



## Heart in Seoul

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In just a matter of days, the Olympic torch will burn proudly once again this time in Seoul, South Korea. The opening ceremonies for the 24th Summer Olympiad take place Sept. 16, with 161 countries fielding more than 10,000 athletes. It will be the first time since 1972 that the games are not beset by boycott.

With a lineup of seemingly superhuman talent, Seoul will feature some of the most intense rivalries in recent history. It will be a return of the battle of the titans as the United States and Eastern Bloc countries will once again meet in Olympic competition. A battle that has not taken place since 1976, in Montreal.

Korea, in the land of the rising sun, a spectacle honoring the world's greatest athletes. It is not, however, the medal count that is the most significant, but the spirit of each individual athlete that should be remembered. In the extravagant Seoul facilities, below the symbolic flame and before the eyes of the globe will be an assembly of patriots each representing the very meaning of the word athlete. The 1988 Olympics, let the games begin.

## U.S. Hopefuls

### Track and Field (Men):

100 M. Dash - Carl Lewis, Calvin Smith, Dennis Mitchell

200 M. Dash - Carl Lewis, Joe DeLoach, Roy Martin

400 M. Dash - Butch Reynolds, Danny Everett, Steve Lewis

4 X 100 M. Relay - Carl Lewis, Calvin Smith and Dennis Mitchell (fourth spot unavailable).

4 X 400 M. Relay - Butch Reynolds, Danny Everett and Steve Lewis (fourth spot unavailable).

110 M. Hurdles - Roger Kingdom, Tonie Campbell

400 M. Hurdles - Edwin Moses, Andre Phillips, Kevin Young

Long Jump - Carl Lewis, Larry Myricks

### Track and Field (Women):

100 M. Dash - Florence Griffith-Joyner, Evelyn Ashford

200 M. Dash - Florence Griffith-Joyner

4 X 100 M. Relay - Florence Griffith-Joyner, Evelyn Ashford, Gwen Torrence and Pam Marshall.

4 X 400 M. Relay - Diane Dixon, Denean Howard

and Valerie Brisco (fourth spot unavailable).

800 M. Run - Kim Gallagher

1500 M. Run - Mary Slaney

3000 M. Run - Mary Slaney

Long Jump - Jackie Joyner-Kersey

Heptathlon - Jackie Joyner-Kersey

### Boxing:

119 lb. - Kennedy McKinney

165 lb. - Anthony Hembrick

### Wrestling:

149 lb. - Nate Carr

286 lb. - Bruce Baumgartner

Gymnastics (Men): Charles Lakes

Gymnastics (Women): Phoebe Mills

Diving: Greg Louganis

Swimming (Men): Matt Biondi

Swimming (Women): Janet Evans, Angel Myers

Synchronized Swimming: Tracie Ruiz-Conforto

Men's Basketball

Men's Volleyball

## Americans on the Run

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In Olympic track and field history, the U.S. has led the international pack in total gold medals won with 262. Consistent with their golden performance in 1984, the U.S. will make a strong showing in the sprints, hurdles and relays.

With the exception of Canada's Ben Johnson, the dashes could easily belong to an elite arsenal of seven U.S. sprinters. In the 100 meter, the Carl Lewis - Ben Johnson rivalry will continue. Johnson upset Lewis in Rome, running a shocking 9.83 (the current world record). Lewis came back last month and defeated Johnson in Germany. Now comes the showdown in Seoul. Keep in mind that Lewis is the man that equaled Jesse Owen's unforgettable four gold medals in Los Angeles and still has something to prove to the American public, not to mention his dedication of the race to his late father. His U.S. running mate, Calvin Smith, a former world record holder and gold medalist, also defeated Johnson in Germany and could easily do it again. Look for Lewis to take the gold with Smith and Johnson close behind.

The 200 has all the makings to be a sweep for the U.S. in this event. In '84 it was Lewis, Kirk Baptiste and Thomas Jefferson in a three medal steal. Lewis is back in his second sprint event with newcomers Joe DeLoach and Roy Martin. DeLoach, the new kid on the 200 block, stunned Lewis at the U.S. trials in Indianapolis by

winning with a 19.96 to Lewis' 20.01. Look for Lewis, in top form, with DeLoach and Martin completing the 200 meter sweep for the U.S.

The same should hold true for 400 meter specialists, Butch Reynolds, Danny Everett and Steve Lewis who are definite favorites to run an electrifying sweep in the quarter. Ohio's Butch Reynolds made the unthinkable inevitable

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when he ran a 43.93 in Indianapolis to become the second fastest 400 runner ever. On August 17, Reynolds shattered a 20 year old world record when he cruised the lap in an amazing 43.29, erasing Lee Evans 1968 mark of 43.86. Reynolds partners in speed for Seoul will be the UCLA duo of Danny Everett (43.98) and Steve Lewis (44.11). Look for Everett and Lewis to cross the line behind lightning-quick Reynolds.

One record in jeopardy is the 110 meter Hurdles of 12.93 held by Renaldo Nehemiah. Defending '84 gold medalist Roger Kingdom, formerly of Pitt, could break it.

Kingdom clocked a 12.97 in Italy this summer and appears primed for Seoul. Canadian rivals Tonie Campbell and Mark McCoy are in medal contention, but the 110 is "Roger's Kingdom."

The 400 hurdles belong to two-time medalist Edwin Moses, who has set many a record in this event. The "Unstoppable E" should be in form for his third gold with the impressive Andre Phillips, second best in the world currently, to claim a medal as well.

The eyes of America will be waiting to see if Carl Lewis will finally break the oldest remaining track and field record, a 29' 2-1/2", launch set by Bob Beamon in Mexico City '68. Lewis has the potential, so the best advice is to sit back and watch. He is pressured to make the great leap, and he is ever so close with a personal best of 28' 10-1/4". Making a strong challenge for the gold with Lewis will be Larry Myricks. At Indianapolis, Myricks gave Lewis his greatest jump duel ever finishing second with a personal best 28' 8 1/4" to Lewis' 28'9".

The U.S. relay teams have traditionally schooled opponents with their speed. The 4 x 100 baton unit will be carried by Carl Lewis, Calvin Smith and rising star Dennis Mitchell. The fourth spot is undetermined.

The 4 x 400 team will feature the three fastest-ranking quarter milers today, Butch Reynolds, Danny Everett and Steve Lewis. The fourth spot is to be decided between '84 medalists Ray Armstead, Antonio McKay and hurdler Andre Phillips. This

machine could threaten the present world record.

It's a three woman show for the U.S. ladies. Clad in dazzling running attire, Florence Griffith-Joyner is the main attraction. In the 100 meter in Indianapolis, she devastated Evelyn Ashford's world record of 10.76 by dashing an unimaginable 10.49. She didn't slow down in the 200 meter either as she set a new American record of 21.77. Needless to say, she will be heavily favored in the sprints. Her sister-in-law, Jackie Joyner-Kersey is the other dominate force for the women. She is way ahead of the field in her specialty, the heptathlon in which she is the defending gold medalist and world record holder with 7,215 points. She is also favored in the long jump.

Distance ace Mary Slaney is the third hopeful. Look for her to double up in the 1500 meter, where she ran 3:58.92 in Indianapolis and in the 3000 meter. Another bright spot will be the 4 x 100 team of Griffith-Joyner, Evelyn Ashford, Gwen Torrence and possibly Pam Marshall which should run away from the competition. They have the makings of becoming the fastest woman relay team ever. Also, look for the 4 x 400 team featuring Diane Dixon, Denean Howard and '84 medalist Valerie Brisco to medal.

The 1988 U.S. track and field team is a collection of endless world class talent, incredible speed and record setting potential. For returning athletes from Los Angeles and newcomers alike, the time has come to realize their dreams.

## The NFL at a Glance

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The 1988 season has begun, and where does each team stand in the quest for the immaculate Super Bowl? You have your power houses (Washington, San Francisco, Denver, and of course Cleveland) and you have your mediocre teams which include almost the entire league. The most difficult thing to do is to identify these teams and examine their strengths and weaknesses. Take a look at the rebuilding teams of the NFC.

The NFC West has the Falcons and only the Falcons. The Rams, 49ers and the Saints should not be considered rebuilding but they are merely one or two players from a super bowl. Getting back to the Falcons, they lack the required experience to succeed in the tough NFC. It may be two or three years before the Falcons show anything. Look out for the Falcons in the early 90's to dominate the NFC West. The other teams of the NFC West (Rams, 49ers and the Saints) are all on the lead path to an outstanding season. The 49ers have Joe Montana and Roger Craig, who possess leadership and experience. The Rams have young Jim Everett who started to shine last year in the play-offs. Everett will be better than ever but will have to answer to the Saints and Reuben Mayes. The Saints looked very good in the preseason with Bobby Heber. They are young, yet they have some key players at some key positions. Morten Anderson can decide more than 6 games this year. Do not doubt it, Anderson will kick the field goal to put the Saints into the play-offs, and possibly the conference championship.

- Pick:
1. New Orleans Saints
  2. San Francisco 49ers
  3. Los Angeles Rams
  4. Atlanta Falcons

The Central division is as confusing as saying that any team can take it. Maybe not that far, but close to it. The Packers are the only team that do not show any progress. They need too much help to make any contention. The Packers will be the NFC spoilers. They will dethrone the Bears who are looking ahead and not behind. Jim McMahon will get hurt again and Mike Tomczak will take over. The Bears will finish second to the improved Detroit Lions. The Lions

you say? Yes, the Lions will show up everyone in the Central division including the Vikes and the Bucs. Chuck Long is probably the most under rated quarterback in football. Look for him to excel and have his finest season as a quarterback. The Vikes will fail simply because Wade Wilson will get benched because he throws to many interceptions. The Bucs are looking for a receiver for Vinny Testaverde. Remember Vinny? All Penn State fans remember this guy, but still, Vinny needs some touching up before he can do anything.

- Pick:
1. Detroit Lions
  2. Chicago Bears
  3. Minnesota Vikings
  4. Tampa Bay Buccaneers
  5. Green Bay Packers

The toughest and the most improved division of all is the East. The Redskins will not repeat because Doug Williams' knees will not hold up. The Giants will not do it either without Lawrence Taylor. The Giants will lose the first five out of six. The Eagles will be the team to beat out of every team in the NFL. The Eagles have the offense anchored by Randall Cunningham and Keith Byers. The defense is even better. The Cardinals and the Cowboys are still rebuilding and only figure to be spoilers for the other teams. The Cardinals might show up towards the end of the season. They could beat out the Bears for the final wildcard spot.

- Pick:
1. Philadelphia Eagles
  2. Washington Redskins
  3. New York Giants
  4. Phoenix Cardinals
  5. Dallas Cowboys

On to the AFC, and some much improved teams. Rebuilding in the west are the Raiders, Chiefs and Chargers. The Raiders will do the best in this division because they have the quarterbacks and the receivers. No one else is picking the Raiders, but they have to be considered with all of their talent. The Broncos will have running back problems, even though Tony Dorsett has arrived. The Seahawks have to keep the "Boz" in line once his book hits the shelf. The Chiefs will be inconsistent again this year as they search for a quarterback. The Chargers wish Dan Fouts did not quit. They miss him dearly, since neither Babe Laufenberg nor Mark Malone can take over.

- Pick:
1. Los Angeles Raiders
  2. Denver Broncos
  3. Seattle Seahawks
  4. Kansas City Chiefs
  5. San Diego Chargers

The Central division will once again be the battle of the coaches. The Steelers, Oilers, and Bengals all have a chance to dethrone the mighty Browns. The Steelers have a new leader in Bubby Brister, the Oilers are only as good as their offensive line, and the Bengals are hampered by injuries. Barring injuries to key players, the Browns

should take the division again.

- Pick:
1. Cleveland Browns
  2. Pittsburgh Steelers
  3. Houston Oilers
  4. Cincinnati Bengals

The AFC East holds the most surprises of all. The Jets are still in the rebuilding stages but have a chance. The Bills look the most promising with Jim Kelley and a solid defense. The Colts, last years most improved team, have a chance if Hogeboom can stay healthy. The Patriots and the Dolphins can make it only if their division record is good.

- Pick:
1. Buffalo Bills
  2. Indianapolis Colts
  3. New England Patriots
  4. Miami Dolphins
  5. New York Jets

What does this all add up to? In January, it will be the Raiders and the Saints. They are long shots, but the talent and the desire to get the job done. Forget the Browns and the Giants, the Saints will win it all.

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