

The Olympians of the Week

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Sport's superpowers dash away at top of medal leaderboard during the first week of London Games.

SUN YANG

At 20, Sun became the first Chinese man to win an Olympic swimming title with a punishing victory in the 400m freestyle. Need we say more? Well, he also broke the Olympic record in the event he was not favored to win. Scary stuff.



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YE SHIWEN

Give Ye a lot of credit, the 16-year-old not only destroyed the field in the 200m individual medley, she blasted all of her cynics with both grace and savvy, even sarcastically thanking the Western media for casting aspersions of doping over her victories.

**ROGER FEDERER**

Does the greatest tennis player in history really need more applause? Probably not, but in this his fourth try for an individual Olympic medal, Federer overcame shoddy shots at the net and a cool and calm Juan Martin del Potro to secure his first medal in 12 years. Time to expand that trophy case.

DÁNIEL GYURTA

Hungary's Daniel Gyurta displays astounding humbleness after winning the men's 200m breaststroke in a world record time of 2:07.28.

**BRADLEY WIGGINS**

Britain's Bradley Wiggins shows off his British suntan after crossing the finish line to win the men's cycling time trial. His victory gave the host nation its second gold medal of the Games.

**MICHAEL PHELPS**

Michael Phelps of the US sucks in some oxygen on his way to victory in 200m medley final. The American legend was supported by a large pro-US crowd, and his omni-present mother.

OM YUN-CHOL

The tiny, cute man from the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (he stands at only 1.52 meters and weighs 55.8 kilograms) hoisted more than three times his weight and broke the Olympic record to win the clean and jerk. Not bad for a lower-ranked competitor in the lowly "B" Group.

