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Sport Reports

Archery

As the Archery competition whittled down even more in today's second round of eliminations, four American archers are still shooting for gold.

With **Jeff Fabry** (Tulare, Calif) enjoying another bye, five of the six remaining U.S. archers competed in today's 1/8th elimination rounds. **Joe Bailey** (Flushing, Mich), **T.J. Pemberton** (Guthrie, Okla) and **Lindsey Carmichael** (Largo Vista, Texas) pulled through their matches and will progress to tomorrow's quarterfinals for their categories.

Kevin Stone (Kodak, Tenn) was once again the first American archer to compete this morning in the Men's Individual Recurve -W1/W2. Stone's successful finish from yesterday didn't carry over to today, resulting in a four-point loss to Italian Marco Vitale.

Eric Bennett's (Surprise, Ariz.) competition followed soon after. His score of 114 and six 10's weren't enough to match the now Paralympic record-holder John Stubbs. Stubbs seems to have made record breaking a hobby these games; his winning score of 117 beat the former record of 112 set by Italian Alberto Simonelli just yesterday.

Pemberton and Bailey competed simultaneously in separate courts this morning. Pemberton successfully unseated the third-ranked British archer Fred Stevens with a score of 115. Shadowing his teammate, Bailey eliminated Keijo Kallunki of Finland also with a score of 115.

If the opening arrow of Carmichael's match against Magali Comte of Switzerland had been any indication of the outcome, Carmichael would not have been expected to win. Despite the pressure of having missed the target and opened with a zero, Carmichael pulled ahead of her opponent by 11 points by the match's end. The win leads her into the quarterfinals and a head-to-head with fifth seed archer Kim Ki-Hee of Korea.

Fabry will begin competition tomorrow in the Men's Individual Compound - W1 quarterfinals.

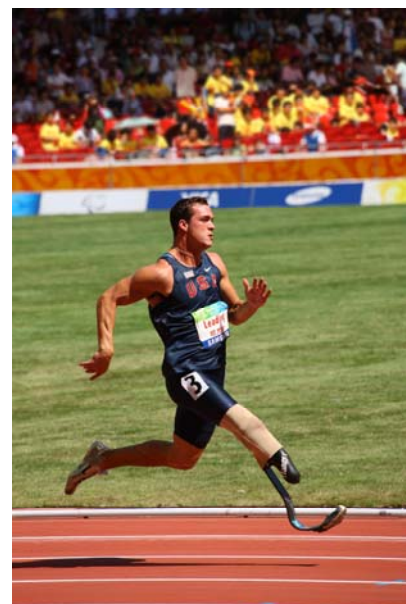
Athletics

U.S. teammates **Jeremy Campbell** (Chula Vista, Calif./Perryton, Texas) and **Jeff Skiba** (Chula Vista, Calif./Sammamish, Wash.) packed a one-two punch in the men's pentathlon (P44) Thursday, winning gold and bronze. Campbell not only took first place honors, but also set a new world record score (4,662 points) in the process.

"I've been working so hard and was nervous this morning," said an elated Campbell. "To say that I broke the world record at my first Paralympics – there aren't words to describe what I am feeling right now."

Jeff Skiba (Chula Vista, Calif./Sammamish, Wash.) also set a personal best on the day with a total of 4,274 points.

"It feels great to get silver against these world class athletes," said Skiba. "We were hoping to go 1-2-3, so that's a disappointment, but a silver medal... I definitely exceeded my expectations. The crowd is the best we've ever seen and really helped us to keep our energy level up."



Jeremy Campbell. Photo courtesy of Randy Richardson

Casey Tibbs (San Diego, Calif.), silver medalist from Athens and a medal favorite, did not finish the competition after failing to post a qualifying mark in the discus (fourth) event.

In the women's 200m (T52) – the only other U.S. finals competition of the day – U.S. teammates **Kerri Morgan** (St. Louis, Mo.), **Cheryl Leitner** (Toms River, N.J.) and **Mallorie Badgett** (Oxford, Ala.) finished in fifth (40.82), sixth (41.01) and seventh place (43.42), respectively.

Equestrian

A collective sigh could be felt in the Sha Tin venue as the final day of competition at the 2008 Paralympic Games got underway this morning. For everyone who has put so much money and work into the last six weeks – all that remained was 15 hours.

The competition kicked off with the Grade III riders performing their Individual Freestyle tests. **Barbara Grassmyer** (Placerville, Calif.) was the first U.S. rider in the ring with Mibis. Their test featured very good half-passes and flying changes that would make many advanced event horses jealous. To the music of Phil Collins, the pair cruised around the arena. They scored 63.389%, giving up some marks when their second shoulder-in was a little wobbly.

"It was a lot of fun," said Grassmyer who has Aperts Syndrome. "It was a good score, I'm quite happy overall with how she went. She was very good. The music fits her the best."

Their score was good enough for 10th place at the end of the Freestyle.

Grassmyer, who lives in Placerville, Calif., has the 2010 FEI World Equestrian Games firmly on her radar screen as her next major goal.

Two Grade Ib members finished it off for the U.S. Team. The first one was **Keith Newerla** (King of Prussia, Pa.) and David O'Connor's Walk on the Moon. The 11-year-old Thoroughbred gelding (one of only a handful in the competition) put in an improved effort from the Individual Test, and Newerla crafted an accurate effort to the music from Inspector Gadget and Mission Impossible. It suited Walk on the Moon perfectly.

"This is his first international Para competition," said Newerla about the former event horse. "He's done an admirable job. To deal with the stands, the heat, the atmosphere the way he did shows what kind of horse he is. He showed his heart with how much he tried. You can't be upset with a score when a horse does the best he can."

Newerla's score of 60.500% was, to him, reflective of the entire week for the team.

"In all honesty, from, a team perspective we were a little disappointed," he said. "We know we can ride better than we did. We didn't reach our own expectations."

Lynn Seidemann (Coppell, Texas) was the final rider to represent the U.S. at these Paralympic Games. Riding Rhett, a 10-year-old KWPN gelding owned by Kathryn Groves. Performing to Disney music, Seidemann utilized all of her skills to coax a good performance out of Rhett, whom she has only been riding for two months. Seidemann's freestyle was choreographed to Disney music – the test featured very consistent trot work but lost points in the walk.

"It wasn't what I expected," said Seidemann who is a paraplegic as a result of a skiing accident. They scored 64.221% and ended up ninth. "I wish I could have done better at my walk work and then I would have scored very high. But we've only been together for two months so I still think we did really well."

The mother of two won a silver medal in Wheelchair doubles tennis at the 1992 Paralympic Games in Barcelona. She also won Individual silver in the Freestyle at the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens. Seidemann rode in her third and what she anticipates to be her last Paralympic Games.

"I think I will do handcycling locally," said Seidemann of her next athletic endeavor. "But this has been a great Games – it is top of the line."

Goalball

Men

Although the entire U.S. Men's Goalball Team of **Steve Denuyl**, (Kalamazoo, Mich.) **Chris Dodds** (Logan, Utah), **Tyler Merren** (Kalamazoo, Mich), **Donté Mickens** (Tallahassee, Fla.) **Eddie Munro** (St Augustine, Fla.) and **Daryl Walker** (Jacksonville, Fla.) played in the fifth game of preliminary pool play. The team struggled against Sweden; losing (9-1). However, they will advance to play in tomorrow's quarterfinal against Slovenia at 9:00.

Denuyl scored the only point with seconds left in the second half of the game. There were several shots that looked like goals but were determined to be "long balls." One of the penalty calls in the second half was made when Denuyl threw a three-time throw penalty.

"Even coming in 12th place is an accomplishment," said U.S. Team Leader, John Pool. "The top 12 teams worked very hard to get here; there are hundreds of nations that did not qualify, and only the top 12 teams get to participate in the Paralympic Games."

Women

The entire U.S. Women's Goalball Team consisting of **Jen Armbruster** (Colorado Springs, Colo.), **Lisa Banta** (Boonton, NJ), **Asya Miller** (Lapeer, Mich.), **Robin Theryoung** (Colorado Springs, Colo.), **Jessica Lorenz** (Berkeley, Calif.) and **Jackie Barnes** (Wadsworth, Ill.) played tonight to dominate the team from Germany (4-0).

"The U.S Team played incredible defense, scoring within the first minute of the game. The team gave 100 percent throughout the game, said U.S. Team Leader, **Lou Thomson**. "There was good solid ball placement to score on offense."

The team meets next with Canada at 13:00 on Friday at the Beijing Institute of Technology Gymnasium.

Rowing

Two U.S. crews made history Thursday at the 2008 Paralympic Games, winning two of the first-ever awarded medals in the sport of rowing. The mixed four with coxswain won silver, while the women's single sculls won bronze to highlight the final day of competition at Shunyi Olympic Rowing-Canoeing Park.



Mixed four with coxswain takes silver for one of the first two-ever medals for the U.S. in Paralympic rowing. Photo courtesy of Frank Polich.

In the legs, trunk and arms mixed four with coxswain, the crew of **Simona Chin** (Houston, Texas), **Jamie Dean** (Pickerington, Ohio), **Jesse Karmazin** (Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.), **Tracey Tackett** (Phoenixville, Pa.) and **Emma Preuschl** (Indianapolis, Ind.) clocked a 3:37.61 for the silver medal. Italy led from the start, winning gold in a 3:33.13. The U.S. crew was in third place through the 750-meter mark, but powered through Great Britain in the sprint to cross just 0.76 seconds ahead. Great Britain took bronze in a 3:38.37, with Germany fourth in a 3:41.71.

China finished in fifth place with a 3:44.15, followed by Canada in a 3:45.66.

"I'm just so proud," said Preuschl. "This was really tough and I feared the other teams around us. I expected to win gold, but it's hard to get there. I will definitely be back at the London 2012 Paralympics."

In the final of the women's arms only single sculls, four-time Paralympian **Laura Schwanger** (Harrisburg, Pa.) sprinted from fifth to third place in the final 200 meters of the race to take bronze. Defending world champion Helene Raynsford of Great Britain won gold in a 6:12.93, with Liudmila Vauchok of Belarus second in a 6:25.44 for the silver. Schwanger clocked a 6:35.07, followed by Ukraine in a 6:40.04. China and Brazil finished fifth and sixth, respectively.

"The competition was incredibly tough," said Schwanger, a former track and field Paralympic athlete, who won four gold medals in 1988, three silver medals and a bronze medal in 1992 and three silver medals in 1996. "I am just happy to win a medal."

Ron Harvey (Long Beach, Calif.) finished fifth in the final of the men's arms only single sculls. The five-time adaptive national team member clocked a 5:46.32. Great Britain's Tom Aggar won gold in a 5:22.09, with Ukraine's Oleksandr Petrenko finishing in a 5:26 for silver and Israel's Eli Nawi taking bronze in a 5:39.11. China crossed fourth with Australia in sixth.

After missing a qualifying spot in yesterday's repechages by less than a second, **Angela Madsen** (Long Beach, Calif.) and **Scott Brown** (Collingdale, Pa.) won the B final of the mixed double sculls for seventh place overall. The duo led from wire-to-wire, defeating Ukraine's Sergii Dereza and Iryna Kyrychenko by 7.45 seconds. Ukraine clocked a 4:37.78, with Germany third in a 4:49.05. Israel finished fourth in a 4:50.43, followed by Canada and Japan in fifth and sixth.

"It's a huge honor to take part in the Paralympic Games," said Brown. "After we failed to get into the A final, we had to make our revenge and get the first place in the B final."

Sailing

Qingdao, China (September 11, 2008) – Light and variable air forced extremely tight racing today in the Paralympic Regatta, but **Nick Scandone** (Newport Beach, Calif.) and **Maureen McKinnon-Tucker** (Marblehead, Mass.) and **John Ruf** (Pewaukee, Wis.) sailed well and ended the day leading the SKUD-18 and 2.4 mR classes, respectively. After three hour postponements, sailors were finally able to get in one out of three scheduled races today, but it was more like a crawl than a race.

"We couldn't be happier that our team is on track and sailing fast and well," said Head Coach Betsy Alison (Newport, R.I.). "We're halfway through the regatta now and as long as we stay calm and focused, we'll get the job done. We're making the U.S. proud."

The Sonar team of **Rick Doerr** (Clifton, N.J.), and his crew, **Tim Angle** (Marblehead, Mass.) and **Bill Donohue** (Brick, N.J.), experienced slightly more breeze than the other two fleets, and they were able to race in 4 ½ -6 knots on a short, double windward/leeward course. Doerr and his crew were in fifth place at the top of the windward leg, but when they gybed to port to catch a more advantageous current, the pressure filled in the opposite side of the race course. Unfortunately, their calculated risk didn't pay off, and they lost several boat positions on the final run, finishing tenth overall.

"They plan to go out and attack the race course tomorrow," said Alison. "They're looking forward to an awesome day on the water tomorrow."

Because the racing is behind schedule, the Race Committee scheduled three races tomorrow, starting an hour earlier, at 12 noon. If they get three races in tomorrow, which will be nine races total, sailors will be able to drop their two worst scores. The regatta includes a total of eleven races over five days throughout the week. Medals will be awarded on the final day of racing, Saturday, September 13. There will not be a medal race in the Paralympic Regatta, unlike the Olympic Regatta last month.

Shooting

Mike Dickey (Trafford, Ala.), Team USA's lone male shooter, took aim at his final Paralympic Games competition today in the mixed R3-10m Air Rifle Prone – SH1 Qualification round. With his sights set on making the finals, he got a strong start in the first half and missed the 10-ring only once in his initial 30 shots. He ended the competition with a score of 588 out of 600 and did not advance to the afternoon session.

"I'm disappointed I didn't do better," said Dickey. "I've been training well and did really well in the first half. During the second half, I got a bit nervous and missed a few shots." The field proved to be especially skilled and three of the shooters who accomplished scores of 599 in the qualification round did not even make the finals. The final event was won by Matt Skelhon of Great Britain with a score of 704.9.

As a sport with many athletes competing in their third, fourth or fifth Paralympic Games, experience is key for international success in shooting. "This is Mike's first Games, but he'll be back," said Durben. "He's learned what it takes and that will help him with training over the next four years." Dickey agreed. "I knew I had to shoot a really high score to have a chance," he said. "I've done that before, but just not today. I'll use this performance as motivation for the future."

Swimming

On day five of competition, the U.S. women once again dominated the podium with multiple medalists in single events. The duo of **Erin Popovich** (Fort Collins, Colo./ Silverbow, Mont.)/ **Cortney Jordan** (Henderson, Nev.) took the podium for gold/silver in the women's 400m freestyle (S7), followed by teammates **Jessica Long** (Baltimore, Md.)/**Amanda Everlove** (Colorado Springs, Colo.), who won gold/silver in the women's 200m IM (SM8).

Popovich finished first in the 400m freestyle (S7) with a Paralympic record time of 5:17.41. Tonight's medal represents her fourth of the Beijing Paralympic Games and her 14th career gold medal. (She won seven, including relays, in Athens, 2004, and three in Sydney, 2000.) Teammate Jordan finished in 5:21.01 for silver, her third medal of the meet.

"Erin is such a great role model and athlete," said Jordan. "It's a dream come true to go one-two with her again," she said, referring to the women's 100m freestyle (S7) earlier in the week.

"I'm very excited to break 5:20. That is a huge success for me," said Popovich. "I pushed through the whole race, kept my momentum and stayed strong in the last 100."

Long also added to her growing medal count Thursday, earning her third gold of the Games with a world record time (2:41.85) in the women's 200m IM (SM8.) Teammate Everlove, who dropped about twelve seconds from her personal best, took silver with a time of 2:50.51.

On the men's side, **Lantz Lamback** (Colorado Springs, Colo./Augusta, Ga.) – coming off his world-record, gold medal swim (1:12.09) in the men's 100m backstroke (S7) – took silver Thursday night in the men's 400m freestyle (S7).

Winning his first medal of the meet, **Cody Bureau** (Colorado Springs, Colo./Latrobe, Pa.) raced the 200m IM (SM9) with a time of 2:20.21 for a bronze medal.

"It's been a meet where I've had awesome swims all around and almost all were best times," said Bureau. "I really wanted something to show for it...and I got that tonight."

After four days of competition, the U.S. leads the medal standings with 13 gold, eight silver and nine bronze. In the overall medal count for swimming competition, they trail China by only two medals.

Table Tennis

In the bronze medal final of the men's class seven singles, three-time Paralympian **Mitch Seidenfeld** (Lakeville, Minn.) lost 1-3 to Spain's Alvaro Valera to conclude individual table tennis competition Thursday at Peking University Gymnasium. Valera, the gold medalist in the men's class eight singles at the 2000 Paralympic Games, won the first and second games 13-11 and 16-14. In the third game, Seidenfeld gave his opponent less opportunity to use his backhand and pulled out an 11-7 win. Then in game four, Seidenfeld was down 5-9 when coach Sean O'Neill called a time out. It wasn't enough to break Valera's concentration, however. He scored the next two points to win 11-5, securing the bronze medal for Spain.

"I lost two tough games at deuce," said Seidenfeld. "He was a difficult opponent and he played with a different kind of rubber, which made the ball respond in a way that took me some time to get used to."

"Valera is very good and he's used to this kind of big-tournament pressure," said O'Neill. "Mitch played well. There were opportunities to take the match to a fifth game, but I'm proud of the way he played."

Seidenfeld will join **Tahl Leibovitz** (Ozone Park, N.Y.) in the class 9-10 team event which begins Saturday. With twelve countries competing in the category, the U.S. will take on The Netherlands in the opening round.

"I'm looking forward to the team competition next week," said Seidenfeld. "I think it will be fun. We are the underdogs, so there is less pressure."

Wheelchair Basketball

Men

The U.S. Men's Wheelchair Basketball Team closed out the preliminary round with a bruising 68-61 victory over Australia. The win secured the number two seed for the Americans coming out of pool play. Team USA got major contributions off the bench from **Steve Serio** (Champaign, Ill./Westbury, N.Y.) and **Jay Nelms** (Ft. Worth, Texas/Detroit, Mich.) who each scored 15 points in the win.

"It was an awesome all-around effort tonight," said Serio. "Their big guys are so tough to contain and they play at such an elite level. It feels great to get a win like that, dig down and get some momentum heading into the medal round."

"We were struggling a little bit and needed some offense," said Nelms. "I knew I needed to bring some intensity to the team and once I had my opportunity to get on the court, I was ready. The guys did an awesome job of stepping up and not backing down when they had a challenge thrown in their faces."

The U.S. will face Iran in its quarterfinal match-up on Saturday, Sept. 13, at 11:15 a.m. at National Indoor Stadium.

Women

The U.S. Women's Wheelchair Basketball Team has completed preliminary round play undefeated, finishing off Pool A with a sound 68-38 win over Brazil on Thursday morning. The U.S. is now the number one seed from its group as medal round play begins on Friday.

The patented U.S. defense was once again the catalyst for victory and Brazil was never able to make this a competitive contest. The defense forced a tournament-high 27 turnovers, which included 17 steals by Team USA.

"Finishing pool play undefeated was definitely one of our goals, but it's just one step and now we have to move on to our next game," said **Carlee Hoffman** (Champaign, Ill./Cutlerville, Mich.). "We feel we've gotten better with each game we've played here and to come out today and really take it to Brazil is just more momentum for us to build on as we go into the quarterfinals."

Hoffman and **Jennifer Ruddell** (Rome, Ga.) produced nearly half the offensive output for the U.S., scoring 15 and 16 points, respectively. **Loraine Gonzales** (Ft. Worth, Texas) managed just three points in this one, but pulled down 10 big rebounds and accounted for five steals.

Wheelchair Tennis

In seven matches today the U.S. Wheelchair Tennis team recorded two wins and five losses, facing formidable competition against top-ranked players from Japan and the Netherlands, which is home to some of the best wheelchair tennis players in the world.

John Rydberg (Oakdale, Minn.) played No. 1 ranked Shingo Kunieda (JPN) in round 3 of Men's Singles and lost 6-1, 6-1.

Beth Arnoult (Paia, Hawaii) faced the No. 4 ranked Jiske Griffioen (NED) in the quarterfinals of Women's Singles and lost 6-3, 6-0.

Steve Welch (Bedford, Texas), silver medalist in Men's Singles from the Paralympic Games in Sydney, faced Robin Ammerlaan (NED), the gold medalist from Athens who is currently ranked No. 2 in the world. In the Round 3 face-off, Welch lost 6-2, 6-3.

In Round 2 of Men's Doubles **Lee Hinson** (Wallan, Australia/Jacksonville, Fla.) and **Paul Moran** (Chicago, Ill.) squared off against No. 4 ranked Stefan Olsson and Peter Wikstrom (SWE), who won the World Team Cup this year, which is equivalent to the Davis Cup in Tennis. Hinson and Moran lost 6-1, 6-4.

Also in Round 2 of Men's Doubles were Rydberg and Welch against No. 3 ranked Maikel Scheffers and Ronald Vink (NED), losing 6-3, 6-1.

But the matches of the day were in Women's and Quad Doubles. Beth Arnoult and **Kaitlyn Verfuert** (Rancho Cucamonga, Calif.) took on Lucy Shuker and Jordanne Whiley (GBR) during the quarterfinals, fighting back from 5-1 but finishing the first set with a 7-5 loss. It took strength and resolve in the second to win 7-5, and they closed out the match in the third, 6-2. "We had to dig deep and recreate the energy over and over," said Arnoult. "We had to push hard," echoed Verfuert, "and we played really good together." Arnoult added, "The chemistry between us has gotten better and better, and we loved the support from the crowd." Arnoult and Verfuert will play next in the semifinals on Saturday.

On center court **David Wagner** (Hillsboro, Ore.) and **Nick Taylor** (Wichita, Kan.), defending gold medalists from Athens, dominated Dorrie Timmermans-van Hall and Bas van Erp (NED) in Quad Doubles 6-3, 6-4. "This was a tough match," said team leader Dave Schobel, and head coach Dan James added, "They competed well and represented the USA well on the big stage." Wagner and Taylor have played together in Quad Doubles since early 2004, and their friendship extends beyond the court. "We keep each other loose during the match," said Wagner. "We play every single double's match together, and we play year round. We know each other's games in and out, which makes a difference." Wagner and Taylor will play in a gold medal match on Saturday.

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

Archery, Olympic Green Archery Field

- 9:00 Men's Compound WI, Court A, Jeff Fabry (Tulare, Calif.)
- 14:00 Men's Ind. Compound Open, Court B, T.J. Pemberton, (Guthrie, Okla.)
- 14:00 Men's Ind. Compound Open, Court B, Joe Bailey (Flushing, Mich.)
- 15:15 Women's Ind. Recurve ST, Court B, Lindsey Carmichael (Lago Vista, Texas)

Athletics, National Stadium

- 9:05 Women's 5,000m (T53)/final – Amanda McGrory (Champaign, Ill./Kennett Square, Pa.), Cheri Blauwet (Palo Alto, Calif.), Shirley Reilly (Tucson, Ariz.)
- 9:15 Men's Triple Jump (F11)/final, Elexis Gillette (Raleigh, N.C.)
- 12:05 Men's 200m (T54)/prelim, Eric Hightower (Glendale, Ariz.)
- 19:05 Men's Javelin (T42/44)/final, Jeff Skiba (Chula Vista, Calif./Seattle, Wash.)
- 19:15 Women's 100m (T53)/final, Anjali Forber-Pratt (Natick, Mass.), Jessica Galli (Savoy, Ill./Hillsborough, N.J.)
- 20:10 Women's 400m (T54)/final, Tatyana McFadden (Clarksville, Md.)
- 20:20 Men's 400m (T52)/final, Steven Toyoji (Tucson, Ariz.)
- 21:14 Men's 800m (T54)/semifinal, Tyler Byers (Washington, D.C.), Tony Iniguez (Aurora, Ill.)

Cycling, Laoshan Velodrome

- 10:00 Men HC C Individual Time Trial, Alejandro Albor (Elk Grove, Calif.), Oz Sanchez (San Diego, Calif.)
- Men HC B Individual Time Trial, Matthew Updike (Denver, Colo.), David Lee (Cardiff-by-the-Sea, Calif.)
- Men CP 4 Individual Time Trial, Mike Farrell (Colorado Springs, Colo.)
- 14:00 Men LC 2 Individual Time Trial, Ron Williams (Hoover, Ala.)
- Men LC 4 Individual Time Trial - Anthony Zahn (Riverside, Calif.)
- Women LC1/LC2/CP4 Individual Time Trial - Greta Neimanas (LC1/Colorado Springs, Colo.), Jennifer Schuble (CP4/Homewood, Ala.)
- Women LC3/LC4/CP3 Individual Time Trial - Allison Jones (LC3/Denver, Colo.), Barbara Buchan (CP3/Bend, Ore.)
- Women B&VI 1-3 Individual Time Trial - Karissa Whitsell (Eugene, Ore.) and Mackenzie Woodring (Pilot for Whitsell/Grand Rapids, Mich.)

Goalball, Beijing Institute of Technology Gymnasium

9:00 Men's Quarterfinal (04), Game 54, USA vs. SLO

13:00 Women's Preliminaries, Game 55, USA vs. CAN

Sailing, Qingdao Olympic Sailing Center

12:00 2-Person Keelboat (SKUD18), Races 7, 8, 9 Maureen McKinnon-Tucker (Marblehead, Mass.) and Nick Scandone (Fountain Valley, Calif.)

12:00 3-Person Keelboat (Sonar), Races 7, 8, 9 Rick Doerr (Clifton, N.J.), Bill Donahue (Brick, N.J.) and Tim Angle (Marblehead, Mass.)

12:10 1-Person Keelboat (2.4mR), Races 7, 8, 9 John Ruf (Pewaukee, Wis.)

Sitting Volleyball, China Agricultural University Gymnasium

10:00 Semi-Finals; USA (2-1) vs. Netherlands (3-0)

Swimming (Preliminaries), National Aquatic Center

9:00 Men's 400m Freestyle (S8) – Rudy Garcia-Tolson (Colorado Springs, Colo./Bloomington, Calif.), Tom Miazga (Cedarburg, Wis.)

9:12 Women's 400m Freestyle (S8) – Jessica Long (Baltimore, Md.)

9:25 Men's 100m Freestyle (S11) – Philip Scholz (Mt. Sinai, N.Y.)

9:39 Men's 100m Freestyle (S12) – Tucker Dupree (Raleigh, N.C.)

9:48 Men's 100m Breaststroke (SB4) – Roy Perkins (Del Mar, Calif.), Dave Denniston (Longmont, Colo.)

10:02 Men's 100m Breaststroke (SB5) – Aaron Paulson (Portland, Ore.)

10:19 Women's 100m Breaststroke (SB6) – Deb Gruen (Hamden, Conn.), Miranda Uhl (Alachua, Fla.), Casey Johnson (Cypress, Calif.)

10:32 Men's 400m Freestyle (S9) – Mark Barr (Davis, Calif.), Michael Prout (West Springfield, Mass.), Jarrett Perry (Colorado Springs, Colo./Wichita, Kan.)

10:43 Women's 400m Freestyle (S9) – Elizabeth Stone (Grand Rapids, Mich.), Melissa Stockwell (Colorado Springs, Colo./ Minneapolis, Minn.)

Swimming (Finals), National Aquatic Center

17:00 Men's 400m Freestyle (S8) Finals

17:10 Women's 400m Freestyle (S8) Finals

17:20 Men's 100m Freestyle (S11) Finals

17:48 Men's 100m Freestyle (S12) Finals

18:14 Men's 100m Breaststroke (SB4) Finals

18:42 Men's 100m Breaststroke (SB5) Finals

19:16 Women's 100m Breaststroke (SB6) Finals

19:45 Women's 200m IM (SM13) Finals – Kelley Becherer (Sheboygan, Wis.)

20:08 Men's 400m Freestyle (S9) Finals

20:17 Women's 400m Freestyle (S9) Finals

Wheelchair Basketball, National Indoor Stadium

13:30 Women's Quarterfinal, USA vs. China

Wheelchair Rugby, University of Science & Technology Gymnasium

13:00 Preliminary, USA vs. China

Wheelchair Tennis, Olympic Green Tennis Centre

13:00 Quad Singles, Semifinals, David Wagner (Hillsboro, Ore.)

13:00 Quad Singles, Semifinals, Nick Taylor (Wichita, Kan.)

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

| <i>Country</i> | <i>G</i> | <i>S</i> | <i>B</i> | <i>Total</i> |
|----------------|----------|----------|----------|--------------|
| China | 33 | 37 | 26 | 96 |
| Great Britain | 27 | 16 | 14 | 57 |
| United States | 18 | 12 | 14 | 44 |
| Australia | 11 | 14 | 14 | 39 |
| Russia | 11 | 12 | 11 | 34 |
| Ukraine | 11 | 8 | 14 | 33 |
| Germany | 6 | 14 | 11 | 31 |
| Spain | 6 | 14 | 10 | 30 |
| Brazil | 9 | 7 | 10 | 26 |
| France | 5 | 11 | 6 | 22 |