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Sport Reports

Athletics

Day one of track & field competition got underway Monday before a packed Bird's Nest stadium. The competition schedule for the U.S. Team consisted primarily of preliminary and semifinal competition, with the exception of two finals: men's shot put (F44) and women's 5000m (T54).

In the shot put, Ed Cockrell (New Athens, Ill.), silver medalist from the 2004 Athens Paralympic Games, finished competition in sixth place with a total of 916 points and a best throw measuring 14.67m.

"I came in to this well-trained, well-coached and ready to go," said Cockrell. "I just didn't come through in the end. These guys [competitors] are so talented and they just really pulled through tonight."

In the women's 5000m (T54) final, only five of the 11 athletes who started the event finished – after a nasty crash coming off a turn late in the race. U.S. wheelchair racer Cheri Blauwet (Palo Alto, Calif.) became tangled in the crash and sustained some minor cuts and bruises. U.S. teammates Amanda McGrory (Champaign, Ill./Kennett Square, Pa.) and Shirley Reilly (Tucson, Ariz.) were able to finish, with McGrory, the world record holder in the event, winning bronze. However, after review of the race, officials nullified the results and all three U.S. athletes will re-race on Friday.

Boccia

Timothy Hawker (Holland, Ohio) faced two tough competitors as Boccia competition continued on Monday. In Round 3 of pool play, Hawker went up against Francisco Javier Beltran from Spain, the world's No. 1 ranked player in the BC-1 class. Beltran achieved five points in the first end and ultimately won with a score of 9-1, but Hawker's tough defensive play allowed him to keep the Spaniard scoreless in the second end and to become the first player in the competition to score a point against Beltran. Beltran ultimately won with a score of 9-1. As competition continued in the afternoon, Hawker faced Gabriella Villano from Argentina. She won the match 3-1.

Cycling

In the Event Preview for the Women's 500m Time Trial (LC1-2/CP 4), **Jennifer Schuble's** (CP4/Homewood, Ala.) name wasn't even mentioned as those to watch. But when the race was complete, Schuble was the one everyone was talking about. Schuble took the 2008 crown in a time which left her closest rival, YE Yaping (CHN) two seconds behind.



With a time of 40.278, Schuble not only won the Paralympic gold medal, she also set a new record in the CP4 class.

"It just feels awesome to finally win a medal for the U.S. in the velodrome," said a thrilled Schuble, referring to the fact this was the first medal for both the Olympic and Paralympic Games in track cycling. "I knew to get to the podium; I had to break the world record. I'm just enjoying this moment."

Schuble has only been in the U.S. track cycling program for 18 months. At the World Championships last year, Schuble did not even medal in the event.

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"I am very proud of her," said Head Coach Craig Griffin (Colorado Springs, Colo.). "She was riding a 45 second 500m last year and now seeing where she is this year is a testament to how hard she has worked and the sacrifices she made. It hasn't been an easy path but hard work pays off."

Goalball

Men

The U.S. Men's Goalball team is still hopeful, despite losing 2-8 against Canada. "Our expectation as a team is high; our goal is to be on the medal stand," said U.S. Team assistant coach Michael Lege (Elkton, Fla.). "We just need to position ourselves a little better; it's just a matter of adjusting our defense and maintaining our composure. We certainly have trained hard and we look forward to the rest of the competition."

"Right now there is more pressure to produce offensively," said Donte Mickens (Tallahassee, Fla.). "We just need to win the next three games to advance. In Athens we came out of preliminaries with two losses, two wins and one tie to eventually win the bronze medal, so it's not over until it's over."

The U.S. team is led by veterans Chris Dodds (Logan, Utah) and Donte Mickens (Tallahassee, Fla.), who were both part of the 2004 Athens Paralympic Team, along with Tyler Merren (Kalamazoo, Mich.), Eddie Munro (St. Augustine, Fla.) and newcomers Daryl Walker (Jacksonville, Fla.) and Steve Denuyl (Kalamazoo, Mich.)

The 2008 Paralympic Men's Goalball competition still has preliminary games with Iraq, Brazil and Sweden. The top four teams after pool play advance to the semifinal and final rounds on Sept. 14.

Women

The U.S. Women's Goalball Team won their second preliminary game against Denmark, 2-0. **Jennifer Armbruster** (Colorado Springs, Colo) scored both goals, and the first goal was within the first six minutes of the first half of the game, and the second goal was scored 17 minutes into the second half. The U.S. advances to play China at 9 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 9.

"I am honored to be representing the U.S., and we hope to take home the gold medal, but all eight teams want to do the same thing," said Armbruster. "Our goal is to just take it one game at the time."

Judo

Scott Jones (Little Rock, Ark.) began and finished judo competition at noon today at the Beijing Workers' Gymnasium & Stadium. In the third match on mat 2, two-time Paralympian **Scott Jones**, -81kg, (Little Rock, Ark.) faced Japan's Oga Kenji and by two waza-aris (half-point each) that equaled an ippon (instant win) that ended the match with only three seconds left on the clock.

As the fight started, Jones, a silver medalist from the 2005 Para World Cup and a gold medalist from the 2005 Parapan American Championships, struggled with Kenji over the grip. Jones took an early lead when Kenji was given a penalty that resulted in a koka (smallest points) score for Jones.

Then during the match, Jones started but was unable to complete a throw and fell to the side. The referee awarded a yuko (quarter-point) score to Kenji and, although a side judge waved off the call, the other side judge agreed and the score was awarded to Kenji.

Jones continued to fight hard offense against Kenji's defensive strategy. But at the end of the match, Kenji was leading by the yuko as well as a waza-ari score and Jones was running out of time. "I shot for a double and didn't get it," Jones said.

Kenji then threw Jones for a second waza-ari and the match was called ippon with just three seconds left. "He fought the whole time from a defensive posture, but he did better than I did today," Jones said.

Jones was prevented from advancing when Kenji lost against Isao Cruz (CUB) in the second round. Competition continues and finishes on Tuesday, Sept. 9, at noon with Andre Watson, -90kg (Upper Darby, Pa.); Myles Porter, -100kg (Colorado Springs, Colo.); Greg De Wall, +100kg, (Chico, Calif.); and Jordan Mouton, -70kg (Houston, Texas).

Sailing

Challenging weather conditions could not stop Team USA sailors from victory on the first day of sailing competition in Qingdao. **Nick Scandone** (Newport Beach, Calif.) and **Maureen McKinnon-Tucker** (Marblehead, Mass.) lead the SKUD-18 standings after taking second place in Race 1 and first place in Race 2 on Monday. The Sonar team of **Rick Doerr** (Clifton, N.J.), **Tim Angle** (Marblehead, Mass.) and **Bill Donohue** (Brick, N.J.) also won their first race Monday, beating Greece by almost eight boat lengths. **John Ruf** (Pewaukee, Wis.) excelled in the 2.4 mR class with impressive second and sixth place finishes. He is currently in 3rd place in the 2.4 mR rankings. The Paralympic sailing competition includes a total of eleven races over five days this week. Competition continues Tuesday with Races 3, 4 & 5 for all three classes, weather permitting.

Swimming

The U.S. team continued its momentum at the National Aquatics Center tonight with three gold medals, two silver and one bronze. Americans dominated the women's 100m freestyle (S7), with **Erin Popovich** (Fort Collins, Colo./Silverbow, Mont.) taking gold and teammate **Cortney Jordan** (Henderson, Nev.) joining her on the podium with silver. Popovich set a Paralympic record of 1:11.82, breaking the Paralympic record she set during the 2004 Athens Paralympic Games.

"I've wanted to go one-two [on the medal stand] with Erin [Popovich] for so long and it's great to finally do it," said Jordan. "This is my first silver medal. It means so much to me."

After breaking the world record in the women's 100m freestyle (S8) this morning, **Jessica Long** (Baltimore, Md.) took gold with a time of 1:06.91. **Anna Eames** (Golden Valley, Minn.) made her Paralympic debut tonight, winning the gold with 1:09.44 in the women's 100m butterfly (S10).

"We were right where we needed to be coming out of prelims," said Julie O'Neil, head coach, U.S. Paralympic Swimming Team. "Almost across the board, the team had lifetime best swims."

Adding to the U.S. medal count in swimming – which has reached a total of 15, including seven gold medals – were **Lantz Lamback** (Colorado Springs, Colo./Augusta, Ga.) and **Kelley Becherer** (Sheboygan, Wis.) Lamback took silver in the men's 100m freestyle (S7) with a time of 1:02.40, and Becherer earned bronze in the women's 400m freestyle (S13), tying Chelsey Gotell (CAN) with a time of 4:37.50.

Several American records were set by the U.S. team tonight, including:

Popovich/ women's 100m freestyle (S7)

Becherer/ women's 400m freestyle (S13)

Lamback/ men's 100m freestyle (S7)

Cody Bureau (Colorado Springs, Colo./Latrobe, Pa.) / men's 100m freestyle (S9) - 58.14

Elizabeth Stone (Grand Rapids, Mich.) / women's 100m freestyle (S9) - 1:04.86

Table Tennis

Three-time Paralympian **Mitch Seidenfeld** (Lakeville, Minn.) defeated Stephane Messi of France 3-0 to highlight competition Monday. Seidenfeld took the first three games 11-8, 11-5 and 13-11 to win his second round match of the men's class seven singles against the defending gold-medalist from Athens. He will now face Republic of South Africa's Johan DuPlooy in tomorrow's match.

"I was able to balance the pressure with the excitement," said Seidenfeld. "I knew I had a chance to advance, but I had to win 3-0. The key was being able to relax."

Noga Nir-Kistler (Allentown, Pa.) lost 1-3 to Italy's Maria Nardelli in women's class five singles. Nir-Kistler dropped the first two games 7-11 and 5-11, but came back in the third to win 12-10. Nardelli clamped down in the fourth game to win 11-2. Nir-Kistler will play Jordan's Khetam Abuawad Wednesday at 11:20 in her final match of the Games. In men's class four-five singles, **Andre Scott** (Fort Worth, Texas) concluded his competition in Beijing, losing 3-0 to Great Britain's Scott Robertson.

Tahl Leibovitz (Ozone Park, N.Y.) will come off a rest day to take on Finland's Esa Miettinen in round three tomorrow, with a shot to advance to the evening finals.

Wheelchair Basketball

Men

The U.S. Men's Wheelchair Basketball Team continued its strong play in preliminary round action at the 2008 Paralympic Games, steamrolling Brazil, 87-41, on Monday morning.

All 12 Team USA players put points on the board. Leading the way was co-captain **Paul Schulte** (Bradenton, Fla./Manchester, Mich.). Schulte drained three 3-point baskets and sunk 15 of his game-high 20 points in the first 10 minutes of play. Also making big contributions were **Jeff Glasbrenner** (Little Rock, Ark.) with 13 points and eight rebounds and **Joe Chambers** (Whitewater, Wis./Davis, Calif.) with 11 points.

"I felt fantastic out there and came out very focused mentally," said Schulte. "It's easy to play well in such an amazing venue and when you know you have 11 guys behind you that believe in you."

The U.S. continues pool play against Great Britain on Tuesday, Sept. 9, at 8:45 p.m. at the National Indoor Stadium.

Women

The U.S. Women's Wheelchair Basketball Team escaped its opening game of the 2008 Paralympic Games with a slim 42-38 victory over Germany on Monday. Team USA battled back from a 12-point, first quarter deficit and overcame serious offensive struggles to earn the win.

"We knew that Germany was going to come out fighting hard and they did," said U.S. co-captain **Patty Cisneros** (Champaign, Ill./Lake Station, Ind.). "We just reminded each other that we weren't going to win the game in the first quarter and kept chipping away and chipping away. We trusted each other and felt confident in what we were doing and got the victory."

Despite the tough night shooting, **Christina Ripp** (Littleton, Colo./Dane, Wis.) led the team with 11 points and five assists and **Sarah Castle** (Champaign, Ill./Centennial, Colo.) added eight points and five rebounds.

The U.S. continues pool play against Australia on Tuesday, Sept. 9, at 3:30 p.m. at the Beijing Science & Technology University Gymnasium.

Wheelchair Tennis

Day one of wheelchair tennis at the Olympic Green Tennis Center showcased a dominant U.S. team, winning five out of six matches. **Kaitlyn Verfuert** (Rancho Cucamonga, Calif.) won both sets, 6-4 and 6-0, playing to a packed house in Centre Court. "As the first match of the Paralympic Games and on center court, I was extra nervous. I needed to get my nerves under control in the first set, and when I got the first set out of the way, I got into it. If I have to play again in the stadium, I'll be ready."

Lee Hinson (Wallan, Australia/Jacksonville, Fla.) soundly beat Mauricio Pomme of Brazil, 6-1 and 6-3. Hinson along with Jon Rydberg had lost to Pomme in a doubles match at the Parapan American Games, and he said, "Today was redemption." **Beth Arnoult** (Paia, Hawaii) was ecstatic with her victory over Yanni Ida of Indonesia, 6-0 and 6-0. She dominated the entire game against her wild card opponent, playing like a veteran in her first Paralympic Games.

Paul Moran (Chicago, Ill.), a five-time Paralympian but first time in wheelchair tennis, was outmatched against No. 11 player in the world, Ronald Vink of the Netherlands, losing 6-0, 6-1. "It was tough and I knew it would be tough. Everyone said to stay away from his forehand, and that worked well, when I could. I



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hope to get back into the swing of things tomorrow.” **Jon Rydberg** (Oakdale, Minn.) finished his match against Austria’s Harald Pfundner 6-2, 6-0, dominating with his attack style, including serve and volley, which proved to be too much for the Austrian. **Steve Welch** (Bedford, Texas) played strong against Chile’s Francisco Cayulef, finishing 6-1, 6-1. “I felt good. I was pleasantly surprised how well I played.”

Unfortunately, Welch and the others will have to wait for their next matches. A late notice posted by BOCOG postponed wheelchair tennis to Wednesday due to possible rain.

ATHLETE PROFILE—Grover Evans

Still making waves

Late at night on May 1, 1977, Grover Evans received a call from a good friend who had just lost a close companion. Evans did not listen to his grandmother or mother, and decided to drive the 44 miles down the Arkansas country highway to comfort his friend that night rather than wait until morning.

But Evans’ heart proved to be bigger than his body. While driving and listening to loud music, Evans fell asleep at the wheel. His car meandered its way off the road into a ditch, flipping over several times. After being legally pronounced dead twice at a local hospital, Evans woke up and would go on to survive as a quadriplegic.



Evans, Grover
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Following the accident, Evans went on to be very successful in both the sports world and political arena. At age 56, Evans will represent the U.S. in his third Paralympic Games as the oldest member of the U.S. Paralympic Swimming Team. “A lot of people don’t get a second chance in life,” Evans said. “I’m very blessed I got a second chance. It was motivation for me to really work harder.”

Evans was a member of the 1992 U.S. Team in Barcelona, an alternate for the 1996 team in Atlanta and a member of the 2004 team in Athens. In 1996, he was inducted into the Arkansas Black Hall of Fame, and in 1997 he was inducted into the Arkansas Swimming Hall of Fame.

Meanwhile, Evans also serves as the Director of Leadership for Minorities with Disabilities in the state of Arkansas. He is close friends with the Clinton family, who were by his side following his accident. Previously, Evans was appointed by Governor Mike Huckabee as Director of Disability Determination for the Social Security

Administration for the state of Arkansas. Evans helped Congress pass the Americans with Disability Act in 1990, and helped pass the Brady Bill in 1993. He has been recognized by President George W. Bush, President Bill Clinton, U.S. Congress and Governor Huckabee for all of his efforts.

Despite all Evans has achieved, his focus remains the same. He has gone through his entire life with a single constant goal: “Go to school, get an education and become self-sufficient.” At 56-years-old, Evans could not be any more self-sufficient. Julie O’Neill, U.S. Paralympics Swimming head coach, believes he supports his community just as much, if not more, than it supports him. “He does a lot of public service, speaking engagements and different things for youth groups,” O’Neill said. “He does a lot of giving back to the community in different ways.”

Evans has been with Paralympic swimming long enough to see it evolve from a sport where athletes aim to raise enough funds just to compete to one that showcases athletes around the world. “I’ve kind of seen it move from those who can take an initiative to how it is today,” Evans said.

But to him, swimming still means the same thing. “To me, when I’m in the water, that’s when I’m walking,” Evans explained. “When you’re in the water, people don’t know if you’re in a chair or can walk.”

Evans said he really knows his teammates this time around, and cannot wait to see what they all achieve in Beijing. He is like a father figure for some of them, teaching them to compete under pressure and watching them succeed. Some even tell him they wish their dad was as cool as him.

“He’s great,” O’Neill said. “He’s just Grover. Everybody on the team gets along great with him. He’s one of those quiet leaders where he’s not outspoken and vocal in front of everybody.”

And maybe the best thing about Evans is that his dreams include helping to educate those around him. “A lot of these young people haven’t even reached their ability yet, and I want to see them get there,” Evans said.

Although Evans has achieved so much since his accident, he still claims to be the same person he was before, just with a second chance. “I’ve been around presidents, kings and royalty, but I’m still me,” Evans explained. “I’m still Grover. I just try to be no one else – just me.”

For Evans the most important thing in his life remains the same: Education. “Man can take away all the titles and positions from you, but he can’t take away education,” Evans said. “Nobody can take that away from you.” Filling minds with knowledge is extremely important to Evans, but it also presents a challenge at certain times in his life.

“The biggest challenge is education – educating our society on the role of people with physical disabilities,” Evans said. “We function just like anyone else.”

Because Evans is the oldest member of the team, he can be both the student and teacher at times. His age is not a barrier, but rather something he can use to his advantage. “We’re all going to age, but it’s about how we’re going to age,” Evans explained. “Peter Pan and Tiny Tim are inside of me every day. That’s what Grover Evans is all about. I’m all about putting a smile on another person’s face.”

Schedule of Upcoming Events for Team USA *(subject to change)* **Tuesday, September 9, 2008**

Archery, Olympic Green Archery Field

Postponed due to rain.

Athletics, National Stadium

- 9:10 Men's 5000m (T12/13)/prelim, Peter Gottwald (West Chester, Pa.)
10:25 Men's 100m (T12)/semifinal, Josiah Jamison (Chula Vista, Calif./Vance, S.C.)
12:26 Women's 100m (T54)/prelim, Jennifer Goeckel (Seattle, Wash.), Tatyana McFadden (Clarksille, Md.)
17:15 Men's 400m (T12/13)/prelim, Royal Mitchell (Chula Vista, Calif./Ridgeland, S.C.)
18:12 Men's 100m (T44)/final, Brian Frasure (Apex, N.C.), Marlon Shirley (Chula Vista, Calif./Tremonton, Utah), Jerome Singleton (Irmo, S.C.)
18:25 Women's 200m (T44)/final, April Holmes (Chula Vista, Calif./Somerdale, N.J.)
19:30 Women's 400m (T53)/prelim, Jessica Galli (Savoy, Ill./Hillsborough, N.J.), Anjali Forber-Pratt (Needham, Mass.), Cheri Blauwet (Palo Alto, Calif.)
20:30 Men's 400m (T53)/prelim, Adam Bleakney (Champaign, Ill.), Joshua George (Champaign, Ill.)
21:00 Men's 400m (T54)/semifinal, Erik Hightower (Glendale, Ariz.)

Cycling, Laoshan Velodrome

- 10:10 Men LC 4, Individual Pursuit, Qualification, Anthony Zahn (Riverside, Calif.)
10:40 Wmn B&VI 1-3, Individual Pursuit, Qualification, Karissa Whitsell (Colorado Springs, Colo./Eugene, Ore.)/Mackenzie Woodring, pilot (Grand Rapids, Mich.)
11:55 Men CP 4, 1 Km TT, Final, Mike Farrell (Colorado Springs, Colo.)
16:25 Men LC 4, Individual Pursuit, Final, Anthony Zahn (Riverside, Calif.)
16:50 Wmn B&VI 1-3, Individual Pursuit, Final, Karissa Whitsell (Colorado Springs, Colo./Eugene, Ore.)/Mackenzie Woodring, pilot (Grand Rapids, Mich.)

Equestrian, Hong Kong Equestrian Venue

- 20:24 Individual Championship Test, Grade III, Barb Grassmyer (Placerville, Calif.)
22:12 Individual Championship Test, Grade 1b, Keith Newerla (King of Prussia, Penn.)
22:44 Individual Championship Test, Grade 1b, Lynn Seidemann (Coppell, Texas)

Goalball, Beijing Institute of Technology Gymnasium

- 20:00 Men's Goalball, Preliminaries, Brazil vs. USA
21:00 Women's Goalball, Preliminaries, China vs. USA

Judo, Beijing Workers' Gymnasium

- 12:00 -90 kg, Prelim/Repechage/Finals, Andre Watson (Upper Darby, Pa.)
12:00 -100kg, Prelim/Repechage/Finals, Myles Porter (Colorado Springs, Colo.)
12:00 +100kg, Prelim/Repechage/Finals, Greg De Wall (Chico, Calif.)
12:00 -70kg, Prelim/Repechage/Finals, Jordan Mouton (Houston, Texas)

Rowing, Shunyi Olympic Rowing—Canoeing Park

- 15:20 Women's arms only single sculls, heat 2, Laura Schwanger (Harrisburg, Pa.)
15:40 Men's arms only single sculls, heat 1, Ron Harvey (Long Beach, Calif.)
16:20 Mixed trunk and arms double sculls, heat 1, Angela Madsen (Long Beach, Calif.) and Scott Brown (Collingdale, Pa.)
17:00 Mixed legs, trunk and arms four with coxswain, heat 1, Simona Chin (Houston, Texas), Jamie Dean (Pickerington, Ohio), Jesse Karmazin (Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.), Tracy Tackett (Phoenixville, Pa.) and Emma Prueschl (Indianapolis, Ind.)

Sailing, Qingdao Olympic Sailing Center

- 13:00 3-Person Keelboat (Sonar), Races 3, 4, 5, Rick Doerr (Clifton, N.J.), Bill Donahue (Brick, N.J.) and Tim Angle (Marblehead, Mass.)

13:00 2-Person Keelboat (SKUD18), Races 3, 4, 5, Maureen McKinnon-Tucker (Marblehead, Mass.) and Nick Scandone (Fountain Valley, Calif.)
13:10 1-Person Keelboat (2.4mR), Races 3, 4, 5, John Ruf (Pewaukee, Wis.)

Shooting, Beijing Shooting Range Hall

9:00 R8-50m Sport Rifle 3x20, – SH, Women's Qualification (Danielle Fong, New York, N. Y.)
13:00 R8-50m Sport Rifle 3.20 – SH1, Women's Final

Sitting Volleyball, China Agricultural University Gymnasium

17:30 USA vs China

Swimming (Preliminaries), National Aquatic Center

9:00 Men's 100m Freestyle (S2), Curtis Lovejoy (Atlanta, Ga.)
9:18 Women's 100m Backstroke (S6), Miranda Uhl (Alachua, Fla.), Casey Johnson (Cypress, Calif.)
9:26 Men's 100m Freestyle (S10), Justin Zook (Plymouth, Minn.)
9:34 Women's 100m Freestyle (S10), Anna Eames (Golden Valley, Minn.), Ashley Owens (Stockbridge, Ga.), Susan Beth Scott (Colorado Springs, Colo./Cape Girardeau, Mo.)
9:40 Men's 100m Butterfly (S11), Philip Scholz (Mt. Sinai, N.Y.)
9:48 Men's 100m Butterfly (S12), Tucker Dupree (Raleigh, N.C.)
10:15 Women's 200m Freestyle (S5), Cheryl Angelelli-Kornoelje (Clinton Township, Mich.), Aimee Bruder (Birmingham, Ala.)
10:28 Men's 100m Breaststroke (SB7), Rudy Garcia-Tolson (Colorado Springs, Colo./Bloomington, Calif.)
10:36 Men's 100m Breaststroke (SB8), Jarrett Perry (Colorado Springs, Colo./Wichita, Kan.)

Swimming (Finals), National Aquatic Center

17:00 Men's 100m Freestyle (S2) Finals
17:07 Women's 100m Backstroke (S6) Finals
17:18 Men's 100m Freestyle (S10) Finals
17:39 Women's 100m Freestyle (S10) Finals
17:44 Men's 100m Butterfly (S11) Finals
18:05 Men's 100m Butterfly (S12) Finals
18:32 Men's 200m Freestyle (S3), Michael DeMarco (San Diego, Calif.) Finals
18:40 Men's 200m Freestyle (S5), Roy Perkins (Del Mar, Calif.) Finals
19:13 Women's 200m Freestyle (S5) Finals
19:37 Men's 100m Breaststroke (SB7) Finals
19:43 Women's 100m Breaststroke (SB7), Erin Popovich (Fort Collins, Colo./Silverbow, Mont.), Jessica Long (Baltimore, Md.) Finals
20:05 Men's 100m Breaststroke (SB8) Finals

Table Tennis, Peking University Gymnasium

11:20 Women's singles, class 5, round 3, USA vs. JOR, Noga Nir-Kistler (Allentown, Pa.)
13:20 Men's singles, class 9-10, round 3, USA vs. FIN, Tahl Leibovitz (Ozone Park, N.Y.)
17:20 Men's singles, class 9-10, 1/8 FINAL
18:40 Men's singles, class 7, round 3, USA vs. RSA, Mitch Seidenfeld (Lakeville, Minn.)
20:40 Men's singles, class 9-10, FINAL

Wheelchair Basketball, National Indoor Stadium

15:30 Women's, Preliminary, USA vs. Australia, University of Science & Technology Gymnasium
20:45 Men's, Preliminary, USA vs. Great Britain, National Indoor Stadium

Wheelchair Tennis, Olympic Green Tennis Centre

Postponed due to rain.

Top 10 Medal Standings *(as of 11 p.m. 9/8/08)*

<i>Country</i>	<i>G</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>Total</i>
China	8	10	10	28
United States	8	4	5	17
Great Britain	7	5	3	15
Australia	6	5	10	21
South Africa	4		1	5
Canada	3	2	4	9
Brazil	3	1	2	6
Czech Rep.	3		3	6
Algeria	3		1	4
Mexico	3		1	4