

## Day 94 – Olympic Torch Bulletin Board

### News of the Rio 2016 Olympic Torch Relay across Brazil. An update on the day's events.

- Daniel Adler is a sailing athlete who participated at three Olympic Games. He achieved a silver medal on Soling class at Los Angeles 1984, bronze at the 1987 Indianapolis Pan-American Games and gold at Caracas 1983. "I spent half of my life sailing. To be here today is a return to the past, emotions come back. The heart palpitates and shivers down our spines the whole time", he said.
- Former football athlete Marcos Evangelista de Moraes, 'Cafu', acted as right-back in the national team and he was captain of the team that achieved the 5th Brazilian world championship in 2002. "The emotion of being invited to carry the flame is beyond words. To have the opportunity to participate at Olympic Games in our country in such a wonderful way is a different and thrilling experience. I expect to remember this for the rest of my life", he said.
- Lorryne Gonçalves Isidoro is 3rd year high school student from Pedro II School, and she represented Brazil in the International Neuroscience Olympics, which took place in Copenhagen, Denmark, between June 30th and July 4th. "I'm here representing all young people, students from Pedro II School, my teachers and everybody who helped me in this battle. I hope to be able to transmit much courage and that you may have strength of will to accomplish all of your dreams", she said.
- Carlos Alberto Parreira was trainer of the Brazilian national football team that achieved the world championship of 1994, after a hiatus of 24 years. He also coached and commanded other four national teams in World Cups. "It's a very big privilege to participate at the world's two biggest events. I've been to nine World Cups and four Olympic Games. Being at the relay is amazing, particularly alongside Zagallo, who has been with me in so many moments", he commented.

- Zagallo is one of the greatest winners of Brazilian football. He participated at four out of five Brazilian titles in World Cups: two as a player, one as coach and another as technical coordinator. At Olympic Games, Zagallo was Brazil's coach in Atlanta 1996, when the national team suffered a historical defeat from Nigéria on then semifinal and ended up earning bronze. "Our team in Rio 2016 is very good. I hope it can achieve gold", he said. "I've become aware that Olympic torch has 13 letters", said Zagallo, famous for being superstitious and loving the number 13.

- Alexandre Abeid is a former national volleyball team athlete. He competed at the 1972 Munich Olympic Games and Montreal 1976. "I'm recalling my first Olympic moment, which was to enter Munich's stadium at 19. It was a wonderful feeling and it is the same I'm having now, remembering all my moments at Olympic Games. This is really cool".

- The assistant of Sweden's Delegation Arthur Pedroso opened the relay at the Athletes Village. This native of Rio de Janeiro works as a volunteer at the Village since July 18th. "As I am very engaged, I was invited to carry the Olympic flame. I'm representing all volunteers. The torch is a very important symbol of union, and for that reason, it's a pleasure to make part of the event. I'm from Rio and never imagined I would participate at something like this, especially in my city", he said.

- Phil Rajzman is a surfing athlete on longboard category, He was world champion in 2007, world oxbow bi-champion 2004/2003, SUP Racing Petrolândia Adventure 2011 champion and Waterman Brasil 2007 Champion. Today, Phil celebrated the entrance of his modality at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games. "We had been fighting for this for a long time. It surely is a great achievement for this sport. My category wasn't included yet, but for surfboarding to be there is the most important. I'm sure Brazil will earn more medals through it. I want to be present at Tokyo 2020 to see it happening, whether as a spectator or as a member of the technical commission.

- Former volleyball player Mônica Rodrigues achieved a silver medal for beach volleyball at the 1996 Atlanta Olympic Games, in partnership with Adriana Samuel. "The games are starting for me. A movie goes by my head of that historical moment 20 years ago. I hope Rio 2016 will be a success", she said.

- Celebrating their spot at the Rio 2016 Olympic Games, sailing athletes Isabel Swan and Samuel Albrecht, a bronze medalist at the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games, carried the torch in the stretch between Recreio and Barra da Tijuca. “After being left out of London 2012, Isabel and I sought for a sport at Rio in other classes, and we got classified for Nacra 17”, said Samuel. Optimistic, Isabel concludes: “fortunately, everything turned out ok. We are very excited, because the trainings in the Olympic lane went very well”.

- A torchbearer in Recreio, big wave surfing athlete Maya Gabeira has already elected the modalities at the Rio 2016 Olympic Games that she won't miss. “I love the Games. I have always watched them on TV, but now I'm at the city where they will happen. I want to see athletics, swimming and artistic gymnastics, which are my favorite Olympic sports”, she reveals. As to the generation known as 'Brazilian storm', Maya has many good things to say about it. “We'll have a brilliant generation competing for surfing at Tokyo 2020; our boys are all young, such as Gabriel Medina, Filipinho Toledo, Ítalo Ferreira. All in the height of their careers. I'm sure we'll have medals for Brazil”, she hints.

- As soon as the relay ended at the Athletes Village, surfing athlete Rico de Souza, one of the sport's symbols in Brazil, surfed while carrying the torch on the waves of Praia da Macumba (beach), at Recreio dos Bandeirantes. Rico commented on the performance of athletes from his modality, which have won several championships. “Besides the brilliant performance that the Brazilians are maintaining, which is top notch, it would be important to do base work at surfing schools, associations and federations, so that this wonderful work that is being done isn't interrupted”, he says.

At the Athletes Village, the emotional mood took over the torchbearers.

- A representor of the Philippines, boxing athlete Charly lived through an unforgettable experience. “Carrying the torch here in Rio is something I never imagined. Surely it's something to be proud of for the rest of my life, because I'm representing my country. I still didn't have time to let many people know, but my closest friends were very happy with the news”, he said.

- For Kefasi Chitsala, an athlete from Malawi, carrying the Olympic torch was a surprise. “Yesterday I got to know that I would carry the torch, and it was an amazing feeling. I’m representing not only my country, but the whole African continent. It’s an unforgettable day and my family and friends are very proud of me. I return from Rio with the feeling of having lived some of the best moments of my life, and the Olympic Games haven’t even started yet”, she says.
  - “When I received the news, it was such a huge surprise that I thought it to be a joke. I couldn’t believe it! I was in shock for a few minutes, until I finally realized that was going to happen in less than 24 hours. Now I’m here, ready to represent my country with this symbol of brotherhood and union for sports”, says Matyas Szabo, a Romanian fencing athlete.
  - The Rio 2016 Olympic Torch Relay proceeds on its course through the Wonderful City. This Thursday (04), the day started with a visit to the Athletes Village, in Barra da Tijuca.
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