

TOKYO OLYMPICS

FINAL DAY

A decorated homecoming

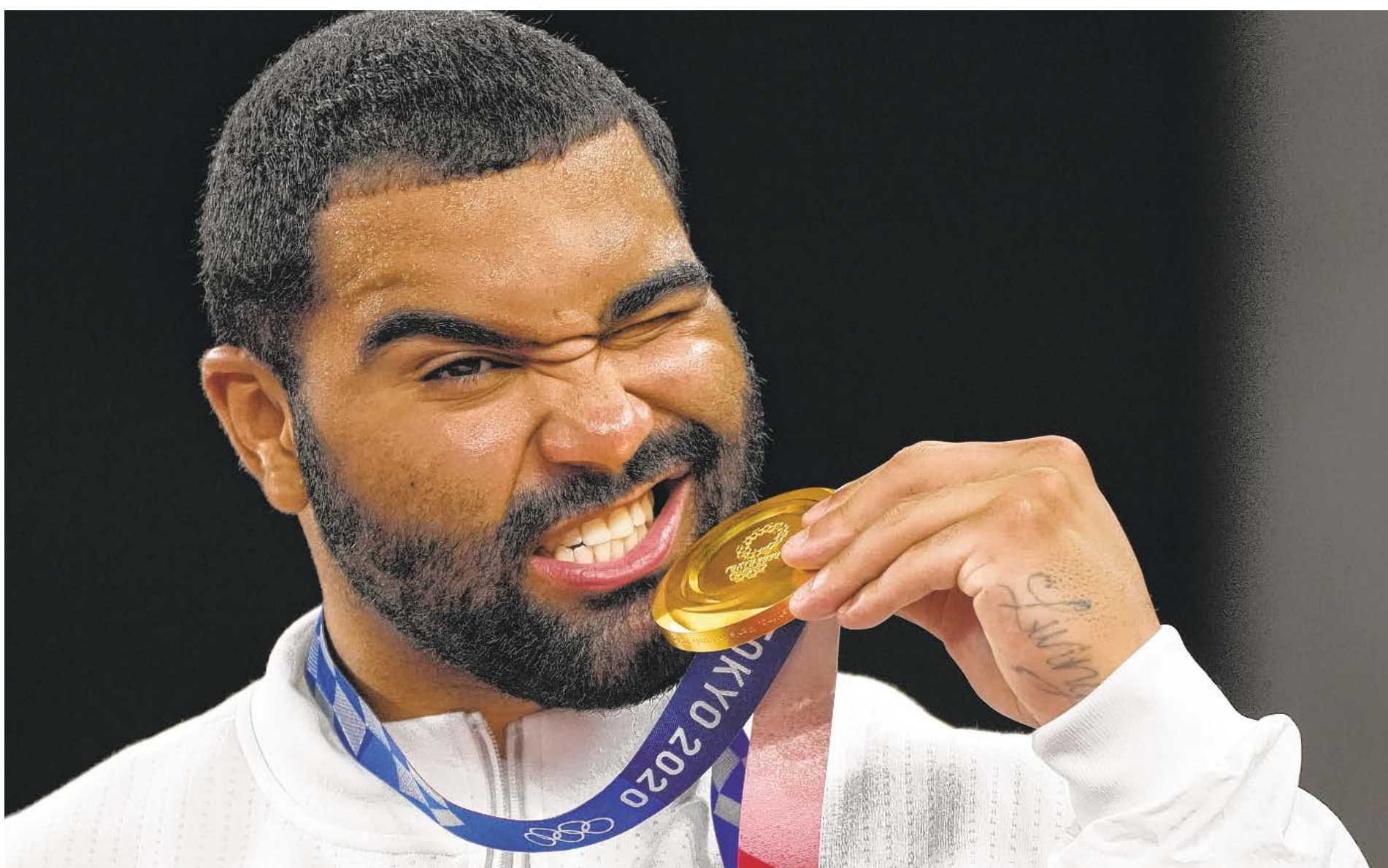
They came to Japan with Olympic dreams and years of training and preparation under their belts. Eight athletes with ties to Minnesota. They left Japan with historic accomplishments and 12 medals around their necks, in one of the most successful showings by state Olympians.

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SUNI LEE • GYMNASTICS
Individual all-around, team all-around, uneven bars
"To say I'm the Olympic gold medalist, and to be here, is just so crazy. It doesn't feel like real life."

REGAN SMITH • SWIMMING
200 butterfly, 4x100 medley relay, 100 backstroke
"Every day, I tried to take a few minutes to let the day sink in and have a few details that I'll remember."



GABLE STEVESON • WRESTLING
Heavyweight (125 kg)
"People are going to remember the name Gable Steveson, that won the Olympic heavyweight championship."



BOWE BECKER • SWIMMING
4x100 freestyle relay
"All I had to worry about was getting out fast and keeping the lead for us."



GRACE MCCALLUM • GYMNASTICS
Team all-around
"We fought to the end. I couldn't be more proud."



SYLVIA FOWLES • BASKETBALL
Team competition
"I can definitely say this was a whirlwind. Plenty of talent and people understanding their role."



NAPHESSA COLLIER • BASKETBALL
Team competition
"This was amazing. Such an unbelievable experience. It felt like we started a bit rough in Vegas, but you really saw us kind of come together."



JORDAN THOMPSON • VOLLEYBALL
Team competition
"I'm so incredibly grateful to have been on this journey with them, and to be a part of history."