Maximizing Performance: Fueling & Hydration Strategies for Marathon and Half-Marathon



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CASE STUDY APPROACH

Tokyo & Berlin

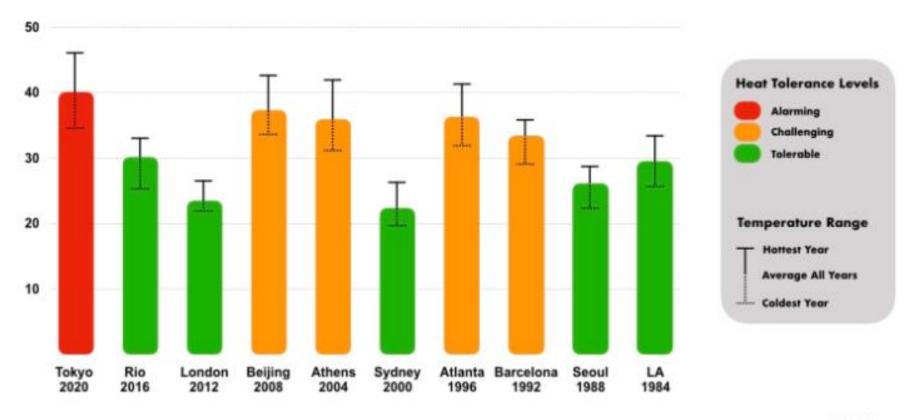
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OLYMPIC CITIES AND THE HEAT FACTOR

Mean maximum 'Feels Like' temperatures between 2008 and 2016 during a given Summer Olympic Games period (in °C)



Source: World Weather Online, Dataset

sportifycities.com

28 to 34 Celsius with 70 to 100% humidity!

Case study approach to Heat & Altitude 2020(1) Olympics – Athletics...it takes a village



<u>Olympics</u>

Gifu & Tokyo



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PLUS many (>30) trusting athletes and coaches!



What are the general (top level) differences regarding nutrition/hydration for preparing for a hot championship marathon vs. a cool marathon major?

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Sports Nutrition can Improve Endurance **Performance**.



Prevalence of GI symptoms



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Study, Year	Population studied	n (response rate)	isses of appetite	Hcartburn	Belching	Nausca	Vomiting		v	Ð
Sullivan, 1981 (205)	Recreational and competitive runners	57 (?)	5 1	10		6 ²	6 ²			
Keefe, 1984 (100)	Marathon runners Hard run Easy run After run	707 (42%)		10 9 4		12 2 13	2 0.3 2	e	er	ndu
Priebe, 1984 (154)	Runners	425 (?)								m
Worobetz, 1985 (226)	Quadrathletes (swim, cycle, canoe, ru	70 (59%)	41	11	36	21	6	f	rn	m
Sullivan, 1987 (207)	Triathletes	110 (78%)		24 ⁶	33	247	247	J		
Riddoch, 1988 (175)	Marathon runners	471 (27%)	28	13		20	4			
Worme, 1990 (225)	Triathletes	67 (47%)	13	9		6				
Rehrer, 1989 (164) Rehrer, 1992 (171)	Runners (25 km) Marathon runners Ultra-marathon runners	44 (39%) 44 (39%) 170 (?)				11 11 15	2			
O'Connor, 1992 (146)	Marathon runners	22 (?)	9			9		18 ¹⁰		9
Lopez, 1994 (113)	Triathletes	23'076 (90%)				4	1	411	712	1
Banfi, 1996 (7)	Marathon runners During run After run	13 (?)				31 62	0 15			0 15
after a hard run or a rac severe nausea or retchir abdominal cramps or di described as bloody sto	ng arrhea	⁴ lescribed as scat ⁶ discribed as gast ⁷ na isea or vomiti ⁸ urg, for bowel or foral incomm	tr esopi g loveme	hageal re	flux		5		10 describe	d as incontinence ed as stomach cram ed as epigastralgia ed as colic

30-50% of all endurance athletes suffer from significant upper and lower GI symptoms

de Oliveira EP, Burini RC. The impact of physical exercise on the gastrointestinal tract. Curr Opin Clin Nutr Metab Care. 2009;12(5):533-8.

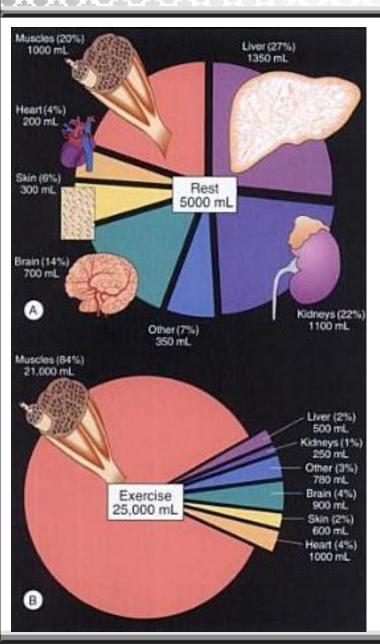
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Pfeiffer B, Stellingwerff T, Hodgson AB, Randell R, Pottgen K, Res P, et al. Nutritional intake and gastrointestinal problems during competitive endurance events. Med Sci Sports Exerc. 2012;44(2):344-51. (n=221)

Blood shunting / Splanchnic hypo-perfusion





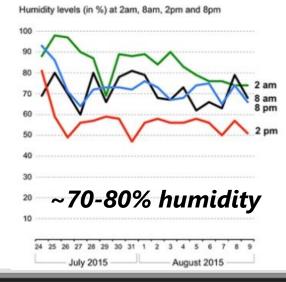
Gisolfi CV. Is the GI System Built For Exercise? News Physiol Sci. 2000;15:114-9.

During severe/intense exercise

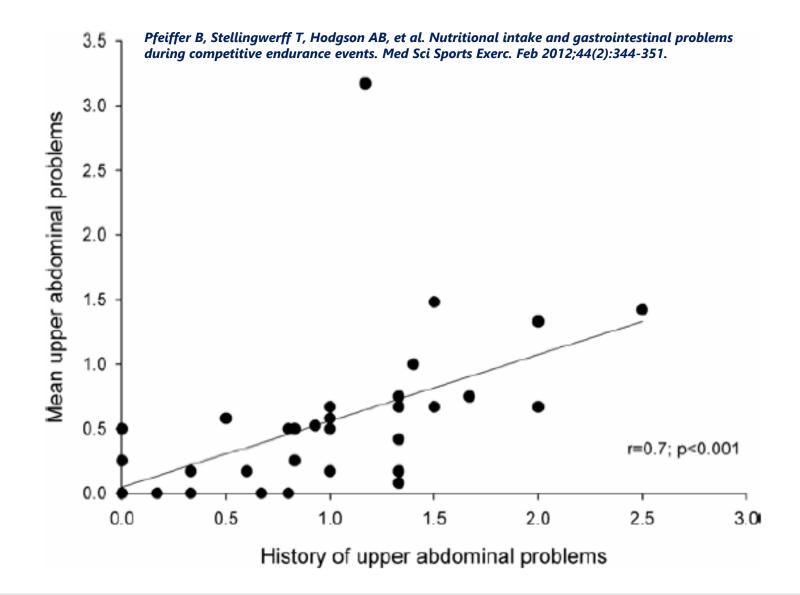
- splanchnic blood flow is markedly reduced
- intestinal permeability can increase
- comprised gut-barrier function

exercise in the heat and dehydration further impairs the gut via combined effects of ischemia, hypoxia, and hyperthermia

Exemplary humidity and temperature patterns during the scheduled 2020 Olympic Games period







Is dehydration and/or heat stress relevant to Athletics?



Table 1. Potential body water balance concerns for Track & Field athletes													
Event	Sweat	Losses ¹	Availabilit	ty of Fluids	Risk of D	ehydration	Performance Risk						
	Training	Competitio	Iraining	Competitio	Training	Competitio	Training	Competitio					
		n		n		n		n					
Jumping (high jump, long jump, triple jump, pole vault)	MOD	LOW	HIGH	HIGH	LOW	LOW*	LOW	LOW					
Throwing (shot put, javelin, discus)	MOD	LOW	HIGH	HIGH	LOW	LOW	LOW	LOW					
Sprints (< 800 meters)	MOD	LOW	HIGH	HIGH	LOW	LOW	LOW	LOW					
Middle Distance Running (800 meters to 10 km)	HIGH	LOW	MOD	LOW	MOD	LOW	MOD	HIGH					
Long Distance Running/Walking (> 10 km)	HIGH	HIGH	LOW	LOW	HIGH	HIGH	HIGH	HIGH					
Multi-Events (Decathlon)	HIGH	MOD	HIGH	HIGH	LOW	LOW	LOW	LOW					
¹ product of sweating rate and ¹	time; MOD = mo	derate; *assumes	no purposeful	dehydration									

Availability of fluids during competition (or the ability to take on fluids at critical tactical times of a race) are not fully appreciated by individuals who exclusively advocate for drink to thirst.

Casa, D. J., Cheuvront, S. N., Galloway, S. D., & Shirreffs, S. M. (2019). Fluid Needs for Training, Competition, and Recovery in Track-and-Field Athletes. International journal of sport nutrition and exercise metabolism, 29(2), 175-180.

Historical – Boston Marathon

SUGAR CONTENT OF THE BLOOD IN RUNNERS FOLLOWING A MARATHON RACE

WITH ESPECIAL REFERENCE TO THE PREVENTION OF HYPOGLYCEMIA: FURTHER OBSERVATIONS *

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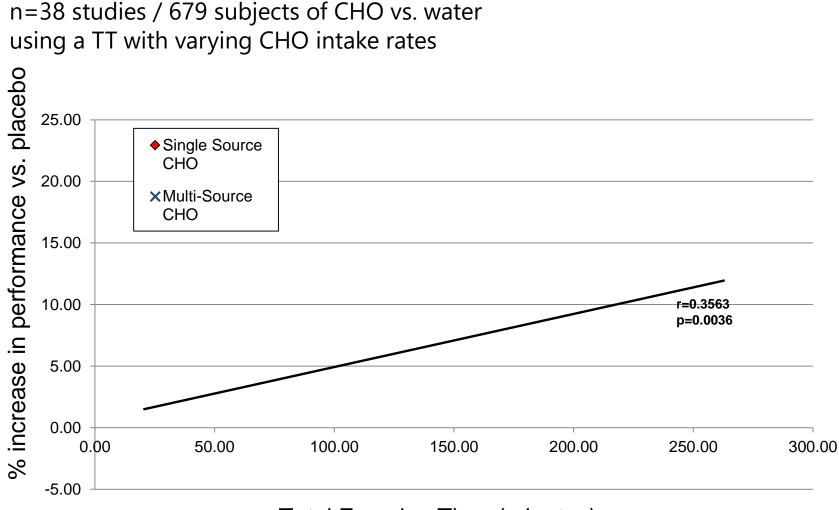


glucose candies to be eaten from time to time while running. In addition, they were supplied with tea containing a large amount of sugar at stations along the course. The blood studies showed normal sugar levels in all runners, in contrast to the low figures obtained last year. There was also a striking improvement in their general physical condition. In a number of instances the running time was faster than in the year previous and the participants finished in better position. It seems, therefore, that the picture of exhaustion, weakness, shock and other symptoms of hypoglycemia following prolonged effort may be prevented by the adequate and timely ingestion of carbohydrate.

Gordon B, Kohn LA, Levine SA, Matton M, Scriver WM, Whiting WB. Sugar content of the blood in runners following a marathon race. JAMA. 1925;85:508-9.

CHO, Exercise Duration & Performance Effects





Total Exercise Time (minutes)

Stellingwerff, T., & Cox, G. R. (2014). Systematic review: Carbohydrate supplementation on exercise performance or capacity of varying durations. Appl Physiol Nutr Metab, 39(9), 998-1011.

RISK vs. REWARD – fuel & fluids in the heat



Improved

performance

Carbohydrate (CHO) ingestion during exercise has been shown to improve endurance performance

Smith et al., JAP, 2010:

For 20km TT performance after 2hrs at 77% Vo2peak For Performance:

60g CHO/hr > 30g/hr > 15g/hr > 0g/hr



Impaired performance

Too much carbohydrate and fluid intake may lead to gastrointestinal disorders and therefore impair performance

*ACSM recommendations are 30 to 60 g carbohydrate / hour in ~6 to 8% CHO solution

*Indications in Jeukendrup lab studies with multi-transportable carbohydrates had intake rates greater than 90g carb / hour (~12-15% CHO solutions) without any significant GI discomfort.



Individualize Collect data, Track & Adjust



Hydration tracking





1 L of sweat = 1 kg body weight

- Therefore, try and get a sense of individual sweat rate, in target race conditions by tracking pre to post- workout-out body weight.

Practice fueling & hydration sweat rate tracking during long runs



Sweat, F	luid an	<u>ıd Carboh</u>	ydrate Intake	worksheet		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		1					
CHO = ca	arbohydr	Irate (in gran	ms)										
Date	Temp	Humidity		Post-Run Weight (kg)	ingested	Total amount of CHO's (grms) consumed	Time run hrs or fraction of hrs	Fluid intake rate (L/hr)		Sweat Rate (L/hr)	% Body Weight Loss	Comments (feeling, GI effects etc.)	
	Track information into spreadsheet / work tool to find out what your Individual sweat rate and fueling intake abilities are #DIV/D! #DIV/D! #DIV/D!												

- On every run longer than ~75min track sweat rate in different weather conditions, especially in targeted race weather conditions track information into worksheet.
- Practice fueling and hydration in every long run. Practice with different amounts of fluids and fuels, mimicking the timing of intake in your race (~15 to 20min) -- track information into worksheet. Ideally practice under race pace intensities and durations!
- Aim for at least 40g of carbs/hr and >500ml/hr water to start. But try and really "test" your GI and see what you can handle. The more you can adapt and handle taking in carbohydrate, the more fuel you will have at the end of the race. Ideally, you can adapt to hit >60g CHO/hr or more when running and >90g CHO/hr cycling!



Practice the RULE OF 15 ~15 to 25g CHO every ~15 to 25min into

~150 (5oz) to 200 (7oz) ml of fluids (~8-15% carb solution)

(~80 to 120g CHO per liter of fluids)

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Practice / Practice / Practice





From: Trent Stellingwerff <<u>tstellingwerff@csipacific.ca</u>> Sent: Sunday, July 11, 2021 10:42 AM

Natasha XX kg start // XX kg end =3.8% BW loss. Right on the upper/outer end of what we would want for a workout (2 to 4%). But, felt strong throughout, so from a hydration perspective, a great session.

Great job on that.

7:20am - Temp - 25.0 / 48% Humidex = 28

8:30am - Temp - 27.6 . 46.5% Humidex = 32

9:00am 27.7C . 41.1% Humidex = 31

Workout Splits 23:46 7k

20:22 6k

17:08 5k

13:36 4K

10:16 3k

6:46 2k

3:18 1k











- Can only get ~50 to 100ml (1 to 3 swallows) per cup (the rest will usually spill out)
- That is only 3 to 6 grams of CHO per cup!
- Other options to hit fueling targets:
 - Slow down and take 2 or 3 cups per aid station
 - Augment CHO intake with gels that you carry
 - Fuel belt

Natasha Wodak – Key Fueling Workouts in RED

Date Monday, January 24, 2022 Tuesday, January 25, 2022	Training BLOCK	General Training Details Day Off Easy	
Wednesday, January 26, 2022	da	HARD	TODAN
Thursday, January 27, 2022	9	Easy/Moderate	TONOUS A
Friday, January 28, 2022	1(Easy	LONGINES
Saturday, January 29, 2022	s s s	VERY HARD	
Sunday, January 30, 2022	i iii	Day Off	
Monday, January 31, 2022	Meso Block 1 (10 day)	Easy	
Tuesday, February 1, 2022	Σ	HARD (double threshold)	
Wednesday, February 2, 2022	1	Easy	
Thursday, February 3, 2022		LONG Run /Mod	
Friday, February 4, 2022		Easy	
Saturday, February 5, 2022	Meso Block 2 (11 day)	VERY HARD	
Sunday, February 6, 2022	i i	Easy/Moderate	
Monday, February 7, 2022	2 (1	Easy	
Tuesday, February 8, 2022	ž	HARD	
Wednesday, February 9, 2022	i B	Day Off	
Thursday, February 10, 2022	sa sa	Easy	
Friday, February 11, 2022	Ξ	Pre-Race Tune-up (e.g. 3 x 1km at half marathon pace)	
Saturday, February 12, 2022	-	Easy	
Sunday, February 13, 2022		VERY HARD TBD // Vancouver Half Marathon RACE	
Monday, February 14, 2022	-	DAY OFF // Travel to Chula Vista for AC Training Camp (Block 1)	
Tuesday, February 15, 2022	ay)	Easy	
Wednesday, February 16, 2022	P O	Easy	
Thursday, February 17, 2022	1	HARD (double threshold)	Chule Minte Testate Come with AC
Friday, February 18, 2022	Meso Block 3 (10 day)	Easy	Chula Vista Training Camp with AC
Saturday, February 19, 2022	e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e	LONG Run /Mod	
Sunday, February 20, 2022	S.	Easy	
Monday, February 21, 2022	Ξ	VERY HARD	
Tuesday, February 22, 2022 Wednesday, February 23, 2022		Day Off / Travel home to Van from Chula Easy	
Thursday, February 24, 2022		HARD (double threshold)	
Friday, February 25, 2022		Easy	
Saturday, February 26, 2022	day	Easy	
Sunday, February 27, 2022	[10 day]	LONG Run /Mod	
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What type of sports drink?





 Carbohydrate concentration of
5 to 12% (ideally ~6 to 8% on hot days, more concentrated on cool days and with glucose:fructose blends)

-Ideally a carbohydrate blend of glucose:fructose (or maltodextrin & fructose. Note: order of ingredient list indicates largest ingredient.)

- A sports drink or gel you have practiced with and have adapted to

- Ideally the same sports drink is available on race day, or accessible in race location

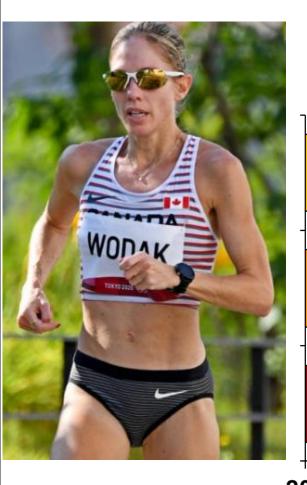
- A sports drink that, after practicing, still tastes good (no flavour fatigue)

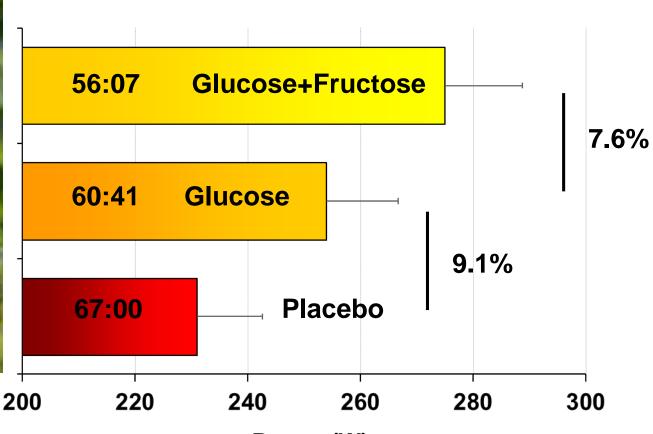
Performance with glucose+fructose versus glucose



Currell and Jeukendrup. Med Sci Sports Exerc 40(2): 275–281, 2008

2h at 60%VO₂max followed by a 1h time trial (~40 km)





Power (W)

Q&A

What have you learned from these practice sessions?

How many practice sessions do you need?

Do you mimic the entire race day (get up early too?)

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Understand and try to implement & practice every element of the event Course/stadium (timing, logistics, course, rules, projected weather)



Sapporo Course Details - Marathon



Sapporo Challenge Half Marathon 2021 (Olympic Test Event)

- Typical Temps / winds humidity at race time?
- Location of aid tables (left or right handed? / off tangent?)
- Location of personal aid tables?
- Staff location / permissions required accreditations?
- Access to water, ice, ice tubs?
- Pre-event change tents location / air conditioned?
- Medical support / type?

STATION	КМ	GAP					
1.	4.8	4.8 km					
2.	8.5	3.7 km					
3.	13.2	4.7 km					
4.	16.3	3.1 km					
5.	20.1	3.8 km					
6.	23.2	3.1 km					
7.	26.3	3.1 km					
8.	30.1	3.8 km					
9.	33.1	2.0 km					
10.	36.2	3.1 km					
11.	40.1	3.9 km					

Course elevation view

Race execution – PACING ADJUSTMENTS!!!



2:31:06 2:35:27

2:33:20

2:34:12 2:40:05 2:31:20 2:31:42 2:29:18 2:34:45

2:34:55 2:35:10 116.19

33.65 122.5% 30.45 119.7%

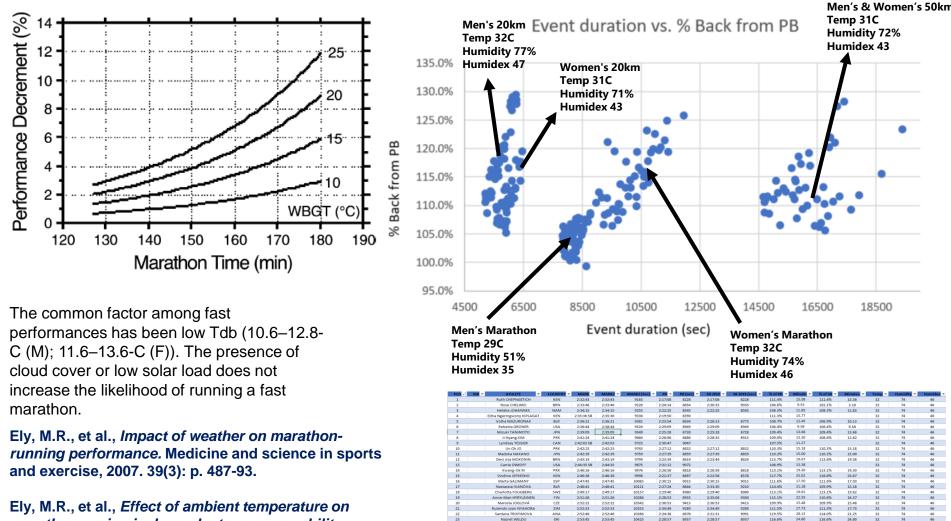
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Internal analytics



marathon pacing is dependent on runner ability. Medicine and science in sports and exercise, 2008. 40(9): p. 1675-80.

Race execution – PACING ADJUSTMENTS!!!



	Delay (mm:ss)																						
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Summary



Huge amount of pre-prep









Success?

What led to nearly 30% of runners pulling out of Tokyo Olympic men's marathon?



LAMOASSER DI ASCINITIO DI ASCINITIO LARE

August 10, 2021 (Mainichi Japan)

Athletes are seen cooling themselves with ice and water while running at around the 15kilometer mark during the men's marathon at the Tokyo Olympic Games in Sapporo on Aug. 8, 2021. (Pool photo)

TOKYO -- Thirty of the 106 competitors in the Tokyo Olympic men's marathon on the Games' final day pulled out of the race. The event started and ended at Sapporo Odori Park in Japan's northernmost prefecture of Hokkaido -- a relocation from Tokyo meant to beat the heat and where, despite concerns, temperatures did not reach 30 degrees Celsius during the race. So why were so many runners unable to finish?



The interventions seemed to help. Athletics Canada had 27 endurance athletes, that resulted in 2 medals and >50% finishing in the top 16 (6 athletes top 8), and 9 road based athletes started and 9 finished (and no major heat related medical issues)! Overall Athletics Canada had their most successful Games since the 1930's.

Malindi and Natasha were 9th and 13th, respectively.

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