named "Stars in Motion." These were the first Summer Olympic Games under the IOC presidency of Juan Antonio Samaranch.

In response to the American-led boycott of the 1980 Summer Olympics in Moscow, 14 Eastern Bloc countries, including the Soviet Union, Cuba and East Germany,

boycotted the Games; only Romania elected to attend. For differing reasons, Iran and Libya also boycotted. Although this boycott depleted the field in certain sports, 140 National Olympic Committees took part, which was a record at the time. Elite athletes from the U.S. and USSR would not directly compete again until the 1988 Summer Olympics in Seoul.

The Games were officially opened by president Ronald Reagan. The olympic oath was delivered by Edwin Moses.

John Williams composed the theme for the Olympiad, "Olympic Fanfare and Theme". This piece won a Grammy for Williams and became one of the most well-known musical themes of the Olympic Games, along with Leo Arnaud's "Bugler's Dream"; the latter is sometimes attached to the beginning of Olympic Fanfare and Theme.





The Olympic program featured 221 events in 21 sports:

***AQUATICS:**

- Diving (4 events)
- Swimming (29 events)
- Synchronized swimming (2 events)
- Water polo (1 event)

***ARCHERY (2 events)**

***ATHLETICS (41 events)**

***BASKETBALL (2 events)**

***BOXING (12 events)**

***CANOEING (12 events)**

***CYCLING:**

- Road (3 events)
- Track (5 events)

***EQUESTRIAN:**

- Dressage (2 events)
- Eventing (2 events)
- Show jumping (2 events)

***FENCING (8 events)**

***FIELD HOCKEY (2 events)**

***FOOTBALL (1 event)**

***GYMNASTICS:**

- Artistic (14 events)
- Rhythmic (1 event)

***HANDBALL (2 events)**

***JUDO (8 events)**

***MODERN PENTATHLON (2 events)**

***ROWING (14 events)**

***SAILING (7 events)**

***SHOOTING (11 events)**

***VOLLEYBALL (2 events)**

***WEIGHTLIFTING (10 events)**

***WRESTLING:**

- Freestyle (10 events)
- Greco-Roman (10 events)

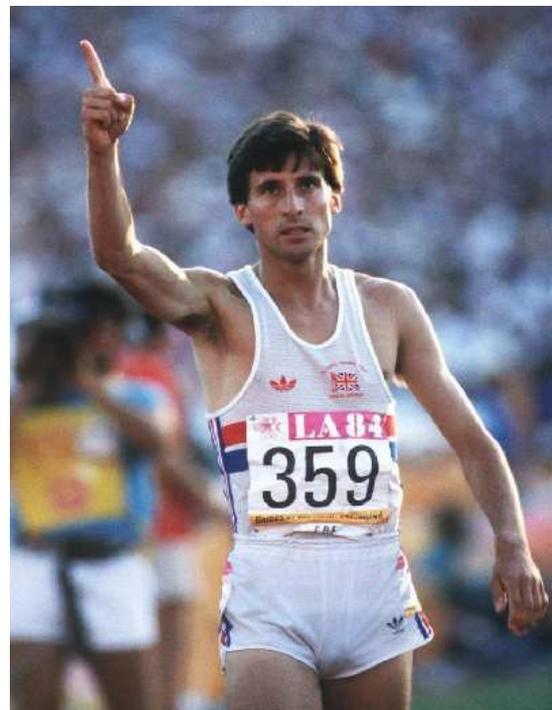
Demonstration sports:

***BASEBALL**

***TENNIS**



Edwin MOSES



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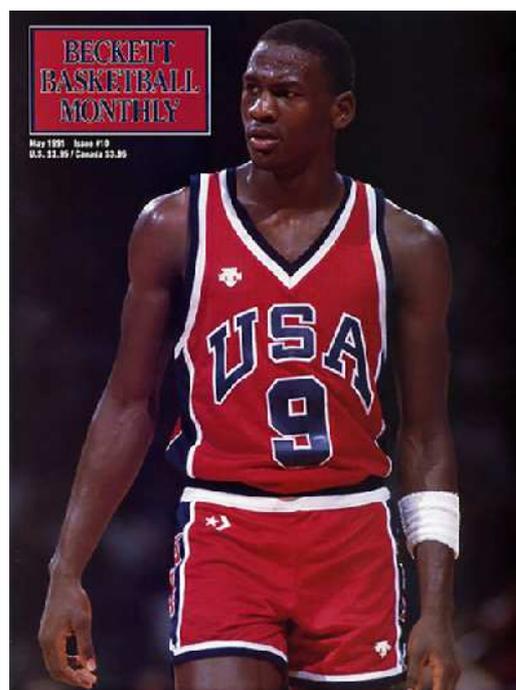
Venues

VENUE	SPORTS
Albert Gersten Pavilion	Weightlifting
Eagle's Nest Arena	Judo
Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum	Athletics / Opening ceremony
LA Memorial Sports Arena	Boxing
Olympic Swim Stadium	Diving / Swimming / Synchronized swimming
Pauley Pavilion	Gymnastics
Streets of Los Angeles	Athletics
Anaheim Convention Center	Wrestling
Artesia Freeway	Road cycling
Coto de Caza	Modern pentathlon
El Dorado Park, Long Beach	Archery
Fairbanks Ranch Country Club, Rancho Santa Fe	Equestrian
The Forum, Inglewood	Basketball
Heritage Park Aquatic Center, Irvine	Modern pentathlon
Lake Casitas, Ventura County	Canoeing / Rowing
Long Beach Arena	Volleyball
Long Beach Convention Center	Fencing
Long Beach Shoreline Marina	Sailing
Olympic Velodrome, Carson	Track cycling
Prado Regional Park, Chino	Shooting
Raleigh Runnels Memorial Pool, Malibu	Water polo
Rose Bowl, Pasadena	Football
Santa Anita Park, Arcadia	Equestrian
Santa Monica College	Athletics
Streets of Mission Viejo	Cycling
Streets of Santa Monica	Athletics
Titan Gymnasium, Fullerton	Handball
Weingart Stadium, Monterey Park	Field hockey
Harvard Stadium, Boston, MA	Football
Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium, Annapolis, MD	Football
Stanford Stadium, Stanford, CA	Football
Dodger Stadium	Baseball
LA Tennis Center	Tennis



HIGHLIGHTS

- The opening ceremony featured the arrival of Bill Suitor by means of the Bell Aerosystems rocket pack (also known as a Jet Pack).
- The United States has set the record for most gold medals won in a single Summer Olympics (83), beating the previous record set by the Soviet Union at the 1980 Summer Olympics.
- As a result of an IOC agreement designating the Republic of China (Taiwan) in the name of Chinese Taipei, the People's Republic of China returned to the summer Olympics for the first time since Helsinki 1952. Military anthem of China was played for both teams during the opening ceremony.
- Carl Lewis of the United States, making his first of four appearances at the Olympics, equaled the 1936 performance of Jesse Owens by winning four gold medals, in the 100 m, 200 m, 4 × 100 m relay and long jump.
- Edwin Moses of the United States won the gold medal in the 400m hurdles 8 years after winning in 1976.
- Nawal El Moutawakel of Morocco became the first female Olympic champion of a Muslim nation—and the first of her country—in the 400 m hurdles.
- Sebastian Coe of Great Britain became the first man to win consecutive gold medals in the 1500m.
- The first gold medal to be awarded at the Los Angeles Olympics was also the first-ever medal to be won by an athlete from China when Xu Haifeng won the 50 m Pistol event.
- Archer Neroli Fairhall from New Zealand was the first paraplegic Olympian at any Olympic Games, coming 35th in the Women's individual event.
- Synchronized swimming and rhythmic gymnastics debuted in Los Angeles as Olympic events, as did wind surfing.
- Li Ning from the People's Republic of China won 6 medals in gymnastics, 3 gold, 2 silver, and 1 bronze, earning him the nickname "Prince of Gymnasts" in China. Li would later light the Olympic Cauldron at the 2008 Olympics
- Future Dream Team members Michael Jordan (photo above), Patrick Ewing, and Chris Mullin were on the team that won the gold medal in basketball. The 1984 US men's Olympic basketball team was coached by Indiana Hoosiers, head coach Bobby Knight.



Athletes from 140 nations competed at the Los Angeles Games. The following countries made their first Olympic appearance in 1984: Bahrain, Bangladesh, Bhutan, British Virgin Islands, Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Gambia, Grenada, Mauritania, Mauritius, North Yemen, Oman, Qatar, Rwanda, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, and the United Arab Emirates. Zaire had competed previously as *Congo Kinshasa*. The People's Republic of China made their first appearance in a Summer Olympics since 1952, while for the first time the Republic of China team participated under the politically made-up name as *Chinese Taipei*.

The Soviet Union led the Warsaw Pact and other Communist and Socialist countries on a boycott of the 1984 Summer Olympics, in retaliation (using "security concerns and chauvinistic sentiments and an anti-Soviet hysteria being whipped up in the United States" as a pretext)^[10] for the U.S.-led boycott of the 1980 Summer Olympics in Moscow over the Soviet Union's invasion of Afghanistan in 1979. However, a handful of Socialist countries disregarded the boycott and attended anyway.

Among them were Yugoslavia (which hosted the 1984 Winter Olympics), the People's Republic of China, and Romania. The fact that Romania, a Warsaw Pact country, opted to compete despite Soviet demands led to a warm reception of the Romanian team by the United States. When the Romanian athletes entered during the opening ceremonies, they received a standing ovation from the spectators, which comprised mostly U.S. citizens. Romania won 53 medals, including 20 golds, more than the nation has in any other Olympics.

BOYCOTTING COUNTRIES: AFGHANISTAN, ANGOLA, BULGARIA, CUBA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, EAST GERMANY, ETHIOPIA, HUNGARY, LAOS, MONGOLIA, NORTH KOREA, POLAND, SOVIET UNION, VIETNAM

ALBANIA, IRAN and LIBYA boycotted the games for political reasons, not as a part of the Soviet-led boycott

ALGERIA	ANDORRA	ANTIGUA and BARBUDA	ARGENTINA
AUSTRALIA	AUSTRIA	BAHAMAS	BAHRAIN
BANGLADESH	BARBADOS	BELGIUM	BELIZE
BENIN	BERMUDA	BHUTAN	BOLIVIA
BOTSWANA	BRAZIL	BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS	BURMA
CAMEROON	CANADA	CAYMAN ISLANDS	CENTRAL AFRICAN REP.
CHAD	CHILE	CHINA	COLOMBIA
CONGO	COSTA RICA	CYPRUS	DENMARK
DJIBOUTI	DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	ECUADOR	EGYPT
EL SALVADOR	EQUATORIAL GUINEA	FIJI	FINLAND
FRANCE	GABON	THE GAMBIA	WEST GERMANY
GHANA	GREAT BRITAIN	GREECE	GRENADA
GUATEMALA	GUINEA	GUYANA	HAITI
HONDURAS	HONG KONG	ICELAND	INDIA
INDONESIA	IRAQ	IRELAND	ISRAEL
ITALY	IVORY COAST	JAMAICA	JAPAN
JORDAN	KENYA	SOUTH KOREA	KUWAIT
LEBANON	LESOTHO	LIBERIA	LIECHTENSTEIN
LUXEMBOURG	MADAGASCAR	MALAWI	MALAYSIA
MALI	MALTA	MAURITANIA	MAURITIUS
MEXICO	MONACO	MOROCCO	MOZAMBIQUE
NEPAL	NETHERLANDS	NETHERLANDS ANTILLES	NEW ZEALAND
NICARAGUA	NIGER	NIGERIA	NORWAY
OMAN	PAKISTAN	PANAMA	PAPUA NEW GUINEA
PARAGUAY	PERU	PHILIPPINES	PORTUGAL
PUERTO RICO	QATAR	ROMANIA	RWANDA
SAN MARINO	SAUDI ARABIA	SENEGAL	SEYCHELLES
SINGAPORE	SOLOMON ISLANDS	SOMALIA	SPAIN
SRI LANKA	SUDAN	SURINAME	SWAZILAND
SWEDEN	SWITZERLAND	SYRIA	CHINESE TAIPEI
TANZANIA	THAILAND	TOGO	TONGA
TRINIDAD TOBAGO	TUNISIA	TURKEY	UGANDA
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	UNITED STATES	URUGUAY	VENEZUELA
VIRGIN ISLANDS	SAMOA	NORTH YEMEN	YUGOSLAVIA
ZAIRE	ZAMBIA	ZIMBABWE	

Medal count

RANK	NATION	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	TOTAL
1.	UNITED STATES	83	61	30	174
2.	ROMANIA	20	16	17	53
3.	WEST GERMANY	17	19	23	59
4.	CHINA	15	8	9	32
5.	ITALY	14	6	12	32
6.	CANADA	10	18	16	44
7.	JAPAN	10	8	14	32
8.	NEW ZEALAND	8	1	2	11
9.	YUGOSLAVIA	7	4	7	18
10.	SOUTH KOREA	6	6	7	19
11.	GREAT BRITAIN	5	11	21	37
12.	FRANCE	5	7	16	28
13.	NETHERLANDS	5	2	6	13
14.	AUSTRALIA	4	8	12	24
15.	FINLAND	4	2	6	12
16.	SWEDEN	2	11	6	19
17.	MEXICO	2	3	1	6
18.	MOROCCO	2	0	0	2
19.	BRAZIL	1	5	2	8
20.	SPAIN	1	2	2	5
21.	BELGIUM	1	1	2	4
22.	AUSTRIA	1	1	1	3
23.	KENYA	1	0	2	3
	PORTUGAL	1	0	2	3
25.	PAKISTAN	1	0	0	1
26.	SWITZERLAND	0	4	4	8
27.	DENMARK	0	3	3	6
28.	JAMAICA	0	1	2	3
	NORWAY	0	1	2	3
30.	GREECE	0	1	1	2
	NIGERIA	0	1	1	2
	PUERTO RICO	0	1	1	2
	COLOMBIA	0	1	0	1
33.	IVORY COAST	0	1	0	1
	EGYPT	0	1	0	1
	IRELAND	0	1	0	1
	PERU	0	1	0	1
	SYRIA	0	1	0	1
	THAILAND	0	1	0	1
40.	TURKEY	0	0	3	3
	VENEZUELA	0	0	3	3
42.	ALGERIA	0	0	2	2
43.	CAMEROON	0	0	1	1
	CHINESE TAIPEI	0	0	1	1
	DOMINICAN REP.	0	0	1	1
	ICELAND	0	0	1	1
	ZAMBIA	0	0	1	1
		226	219	243	688



MAJOR STARS

Greg LOUGANIS (USA) – two golds in diving (all olympic medals: 2-0-1)

Rowdy GAINES (USA) – three gold medals in swimming

Michael GROSS (FRG) – two golds and two silvers in swimming

Rick CAREY (USA) – three golds in swimming

Steve LUNDQUIST (USA) – two gold medals in swimming

Alex BAUMANN (Canada) – two golds in swimming

Mike HEATH (USA) – three golds and one silver in swimming

Mary WAYTE, Tiffany COHEN, Theresa ANDREWS, Carrie STEINSEIFER and Nancy HOGSHEAD (USA) – each of them won two golds in swimming

Mary T. MEAGHER and Tracy CAULKINS (USA) – they both won three golds in swimming

Jenna JOHNSON (USA) – two golds and one silver in swimming

Tracie RUIZ (USA) – two gold medals in synchronized swimming

Carl LEWIS (USA) – four gold medals in athletics (exactly like Jesse Owens in 1936) - *photo below*

Alonzo BARBERS (USA) - two gold medals in athletics

Sebastian COE (Great Britain) – one gold and one silver in athletics (all olympic medals: 2-2-0)

Evelyn ASHFORD (USA) – two golds in athletics

Valerie BRISCO-HOOKS (USA) – three gold medals in athletics

Chandra CHEESEBOROUGH (USA) – two golds and one silver in athletics

Ulrike MEYFARTH (FRG) – she won her second gold medal in high jump after 12 years

Patrick EWING, Michael JORDAN, Jon KONCAK, Chris MULLIN, Steve ALFORD, Leon WOOD, Vernon FLEMING, Alvin

ROBERTSON, Joe KLEINE, Wayman TISDALE, Sam PERKINS, Jeff TURNER (USA) – gold medal in basketball

Ian FERGUSON (New Zealand) – three golds in canoeing

Paul McDONALD and Alan THOMPSON (New Zealand) – each of them won gold medal in canoeing

Agneta ANDERSSON (Sweden) – two golds and one silver in canoeing

Reiner KLIMKE and Ahlerich (FRG) – two golds in equestrian/dressage (all olympic medals: 5-0-2)

Joseph FARGIS and Touch of Class (USA) – two golds in equestrian/jumping

Mauro NUMA (Italy) – two golds in fencing

Bart CONNER (USA) – two golds in gymnastics

Koji GUSHIKEN (Japan) – two golds, one silver and two bronzes in gymnastics

LI Ning (China) – three golds, two silvers and one bronze in gymnastics

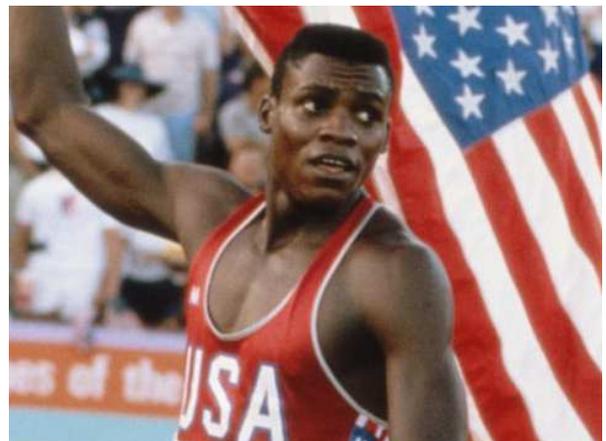
Peter VIDMAR (USA) – two golds and one silver in gymnastics

Simona PĂUCĂ (Romania) – two golds and one bronze in gymnastics

Ecaterina SZABO (Romania) – four golds and one silver in gymnastics

Daniele MASALA (Italy) – two golds in modern pentathlon

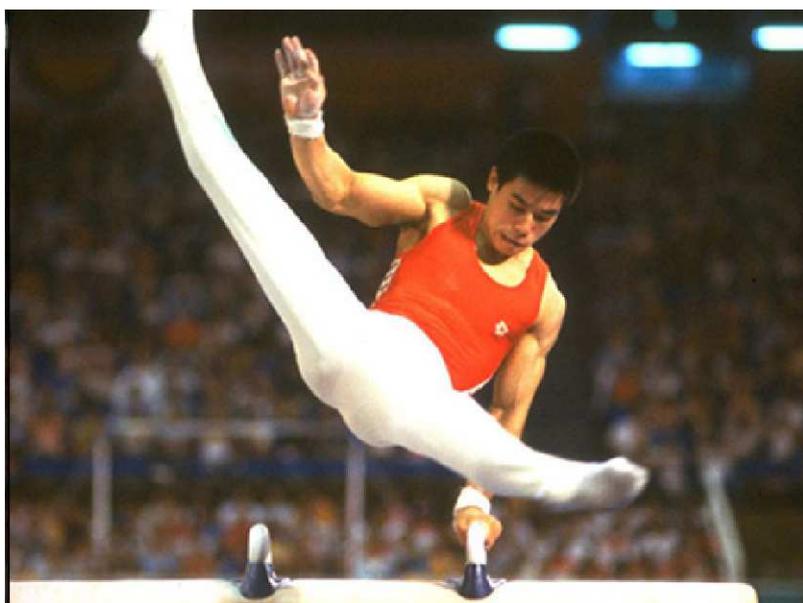
Pentti KARPPINEN (Finland) – he won his third gold in rowing (single sculls)



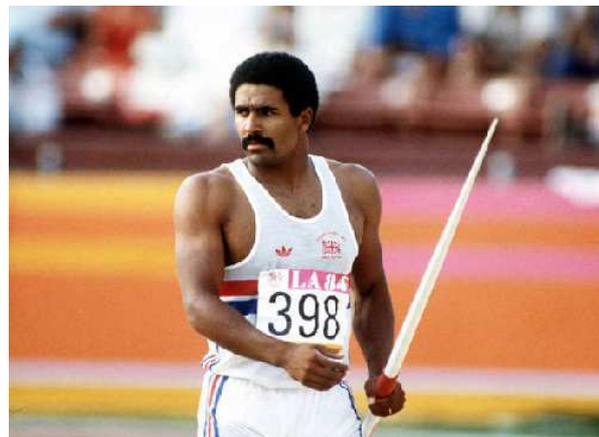
POLISH PARTICIPATION

Poland joined the olympic boycott led by Soviet Union. Polish athletes (and other boycotting countries) were given a chance to compete in *Friendship-84* multi-sport event.

Documents obtained in 2016 revealed the Soviet Union's plans for a statewide doping system in track and field in preparation for the 1984 Summer Olympics in Los Angeles. Dated prior to the country's decision to boycott the Games, the document detailed the existing steroids operations of the program, along with suggestions for further enhancements. The communication, directed to the Soviet Union's head of track and field, was prepared by Dr. Sergei Portugalov of the Institute for Physical Culture. Portugalov was also one of the main figures involved in the implementation of the Russian doping program prior to the 2016 Summer Olympics. Filmmaker and director of 2017 movie *Icarus* Bryan Fogel has said that stricter doping controls might have been the main reason of the Soviet boycott.



Li Ning



Daley Thompson



Nawal El Moutawakel



Erasmus+

EXERT