

➤ **Olympic premieres in Paris, also possible for male gymnasts ...:**

ACurrently also with Max WHITLOCK (GBR) at the head of a field, on the cusp of several Olympic premieres



Daiki Hashimoto (JPN)



Kohei Uchimura (JPN)

No nation has ever won four all-around titles in a row in men's artistic gymnastics! And despite all the honours for the individual titles of the elegant apparatus specialists:

<< **The all-around champions** are and remain the rightly crowned and celebrated **Kings of the art of gymnastics**

- Olympic all-around gold is the most valuable title in this most complex of all sporting disciplines!

However, JAPAN's Daiki Hashimoto or even the up-and-coming 2019 Junior World Champion **Oka Shinnosuke** (JPN) as an Olympic debutant could set new historical milestones in Japanese gymnastics.

Or could even one of their team-mates do so after the legendary run of success of the incomparable **Kohei UCHIMURA** with his two Olympic victories in London (2012) and Rio de Janeiro (2016),

could one of their team-mates achieve this this summer with another Olympic victory - the fifth in a row for Japan ...?

In Olympic history, only ITALY >>

won three times in a row between 1908 and 1920, with **Alberto BRAGLIO** (1908 in London and 1912 in Stockholm) and **Giorgio ZAMPORI** in Antwerp in 1924.



A. Braglia (ITA)



G. Zampori (ITA)

After that, the all-around hat-trick was only achieved by the **SOVIET UNION** when it entered the Olympic arena: by **Viktor CHUKARIN** in Helsinki in 1952 and in Melbourne in 1956, and by **Boris SHAKHLIN** in Rome in 1960.



Yukio Endo Sawao Kato (JPN)

<< **JAPAN** has already achieved this team hat-trick three times, namely in 1964 in Tokyo by **Yukio ENDO** and in 1968 & 1972 by **Sawao KATO**

... as well as in 2012, 2016 (**Kohei UCHIMURA**) and most recently in 2020 (**Daiki HASHIMOTO**).

As the only British gymnast with Olympic titles, Max WHITLOCK (GBR) is already unique. At what he says will be his last Olympic Games, the now 31-year-old wants to become the first gymnast from any nation to win a medal in four different editions of the Games: with another gold medal on the pommel horse, he would be **the only male Olympic gymnast** to have achieved this on one apparatus. Whitlock has already won six Olympic medals: three gold and three bronze.



WHITLOCK

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