

# TOKYO OLYMPICS

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## His next step certainly uncertain

Argentina's Leandro Bolmaro, right, battling for a rebound against Japan on Sunday, was noncommittal about his future with the Timberwolves. **C6**

### SWIMMING

## Reflections above the water: Celebrate dogs, deny dopers

JIM SOUHAN



TOKYO - Sure, "Higher, Faster, Stronger" works as an Olympic creed.

But it has nothing on this: "Do it for your dog."

Regan Smith of Lakeville made one last appearance on Sunday night at the Olympics, joining a news conference with three of her USA Swimming teammates

after the United States dominated the medal count at the Tokyo Aquatic Center.

The United States totaled 30 medals. Australia was second with 20.

Smith became the first Minnesotan to win more than two medals at one Olympics, a day before gymnast Suni Lee matched her with a third by winning the bronze in the uneven bars.

Sunday, Smith sat next to Bobby Finke, Lily King and Ryan Murphy as they

reminisced about Tokyo and discussed doping and missing their pets.

Smith said she managed stress well at the Olympics but added that she had trouble remaining motivated and positive during the pandemic and the postponement of the Games.

So she got a third dog, Kai is a "Pomsky," a Pomeranian-husky blend. Kai became her life coach.

"Training for this year did See **SOUHAN** on C8 ▶

### WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS

**Next up:** Suni Lee will have a final chance to add to her medal collection in the balance beam final at 3:48 a.m. Tuesday (Peacock, NBCOlympics.com)



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Suni Lee of St. Paul performed the routine that led to ownership of a medal of each variety in these Olympics: gold (individual all-around), silver (team) and bronze (uneven bars).

# Bronze with a twist

Suni Lee hoped for better in her best event but still savored her third medal

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TOKYO - Just a few seconds into her uneven bars routine, Suni Lee knew it wasn't going to go as planned. An early mistake forced her to improvise the rest of the way, fighting just to stay on the equipment.

Lee was proud of getting through it, and of collecting an Olympic bronze medal Sunday. But her third medal of the Tokyo Games didn't soothe the sting of missing her chance for gold in her favorite event. Thrown off her game by pressure, the no-warm-up format and the giddy aftermath of winning all-around gold,

### EVENT RECAP

Uneven bars final • Ariake Gymnastics Centre

Gymnast, country	D	E	Total
<b>G:</b> Nina Derwael, Belgium	6.700	8.500	15.200
<b>S:</b> A. Iliankova, ROC	6.300	8.533	14.833
<b>B:</b> Suni Lee, USA	6.200	8.300	14.500
Yufei Lu, China	6.000	8.400	14.400
Elisabeth Seitz, Germany	6.200	8.200	14.400

**D:** Difficulty score • **E:** Execution score

the St. Paul gymnast finished behind Nina Derwael of Belgium and Anastasiia Iliankova of Russia on the first night of event finals at Ariake Gymnastics Centre.

Instead of performing her signature routine — considered one of the most difficult in the world — Lee gutted her way through a set with a difficulty score of only 6.2. Her best routine has a 6.8. She received a score of 14,500, trailing Derwael (15,200) and Iliankova (14,833).

"This medal probably means more to me than the all-around gold medal did, because bars is my thing,"

See **LEE** on C6 ▶

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