

# Rio to stage 2016 Olympic Games

Brazil will become the first South American country to host the Olympics, after the city of Rio de Janeiro was chosen to stage the 2016 Games.

Rio won a majority of the 95 votes at the meeting in Copenhagen, eliminating Madrid in the final round. Tokyo and Chicago had already been knocked out.

Earlier, Brazil's president told IOC members "it was time to light the Olympic flame in a tropical country".

Chicago's early exit was a surprise, with bookmakers making them favourites.

Rio's presentation to the International Olympic Committee delivered a passionate appeal for South America to be awarded the Games.

Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva told the meeting: "Rio is ready. Give us this chance and you will not regret it."

"Rio will deliver an unforgettable Games. You will see for yourselves the passion, the energy and the creativity of the Brazilian people."

President Lula said 2016 was an opportunity for the IOC to show that the Games belonged to people of all continents. "I truly believe this is Brazil's time. For the others, it would be just another Games," he added.



Crowds on Copacabana beach in Rio were jubilant after the result

"It will not be just Brazil's Games but South America's. It will serve to inspire the 180m young people on the continent. It is time to redress the balance."

After IOC President Jacques Rogge announced the winner, Brazilian football legend Pele was reduced to tears.

"It's unbelievable, overwhelming and spectacular," the governor of Rio de Janeiro, Sergio Cabral, told the AFP news agency.

Madrid's surprising success in reaching the final round came after former IOC President Juan Antonio Samaranch made an emotional appeal for votes.

## Sharapova and Jankovic into semis

Maria Sharapova and Jelena Jankovic remain on course to meet in the final of the Pan Pacific Open in Tokyo.

Sharapova defeated Czech opponent Iveta Benesova 6-4 7-5 in the quarter-finals despite being broken in both sets.

Seventh seed Jelena Jankovic dismissed 14th seed Marion Bartoli 6-4 6-3 in a powerful display, ending a losing streak against the French player.

Russia's Sharapova claimed her first career WTA title at the 2003 Japan Open and defended her crown in 2004.

Against Benesova, her problems were of her own making, as she struggled at times with her serve.

The former world number one lost the opening game thanks to a double fault, but came back to level at 4-4 and won the next two games to take the set.

Her serve was again inconsistent in the second set, but her service return winners proved too much for Benesova.

Sharapova, unseeded following a long injury lay-off earlier this year, will now play Poland's Agnieszka Radwanska, who eased to a 6-3 6-1 victory over Slovakia's Magdalena Rybarikova.

Jankovic's serve was also fallible as Bartoli broke her three times in the first set. The Serb pulled one better though, winning the set with her fourth break of serve.

The second set was less of a contest with the Serb going 5-1 up before taking it 6-3.

"Sometimes I dropped service games but I held many of them, and broke her serve a couple of times. I thought I did quite well," she said after her victory.

She will play China's Li Na, who beat Victoria Azarenka of Belarus 7-6 4-6 7-6, in the semi-finals.



Sharapova has a good record at the Tokyo tournament

## Pound-for-Pound Top 10

**1. Manny Pacquiao - Lightweight**  
Philippines (49-3-2, 37KOs)

Pacquiao destroyed Ricky Hatton in Las Vegas to cement his place at the top of the P4P tree. Puerto Rican welterweight Miguel Cotto is unlikely to be as easy.

**2. Floyd Mayweather - Welterweight**  
United States (40-0, 25KOs)

'Pretty Boy' returned from a 21-month hiatus with a bang, outclassing Mexico's Juan Manuel Marquez in Las Vegas to raise the prospect of a mouth-watering clash with Manny Pacquiao.

**3. Bernard Hopkins - Light-heavyweight**  
United States (49 wins, 5 losses, 1 draws, 32KOs)  
Hopkins showed he still has plenty to offer with his schooling of the upstart Kelly Pavlik in Atlantic City. Ironically, at the age of 43, he is running out of viable opponents.

**4. Shane Mosley - Welterweight**  
United States (46-5, 39KOs)

Mosley caused a stunning upset in outclassing Antonio Margarito at the age of 37. Is now calling out Floyd Mayweather, and his connections may make it happen.

**5. Miguel Cotto - Welterweight**  
Puerto Rico (34-1, 27KOs)

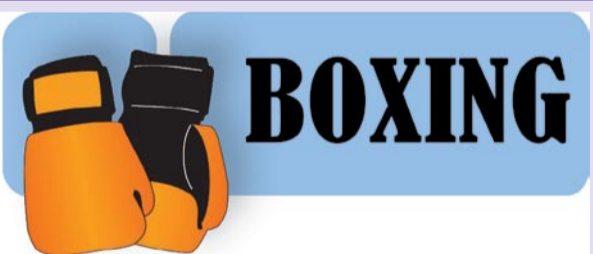
Fights Manny Pacquiao in November, and is unlikely to be steamrollered as Ricky Hatton was. Could scupper the fight that everyone wants, Mayweather v Pacquiao.

**6. Juan Manuel Marquez - Lightweight**  
Mexico (50-5-1, 37KOs)

Marquez was destroyed by the returning Floyd Mayweather in September, but size was clearly a factor. Has very little, if anything, left to prove in the sport.

**7. Israel Vazquez - Super-bantamweight**  
Mexico (43-4, 31KOs)

Vazquez reclaimed his WBC belt from Rafael Marquez in 2007 and nicked the rubber last March. A relentless fighter, and on a collision course with Juan Manuel Lopez.



**8. Paul Williams - Middleweight**  
United States (37-1, 27KOs)

Williams beat former world champion Winky Wright in Las Vegas in April on his middleweight debut and now faces undisputed king Kelly Pavlik in December.

**9. Ivan Calderon - Light-flyweight**  
Puerto Rico (33-0-1, 6KOs)

Calderon beat Rodel Mayol in September, for the second successive fight because of an accidental cut. Still unbeaten, and the toughest little man out there.

**10. Juan Manuel Lopez - Super-bantamweight**  
Puerto Rico (26-0, 24KOs)

The unbeaten WBO champion has amassed a formidable record and could fight Israel Vazquez if he comes through his fight with Rogers Mtagwa in October.



## FIA Formula 1 Drivers' World Championship

Position	Driver	Country	Team	Points
1	Jenson Button	GB	Brawn-Mercedes	84
2	Rubens Barrichello	Brz	Brawn-Mercedes	69
3	Sebastian Vettel	Ger	Red Bull-Renault	59
4	Mark Webber	Aus	Red Bull-Renault	51.5
5	Kimi Raikkonen	Fin	Ferrari	40
6	Lewis Hamilton	GB	McLaren-Mercedes	37
7	Nico Rosberg	Ger	Williams-Toyota	30.5
8	Fernando Alonso	Spa	Renault	26
9	Timo Glock	Ger	Toyota	24
10	Jarno Trulli	Ita	Toyota	22.5
11	Felipe Massa	Brz	Ferrari	22
12	Heikki Kovalainen	Fin	McLaren-Mercedes	22
13	Nick Heidfeld	Ger	BMW Sauber	12
14	Robert Kubica	Pol	BMW Sauber	9
15	Giancarlo Fisichella	Ita	Ferrari	8
16	Adrian Sutil	Ger	Force India-Mercedes	5
17	Sebastien Buemi	Swi	Toro Rosso-Ferrari	3
18	Sebastien Bourdais	Fra	Toro Rosso-Ferrari	2
19	Kazuki Nakajima	Jpn	Williams-Toyota	0
20	Nelson Piquet Jr	Brz	Renault	0
21	Luca Badoer	Ita	Ferrari	0
22	Vitantonio Liuzzi	Ita	Force India-Mercedes	0
23	Romain Grosjean	Fra	Renault	0
24	Jaime Alguersuari	Spa	Toro Rosso-Ferrari	0

# A joyous moment



Sir Ian Botham and Ernie Els share a joyous moment during their round at the Dunhill Links PGA European Tour - Alfred Dunhill Links Championship 2009 - St Andrews, Carnoustie & Kingsbarns

## Determined Gay beats Powell again



American Tyson Gay beat Asafa Powell for the second time in a week to win the 100m at the Daegu International.

Gay, who equalled the second fastest 100m time with 9.69 seconds on Sunday, clocked 9.94 in South Korea, with Powell timed at 10 seconds exactly.

Britain's Jeffrey Lawal Balogun ran 20.98 in the men's 200m but was beaten by American Wallace Spearman's 20.29.

In the women's 800m GB's Jenny Meadows triumphed in two minutes 01.65, pushing Sonja Roman into second place.

It was Gay's third race in less than a week, after he appeared in Japan's Super Track and Field meet and ran in 10.13 seconds.

The improved time was his 21st sub-10 second run, and it took his winning ratio against Powell to 6-1.

Also in Daegu, venue for the 2011 World Championships, Carmelita Jeter of the United States won the women's 100m in 10.83 seconds.



Tyson is to have surgery on his groin in the close season

And Russian pole vaulter Yelena Isinbayeva won the pole vault in 4.60 metres, but then failed to clear 4.85m, some way short of her world record of 5.06m