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Benjamin Auffret is a French athlete who will compete in the Men's 10 metre platform diving at the 2020 Tokyo Games. Originally a gymnast, Auffret made the switch to diving after some injuries experienced due to a growth spurt. At his first Olympics, he finished fourth in his category at the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Summer Games with only a mere 17.9 points separating him and the podium. Auffret is extremely eager to represent France in the 2020 Tokyo Games and is going for the gold! He is France's two-time national platform diver champion and has finished within the top 10 at the World and European Platform Diving Championships. He would like to add an Olympic title to his very impressive list of accomplishments!

Marie-Josée Ta Lou will be representing the Ivory Coast at the 2020 Tokyo Games. Having been drawn to the sport of soccer at a very young age, Ta Lou has since harnessed her speed and agility on the field to specialize in sprinting events including both the 100 and 200 metres. In the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Summer Olympic Games, Ta Lou finished fourth in the 100 metres and 200 metres finals missing the podium by only seven-thousandths of a second! Ta Lou went on to win silver medals in both the 100 metres and 200 metres at the 2017 World Championships. In the latter event, she set a national record time of 22.08 seconds! She has since placed first in the 100 metres race in the 2019 African Games in Morocco and is certainly one to watch for in Tokyo!

The Ivory Coast has not yet hosted the Olympics; however, France has been fortunate enough to host both the Summer and Winter Games a total of five times and will play host to the 2024 Summer Olympiad in the nation's capital. The people of Paris are no strangers to the Olympics having hosted twice in 1900 and again in 1924. The Winter Olympic Games have also been held in other parts of France, notably the French Alps with Chamonix in 1924 hosting the very first Winter Olympiad; Grenoble in 1924; and one last time in Albertville in 1992.

MARCH	MARS	MÄRZ	3月	三月	ਮਾਰਚ	MARZO
Sonntag	Montag	Dienstag	Mittwoch	Donnerstag	Freitag	Samstag
1	2	3 Girls' Day	4	5	6	7
8	9 Holi; Purim	10 Holi; Purim	11	12	13	14
15 Semaine de la Francophonie begins	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19	20 International Francophonie Day	21
22 Lailat-at-Miraj	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

APRIL	AVRIL	APRIL	4月	四月	ਅਪ੍ਰੈਲ	ABRIL
Sonntag	Montag	Dienstag	Mittwoch	Donnerstag	Freitag	Samstag
			1 April Fool's Day; Poisson d'avril	2 Ram Navani	3	4 Qingming Festival
5 Palm Sunday	6 National Tartan Day	7	8	9	10 Good Friday	11
12 Easter	13 Easter Monday; Vaisakhi	14	15	16 Emancipation	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 Ramadan begins	24	25
26	27	28	29	30 Buddha Day		

JANUARY	JANVIER	JANUAR	1月	一月	ਜਨਵਰੀ	ENERO
Dimanche	Lundi	Mardi	Mercredi	Jeudi	Vendredi	Samedi
			1 New Year's Day	2	3	4
5	6 Epiphany; Día de los Reyes Magos	7 Orthodox Christmas	8	9	10	11
12	13 Coming Of Age Day	14	15 Makar Sankranti	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 Chinese New Year
26	27	28	29	30	31	

FEBRUARY	FÉVRIER	FEBRUAR	2月	二月	ਫ਼ਰਵਰੀ	FEBRERO
Dimanche	Lundi	Mardi	Mercredi	Jeudi	Vendredi	Samedi
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 Groundhog Day	10	11	12	13	14	15 Lantern Festival
16 Magha Puja Day	17	18	19	20	21 Valentine's Day	22
	23 Family Day (BC); Louis Riel Day (MB)	24	25	26	27	28 International Mother Language Day; Makar Shivaratri
	29 Rosenmontag	30 Mardi Gras				29

Germany will be sending two pentathlete hopefuls to the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo this summer. The pentathlon is an athletic event comprising of five different events for each competitor. The gruelling modern pentathlon consists of épée fencing, pistol shooting, freestyle swimming, show jumping on horseback, and cross-country running. The men's individual competition has been held at every Olympic Games since 1912, and a women's competition was finally introduced at the 2000 Summer Olympics in Sydney, Australia.

Berlin native Annika Schleu will represent Germany at next summer's Olympics. She won the gold medal for the relay event at the 2012 World Championships and 2017 World Championships. This powerhouse of an athlete has already competed in two Olympiads, finishing in twenty-sixth place at the 2012 Olympics in London, and then fourth place at the Rio de Janeiro Olympics of 2016! Schleu also took the silver medal in the individual as well as the relay event at the 2018 World Championships. Annika Schleu is no stranger to the medal podium, and is definitely looking to add an Olympic medal to her long list of impressive achievements.

Patrick Dogue from Ludwigshafen, Germany is another modern pentathlete who will compete in the modern pentathlon at the Tokyo Summer Games alongside fellow compatriot Annika Schleu. Dogue's recent achievements include winning the German national title for the modern pentathlon in 2013, and again in 2015. The following year, Dogue qualified for the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Olympic Games by finishing second at the 2016 World Cup! It would seem that the modern pentathlon is the preferred sport in the Dogue family household, as his younger brother, **Marvin Dogue**, is also a well-known international modern pentathlete!

Germany was supposed to host the Games of the sixth Olympiad in 1916; however, the Games had to be canceled due to turmoil in Europe during the First World War. Germany then hosted the 1936 Winter Olympiad in Garmisch-Partenkirchen - a ski town of the Bavarian region in southern Germany. Later that same year, the people of Berlin hosted the Summer Olympiad. These Games were unique in that they were the first Games to be televised, and radio broadcasts reached 41 countries! Olympic fever began to spread globally. These Games were not without controversy, however. Reich Chancellor Adolf Hitler saw the Games as an opportunity to promote his government and ideals of racial supremacy and antisemitism. German Jewish athletes were barred or prevented from taking part. African-American sprint and long jump athlete Jesse Owens won four gold medals, and became the most successful athlete to compete in Berlin, while Germany was the most successful country overall with 89 medals total. These were the final Olympic Games for the next twelve years due to the outbreak and disruption caused by the Second World War. The Games eventually returned in 1948 to St. Moritz, Switzerland - another German speaking nation in central Europe.

MAY	MAI	KANN	5月	五月	ਮਈ	MAYO
日	月	火	水	木	金	土
					1 International Workers' Day	2
3	4	5 Cinco de Mayo; Children's Day	6	7	8	9
10 Mother's Day	11	12	13	14 Aoi Festival	15 BCATML Spring Conference in Whistler	16
17	18 Victoria Day	19	20	21	22	23 Ramadan ends; Eid-al-Fitr
24	25 Vancouver Children's Festival begins	26	27	28	29	30 Lailat-at-Qadir

JUNE	JUIN	JUNI	6月	六月	ਜੂਨ	JUNIO
日	月	火	水	木	金	土
31 Pentecost	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 Father's Day; National Aboriginal Day	22	23	24 St. Jean Baptiste Day	25 Dragon Boat Festival	26	27 Tour de France begins
28	29	30				

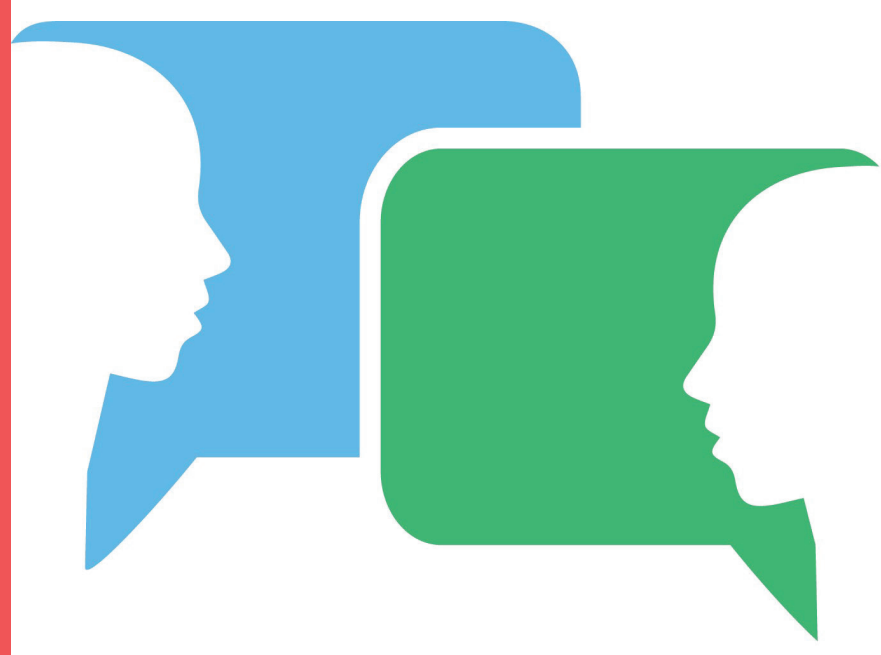
Naomi Osaka, a tennis champion of both American and Japanese descent, will be competing in the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. Born in the town of Osaka, in Western Japan, her father is of Haitian descent and her mother is Japanese. In 2018, Osaka, at the age of 21, defeated Serena Williams in the 2018 US Open Final becoming Japan's first tennis Grand Slam Champion. A big fan of Pokémon, in a recent interview Osaka referred to her goals as being "the very best that no one ever was", an homage to the theme song of the very popular Japanese franchise. Osaka can understand Japanese but has acknowledged she is not fully confident in her speaking abilities. When not playing on the courts, she has set a goal of studying Japanese with classes and trying to speak it at home.

Another medal hopeful at the Tokyo Games is **Asako O.** She will be easy to spot, as she is over 6 feet tall! Asako O's height makes her a perfect basketball player for the Japanese team. Born in Tianjin, China, Asako O became a naturalized Japanese citizen in 2013. She plays center position on the court, and she currently plays for the Mitsubishi Electric Koalas. These will not be the first Olympic Games for Asako O. She represented Japan at the 2016 Summer Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro where Japan finished in the top 10, taking eighth place. She and her teammates are undoubtedly looking to win a medal and make the best use of a home court advantage!

One other medal hopeful is **Sae Tsuji.** Born in 1994 on the island of Hokkaido - Japan's northernmost main island - Sae Tsuji will be representing Japan at the 2020 Paralympic Games. Due to a condition known as congenital forearm deficiency, Tsuji was born without a right forearm. However, this has hardly slowed her down! In the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Paralympic Games, Tsuji won a bronze medal in the Women's 400 metres T47 event. Without a doubt, Tsuji has her eyes set on winning a gold medal at the Tokyo Summer Games in 2020!

This will be Japan's fourth time hosting the Olympic and Paralympic Games, and the second time in Tokyo as the host city. The first time was back in 1964. The Winter Olympic Games then returned to Japan in 1972 with Sapporo as the host city. The Winter Olympic Games returned one final time back in 1998 with Nagano as the host city. Few will recall that Tokyo was supposed to host the Summer Olympic Games in 1940. However, they were rescheduled and moved to Helsinki, Finland, but were ultimately canceled due to the outbreak of World War II.

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JULY	JUILLET	JULI	7月	七月	ਜੁਲਾਈ	JULIO
星期日	星期一	星期二	星期三	星期四	星期五	星期六
			1 Canada Day	2	3	4 Dharma Day
5	6	7 Star Festival; Running of the bulls begins	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 Running of the bulls ends	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Tour de France ends	Marine Day					
26	27	28	29	30	31	

AUGUST	AOÛT	AUGUST	8月	八月	ਅਗਸਤ	AGOSTO
星期日	星期一	星期二	星期三	星期四	星期五	星期六
						1 El Salvador del Mundo begins
2	3 British Columbia Day	4	5	6 El Salvador del Mundo ends	7 Battle of Boyacá	8
9	10	11 Mountain Day	12	13	14	15 National Acadian Day
16	17 Discovery Day (Yukon)	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29

Xie Zhenye (Chinese: 谢震业) was born August 17, 1993, and is a Chinese sprinter with a world renown reputation for his speed and skill. Currently, he is the Asian record holder of the 200 metres with a time of 19.88 seconds! Xie's personal best in the 100 metres is a super-fast 9.97 seconds which makes him the second Chinese sprinter to record a time below the 10-second barrier, after his compatriot Su Bingtian! Xie is no stranger to the Olympics. He proudly represented China at the both the 2012 Summer Olympics in London and again at the Rio de Janeiro 2016 Summer Olympics. Xie won a gold medal at the Youth Olympic Games in Singapore back in 2010, but he is eager to add his first Olympic medal to his adult career!



Sun Yang (Chinese: 孙杨) is a Chinese world record and Olympic competitive swimmer. In 2012, he became the first Chinese man to win an Olympic gold medal in swimming. Sun is also the first male swimmer in history to earn both Olympic and World Championship gold medals at every freestyle distance from 200 metres to 1500 metres. As a three-time Olympic gold medalist and eleven-time world champion, Sun is also the most decorated Chinese swimmer in history! *NBC Sports* described him as "very arguably the greatest freestyle swimmer of all time." Sun will undoubtedly look to increase his medal count at the next Olympiad.

Maggie MacNeil is a Chinese-born Olympic swimmer who was later adopted by a Canadian family. She is the current world champion and Americas record holder in the 100 metre butterfly event. She placed sixth in the 100 metre butterfly event trials for Canada's 2016 Olympic team. A career highlight for MacNeil was when she was a part of the Canadian women's team at the 2019 World Championships in Gwangju. MacNeil first won a bronze medal as part of the 4 X 100 m freestyle relay team event, alongside Penny Oleksiak, Taylor Ruck, Kayla Sanchez, and Rebecca Smith. She then competed in and won gold in the women's 100 metre butterfly, beating three-time World and defending Olympic champion Sarah Sjöström.

China has had the honour of hosting the Olympic Games only just recently. Beijing hosted China's very first Summer Olympic Games back in 2008. In addition, Beijing was also chosen to host China's first Winter Olympic Games which will be held in 2022, thus making it one of the few cities in the world which can host both the Summer and Winter Olympiads. One other interesting historical fact about the Olympics is that Nanjing, China hosted the Summer Youth Olympic Games in 2014. This event saw over two hundred nations competing at those games!



Anveet Kaur Sidhu is a 38-year-old Indian shooter who has a highly decorated and impressive list of accomplishments. For instance, she has won more than 100 medals in different national and international competitions and was the first female shooter from Punjab to represent India at the Beijing Olympic Games in 2008! Sidhu won the gold medal in the Women's 10m Air Rifle (pairs) with Tejaswini Sawant at the 2006 Commonwealth Games, and also took the silver medal at the same competition in the individual event. Competition and sports have figured rather prominently in Sidhu's life as she is also married to **Rajpal Singh**, former captain of India's national hockey team. They currently have one child together. Sidhu has her eye on the gold at the Tokyo Summer Games in 2020 and is aiming to add her very first Olympic medal to her long list of career highlights and achievements!

India will also be sending a number of male and female freestyle wrestlers to Tokyo, one of whom is **Vinesh Phogat**. This 25-year-old Indian wrestler comes from a family of wrestlers with her cousins **Geeta Phogat** and **Babita Kumari**, both of whom are international wrestler and Commonwealth Games medalists. Babita Kumari and Vinesh Phogat will compete together in Tokyo as they did in the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Games hoping to win their first Olympic medal. Vinesh Phogat is remarkable in that she became India's first female wrestler to win gold in both the Commonwealth and Asian Games, and was the first Indian athlete to be nominated for the Laureus World Sports Award in 2019 (but did not win the award).

Other Indian freestyle wrestlers who will make their way to Tokyo this summer are **Ravi Kumar Dahiya** who won a bronze medal at the 2019 World Wrestling Championships in the freestyle 57 kg category; **Bajrang Punia** who has won three medals at the World Wrestling Championships in the 65 kg weight category; and **Deepak Punia** who just recently won the silver medal at the 2019 World Wrestling Championships in the 86 kg category. These Indian freestyle wrestlers continue to make their country proud, and will undoubtedly be favoured to place in the finals.

While India has not yet been successful in hosting the Olympic Games, the people of India have already submitted their official interest to bid for the 2032 Olympic Games. The city of Delhi is no stranger to hosting world renown international sporting competitions. For instance, the Indian capital hosted the Asian Games in both 1951 and 1982 as well as the Commonwealth Games in 2010. Furthermore, India has expressed its interest in hosting not only the 2026 Youth Summer Olympics but the 2030 Asian Games, as well. It is uncertain at this time if India will win its bid to host the 2032 Olympic Games as the winning bid is scheduled to be selected sometime in 2025.

SEPTEMBER	SEPTEMBRE	SEPTEMBER	9月	九月	ਸਤੰਬਰ	SEPTIEMBRE
ਐਤਵਾਰ	ਸੋਮਵਾਰ	ਮੰਗਲਵਾਰ	ਬੁੱਧਵਾਰ	ਵੀਰਵਾਰ	ਸ਼ੁੱਕਰਵਾਰ	ਸ਼ਨੀਵਾਰ
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Labour Day	8 First Day of School	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18 Rosh Hashanah begins	19 Oktoberfest begins
20 Rosh Hashanah ends	21 Respect for the Aged Day	22	23	24	25	26
27 Yom Kippur begins	28 Yom Kippur ends	29	30			

OCTOBER	OCTOBRE	OCTOBER	10月	十月	ਅਕਤੂਬਰ	OCTUBRE
ਐਤਵਾਰ	ਸੋਮਵਾਰ	ਮੰਗਲਵਾਰ	ਬੁੱਧਵਾਰ	ਵੀਰਵਾਰ	ਸ਼ੁੱਕਰਵਾਰ	ਸ਼ਨੀਵਾਰ
				1 Mid-Autumn Festival; Chinese National Day	2	3 German Unity Day
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 Oktoberfest ends	12 World Teachers' Day	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 Thanksgiving Day; Health & Sports Day	20	21	22 BCATML & CASLT Conference	23 BCATML & CASLT Conference	24 BCATML & CASLT Conference
25	26	27	28	29	30	31 Hallowe'en

Argentina is scheduled to compete at the 2020 Summer Olympic Games in Tokyo. Since the nation's official debut in 1900, Argentinian athletes have competed in every edition of the Summer Olympic Games except in 1904 (St. Louis), 1912 (Stockholm), and 1980 (Moscow).



José María Larocca Junior is an Argentinian equestrian. He competes in show jumping. Larocca currently ranks two hundred and seventy-sixth on the International Federation for Equestrian Sports Rolex Ranking List. This 50-year old Olympian is considered a relatively late starter to competitive equestrianism, beginning his show jumping career at the age of 34. Larocca rode horses growing up but left Argentina for Europe until his love of horses brought him back to the sport. His first major competition was in 2008 for the Lyon Grand Prix where he completed the course with no faults! Larocca has competed in two previous Olympic games. Thanks to his silver medal finish at the 2018 World Equestrian Games, Larocca secured Argentina's berth to compete in the Tokyo Games and is looking to take his first Olympic medal back home.

Another Olympic hopeful is Mexican artistic gymnast **Alexa Citalli Moreno Medina**. Moreno is unique in that she was the very first Mexican female gymnast to medal at a World Gymnastics Championships and took the bronze medal for the vault! She also competed at the 2011 World Championships where she qualified for the vault, and then placed seventh in the vault final during the 2014 World Championships.

Mexico will send 45 other competitors to the Tokyo Summer Olympic Games in 2020. They will compete in 11 sporting events, including archery, artistic swimming, athletics, road cycling, diving, equestrian jumping, artistic gymnastics, modern pentathlon, sailing, shooting, and softball - which will make its Olympic debut. Other new sports which will be added to this year's Olympic legacy are karate, skateboarding, sport climbing, and surfing. Just like languages, the Olympics are ever changing and evolving.

While the Olympic Games have never been hosted in Argentina, this South American country did host the 2018 Summer Youth Olympics in Buenos Aires. Mexico, on the other hand, hosted the Games of the XIX Summer Olympiad in Mexico City in 1968. Oddly enough, the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil were the very first time the Olympics were held in a country on the South American continent! It is hoped that future Olympic Games will take place in South and Latin America.

NOVEMBER	NOVEMBRE	NOVEMBER	11月	十一月	ਨਵੰਬਰ	NOVIEMBRE
Domingo	Lunes	Martes	Miércoles	Jueves	Viernes	Sábado
1 All Saints' Day	2 Dia de los Muertos	3 Culture Day	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 Remembrance Day; Martinstag	12	13	14 Diwali
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

DECEMBER	DÉCEMBRE	DEZEMBER	12月	十二月	ਦਸੰਬਰ	DICIEMBRE
Domingo	Lunes	Martes	Miércoles	Jueves	Viernes	Sábado
		1	2	3	4	5
6 Nikolaus	7	8 Immaculate Conception Feast Day	9	10	11	12 Dia de la Virgen de Guadalupe
13	14	15	16 Las Posadas begins	17 Chanukah begins	18	19
20	21	22	23 Las Posadas ends	24 Christmas Eve; Las Posadas ends	25 Christmas Day	26 Boxing Day; Kwanza begins
27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve		