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PARIS 2024 OLYMPIC GAMES WOMEN'S ARTISTIC GYMNASTICS USA, Italy, Brazil go 1-2-3 on a historic night in Women's Gymnastics



Team USA

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Olympic champions once more: The U.S. women took back the Olympic team title they last won in 2016 in dazzling and authoritative fashion Tuesday night at Bercy Arena, while Italy and Brazil turned in historic performances to land silver and bronze.

Joy and jubilation for Team USA

Superb from start to finish, Simone Biles, Jade Carey, Jordan Chiles, Sunisa Lee, and Hezly Rivera genuinely appeared to enjoy themselves as they wowed a packed arena and opened a new era in U.S. Gymnastics history. Burned in Tokyo three years ago, the USA never lost focus as it accumulated the winning total: 171.276 points, 5.8 points over silver medallist Italy.

The title is Biles's eighth Olympic medal and fifth gold, a new American record in Gymnastics. It is the fourth Olympic medal and second gold for Tokyo 2020 All-Around champion Lee, and the second gold for Carey, the Tokyo champion on Floor Exercise. The U.S. women now own four titles overall after previous victories in 1996, 2012, and 2016.

Perturbed slightly by a sore calf in recent weeks, Biles quickly laid to rest any concerns about her health by turning in a scintillating Cheng on Vault to anchor the USA in the first rotation. More than just a routine, it was also a representation of how far Biles has come since her shock withdrawal from the team final in Tokyo three years ago, when a different vault went awry.

"I think we all had something to prove from Tokyo (2020 Olympic Games) and tonight we did just that," Biles said. "It means the world. I think for everybody it's what we came here to do. And we're super excited to walk away with that gold medal."

Lee was the high scorer on Uneven Bars with 14.566 and resplendent on Balance Beam for 14.600, while Biles contributed the top team numbers on Vault with 14.900 and assured the gold with a meet-high 14.966 on Floor Exercise.

Composed Italy steps up for silver

With silver, Angela Andreoli, Alice D'Amato, Manila Esposito, Elisa Iorio, and Giorgia Villa matched Italy's best ever result in Olympic Gymnastics, accomplished at the 1928 Olympics in Amsterdam (NED).

Collected even as the arena crowd grew more and more raucous throughout the evening, Italy really took off on the Uneven Bars, where Youth Olympic champion Villa, World Championships finalist Iorio and European champion D'Amato each showed brilliant routines. The Italians never looked back, yet for all the experience on their team, it was the team's youngest member, Andreoli, who solidified Italy's second ever medal with a mature and secure performance Floor Exercise.

Resilient Brazilians rewarded with bronze

While the USA and Italy serenely worked their ways onto the podium, Brazil was beset by a challenge even before the competition began. Warming up on Uneven Bars, Flavia Saraiva took a fall that resulted in a bleeding cut above her right eye, briefly casting her participation into question.

The 24-year-old applied a bandage, removed some of the difficulty from her Floor Exercise and marched out to compete. Her presence may have made the difference, because Brazil's first ever Olympic medal was a close-run thing: in sixth place halfway through the competition, Brazil might have seemed out of it.

Saraiva, Rebeca Andrade, Jade Barbosa, Lorrane Oliveira, and Julia Soares finished with panache on Floor Exercise and Vault, where Saraiva did not water back and Andrade earned 15.100 for a sky-high Cheng.

When it was all over, Brazil had to wait and see whether Great Britain could pass them with their final routine on Balance Beam. The British came up 0.034 short, and for the first time ever, bronze medal Brazil joined the jubilant teams on the Olympic podium.



Women's Team podium