

Enhanced Games

Performance audit

42 listed athletes | 3 sports | public protocols are aggregate-only | one unofficial world-record-level performance

42

listed athletes

Official athlete page count

4

natural / non-enhanced

Reported by Enhanced/ABC; individual protocols not public

1

unofficial WR-level marks

Gkolomeev 20.81 in 50 free

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official records

Marks not ratified by regular federations

1 The Games sold a simple idea

Let enhanced athletes beat clean-era records under medical supervision.

2 The result was mostly normal

Most winning marks were behind Olympic finals, or behind world-record targets.

3 The exception matters

One swim was faster than the official 50m free WR - with PES and banned super-suit context.

4 Protocols are not public

We know categories and aggregate usage rates, not athlete-by-athlete cycles.

Who was in?

Official Enhanced athlete page listed 42 athletes across three sport filters.

18 athletes

Swimming

- Sohib Khaled

Felipe Lima

Isabella Arcila

Max McCusker

Hunter Armstrong

Natalia Fryckowska

Evgenii Somov

Emily Barclay

Antani Ivanov
- Miguel De Lara Ojeda

Cody Miller

Benjamin Proud

Shane Ryan

Marius Kusch

Andrii Govorov

Kristian Gkolomeev

James Magnussen

Megan Romano

13 athletes

Track

- Tristan Evelyn

Emmanuel Matadi

Jasmine Abrams

Denae McFarlane

Mike Bryan

Clarence Munyai

Marvin Bracy-Williams
- Taylor Anderson

Shockoria Wallace

Reece Prescod

Shania Collins

Fred Kerley

Mouhamadou Fall

11 athletes

Weightlifting / Strongman

- Dylan Cooper

Beatriz Piron

Mitchell Hooper

Thor Bjornsson

Arley Mendez

Yoni Andica

Juan Solis

Leidy Solis

Maryam Usman

Boady Santavy

Wesley Kitts

Doping protocol: what is public

Do not invent athlete-by-athlete cycles. Public data are aggregate and study-level.

Publicly stated

- 36 of 42 listed athletes participated in the clinical study; 4 of 42 were reported as natural / non-enhanced.
- ASCEND001: 25-week exposure window plus 5-year health follow-up; estimated 60 adult participants.
- Eligibility for PES users: retired from anti-doping-governed professional sport and not in active testing pools.
- Categories allowed for consideration: testosterone esters, anabolic agents, peptides/growth factors, metabolic modulators, stimulants.
- Swimming also permitted banned polyurethane super-suits in reported events.

Not public / do not infer

- No full individual protocol was released for each named athlete.
- Aggregate percentages cannot be converted into 'X athlete used Y'.
- Study listing names substances, not athlete-level dose/timing/cycles.
- Some athletes won while reportedly natural, so 'winner = enhanced' is false.
- Official federations do not ratify these marks under regular anti-doping rules.

Aggregate PED usage

Enhanced released categories and percentages, not individual protocols.



Results scoreboard

All public final results from LBC summary. Lower is better for times.

Event	Winner	Best	Average	Reference
Men 100m	Fred Kerley	9.97	10.37	WR target 9.58
Women 100m	Tristan Evelyn	11.25	11.80	WR target 10.49
Men 50 back	Hunter Armstrong	24.21	25.22	WR target 23.55
Men 50 breast	Cody Miller	26.55	27.14	WR target 25.95
Women 50 free	Emily Barclay	24.09	24.98	WR target 23.61
Men 50 fly	Benjamin Proud	22.32	22.82	WR target 22.27
Men 100 breast	Cody Miller	59.47	60.97	WR target 56.88
Women 100 free	Megan Romano	54.20	55.64	WR target 51.71
Men 100 fly	Marius Kusch	51.28	51.74	WR target 49.45

Event	Winner	Best	Average	Reference
Men 50 free	Kristian Gkolomeev	20.81	21.48	WR target 20.88

How many records were broken?

Separate marketing record claims from official recognition.

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Officially ratified world records

No marks count in regular statistics under current federation rules.

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Unofficial WR-level performances

Kristian Gkolomeev, men 50m freestyle, 20.81; 0.07 faster than listed official WR target.

22 / 79

Reported personal bests

ABC reported 22 PBs across 79 individual efforts; 19 of 71 enhanced efforts.

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Natural winners

Kerley, Evelyn and Armstrong/Khaled context: natural athletes won several events or set PBs.

Talk line: 'One record-like swim, zero official records, and the most useful number is actually the denominator: 79 attempts.'

Enhanced vs Olympic finals

Direct comparisons only for Olympic events. Difference = Enhanced minus Olympic; negative means Enhanced was faster.

Event	EG best	EG avg	Oly best	Oly avg	Best delta	Avg delta
Men 100m	9.97	10.37	9.79	9.84	+0.18	+0.53
Women 100m	11.25	11.80	10.72	11.29	+0.53	+0.51
Women 50 free	24.09	24.98	23.71	24.19	+0.38	+0.78
Men 50 free	20.81	21.48	21.25	21.52	-0.44	-0.04
Men 100 breast	59.47	60.97	59.03	59.29	+0.44	+1.68
Women 100 free	54.20	55.64	52.16	52.57	+2.04	+3.07
Men 100 fly	51.28	51.74	49.90	50.59	+1.38	+1.16

Only men's 50m free beats the Olympic best and Olympic final average. That swim also has super-suit and PES context.

Women's 100m average includes an Olympic final injury/outlier (13.84). Excluding it, the Olympic final average is 10.92; Enhanced excluding its outlier is 11.50.

Events with no Olympic final

50m butterfly, breaststroke and backstroke are World Championship events, not Olympic events.

Event	EG winner	EG best	WR target	Delta	Narrative
Men 50 back	Hunter Armstrong	24.21	23.55	+0.66	Slower than WR target
Men 50 breast	Cody Miller	26.55	25.95	+0.60	Slower than WR target
Men 50 fly	Benjamin Proud	22.32	22.27	+0.05	Slower than WR target

Best non-Olympic near miss: Ben Proud, 50m butterfly, 22.32 - only 0.05 from the WR target.

Use this instead of Olympic comparison: no Olympic 50 back/50 breast/50 fly final exists.

Weightlifting and deadlift

Public summary used world-record targets by class; some results were no-lifts or not exact-class comparable.

Athlete	Lift/class	EG kg	Target kg	Delta / note
Beatriz Piron	W snatch 53	No lift	99	N/A
Beatriz Piron	W C&J 53	118	126	-8
Leidy Solis	W snatch 86	100	129	-29
Leidy Solis	W C&J 86	140	162	-22
Maryam Usman	W snatch +86	115	144	-29
Wesley Kitts	M snatch 110	185	196	-11
Wesley Kitts	M C&J 110	220	237	-17
Boady Santavy	M snatch 94	177	182	-5
Boady Santavy	M C&J 94	118	222	-104 / failed-attempt context
Arley Mendez	M C&J 88	No lift	216	N/A
Thor Bjornsson	Deadlift +140	475	510	-35
Mitchell Hooper	Deadlift 140	440	510	-70

Most useful line: 'The most record-adjacent strength result was Boady Santavy's snatch, 5 kg off the listed 94 kg target. Deadlifts were far below the 510 kg headline target.'

Safety and governance

The fight is not just 'do drugs work?' It is medical risk, legal risk and record legitimacy.

Enhanced's framing

- Medically supervised use, biomarker monitoring, and long-term follow-up.
- Substances described as medically approved / market authorised in the study listing.
- Athletes can be natural, independently enhanced, or in the sponsor-developed regimen group.
- Performance is a secondary objective; safety/tolerability is primary in ASCEND001.

Anti-doping response

- USADA argues many side effects can occur during use or years later, and multi-substance interactions are unknown.
- UKAD calls the concept dangerous and harmful to health, reputation and sporting integrity.
- Regular world records are tied to anti-doping standards; EG marks do not enter official record books.
- Legal status differs by country; some prohibited substances are controlled drugs in some jurisdictions.

Athlete-by-athlete table

A production sheet for narration. 'NR' = not reliably public in quick-source pass; do not state as fact on camera.

Table logic

- Age is age on 24 May 2026 where DOB/year was public; approximate ages are marked 26/27 etc.
- Previous achievement is compressed to one useful reference point: Olympic final, world title, national record, or domestic class.
- Delta is not always PB delta. When exact PB was not reliable, it compares to Olympic final / world-record target / public result context.
- For athletes not in LBC final results, the table says 'not shown in public LBC final summary' rather than inventing a mark.
- Recommended on-camera wording: 'listed athletes' unless you have the official attempt/heat sheet for every row.

Athlete comparison 1-7 / 42

Condensed production table: age, prior class, EG result, comparison note.

Athlete	Age	Sport	Pre-EG reference	EG result	Delta / context
Sohib Khaled	NR	Swimming	Auburn/NCAA swimmer; public reports list him among natural/non-enhanced swimmers.	50 back 25.68; 100 fly 52.29	No Olympic final baseline; 50 back +2.13 vs WR target; 100 fly +2.84 vs WR.
Felipe Lima	41	Swimming	Brazilian breaststroke Olympian; elite 50/100 breast specialist.	50 breast 26.98; 100 breast 61.94	100 breast +2.91 vs Paris best; +2.65 vs Olympic final avg.
Dylan Cooper	NR	Weightlifting	Enhanced bio: former junior/world-level weightlifter; public final result not in LBC result table.	Result not shown in public LBC final summary	Keep as participant sheet row; verify if using on-camera.
Isabella Arcila	32	Swimming	Colombian Olympian; sprint freestyle/backstroke.	50 free 25.12; 100 free 55.70	50 free +1.41 vs Paris gold; 100 free +3.54 vs Paris gold.
Beatriz Piron	31	Weightlifting	Dominican Olympic weightlifter; multiple Pan-Am/Central American medals.	Snatch: no lift; C&J 118	C&J -8 kg vs listed 53 kg WR target 126.
Tristan Evelyn	28	Track	Barbados sprinter; public reports list her as non-enhanced at EG.	100m 11.25	EG winner, but +0.53 vs Paris gold; slower than Olympic final average.
Max McCusker	26	Swimming	Irish butterfly swimmer; international/European-level competitor.	50 fly 23.39; 100 fly 51.78	100 fly +1.88 vs Paris gold; 50 fly +1.12 vs WR target.

Athlete comparison 8-14 / 42

Condensed production table: age, prior class, EG result, comparison note.

Athlete	Age	Sport	Pre-EG reference	EG result	Delta / context
Hunter Armstrong	25	Swimming	US Olympic medalist; former 50 back world-record holder; reported non-enhanced.	50 back 24.21	EG winner; +0.66 vs 50 back WR target (non-Olympic event).
Mitchell Hooper	30	Strongman	World's Strongest Man / Arnold Strongman champion.	Deadlift 440 kg	-70 kg vs listed 510 kg deadlift target.
Thor Bjornsson	37	Strongman	2018 World's Strongest Man; historic 501 kg deadlift profile.	Deadlift 475 kg	-35 kg vs listed 510 kg target.
Emmanuel Matadi	35	Track	Liberian Olympian; sub-10 sprinter (PB around 9.91).	100m 10.05	+0.14 vs PB; +0.26 vs Paris gold.
Natalia Fryckowska	26/27	Swimming	Polish sprint freestyle/backstroke; junior/European-level record profile.	50 free 26.14; 100 free 57.97	50 free +2.43 vs Paris gold; 100 free +5.81 vs Paris gold.
Evgenii Somov	27	Swimming	Paris 2024 100 breast semifinalist (59.83 heat; 1:00.00 semi).	50 breast 27.21; 100 breast 59.61	0.22 faster than Paris heat; still +0.58 vs Paris gold.
Jasmine Abrams	32	Track	Guyana sprinter; Olympic/World-level relay/sprint profile.	100m 11.72	+1.00 vs Paris gold; +0.43 vs Paris final avg incl. injury.

Athlete comparison 15-21 / 42

Condensed production table: age, prior class, EG result, comparison note.

Athlete	Age	Sport	Pre-EG reference	EG result	Delta / context
Denae McFarlane	25/26	Track	Jamaican sprinter; World Athletics profile birth year 2000.	100m 11.61	+0.89 vs Paris gold.
Emily Barclay	28	Swimming	British sprint swimmer; 2019 World University Games/GB sprint profile.	50 free 24.09; 100 free 54.67	50 free +0.38 vs Paris gold; 100 free +2.51 vs Paris gold.
Antani Ivanov	26	Swimming	Bulgarian Olympian / national record swimmer.	50 back 25.76; 100 fly 51.61	100 fly +1.71 vs Paris gold; 50 back +2.21 vs WR target.
Miguel De Lara Ojeda	31	Swimming	Mexican Olympian; 100/200 breast specialist.	50 breast 27.82; 100 breast 62.86	100 breast +3.83 vs Paris gold; +3.57 vs Olympic avg.
Arley Mendez	32	Weightlifting	World champion weightlifter for Chile; high-level IWF background.	Snatch 155; C&J no lift	No exact snatch class target in public summary; C&J no mark vs 88 kg target 216.
Yoni Andica	31	Weightlifting	Colombian Olympic weightlifter.	Result not shown in public LBC final summary	Participant row; verify exact attempt sheet before narration.
Juan Solis	NR	Weightlifting	Enhanced listed athlete; public bio/result data limited in accessible sources.	Result not shown in public LBC final summary	Use as 'listed participant' unless verified by event sheet.

Athlete comparison 22-28 / 42

Condensed production table: age, prior class, EG result, comparison note.

Athlete	Age	Sport	Pre-EG reference	EG result	Delta / context
Leidy Solis	36	Weightlifting	Colombian Olympic medalist / world champion lifter.	Snatch 100; C&J 140	-29 kg snatch and -22 kg C&J vs listed 86 kg WR targets.
Maryam Usman	35	Weightlifting	Nigerian Olympic/Commonwealth-level weightlifter.	Snatch 115; C&J no public mark	-29 kg vs listed +86 kg snatch WR target 144.
Mike Bryan	33	Track	German sprinter; public sources conflict on birth year 1991/1992.	100m 10.87	+1.08 vs Paris gold; +0.50 vs EG final average.
Clarence Munyai	27/28	Track	South African Olympian; national 200m record 19.69.	Result not shown in public LBC final summary	Likely not in final result table; verify heat/participation sheet.
Marvin Bracy-Williams	32	Track	US sprinter; world medalist; PB around 9.85.	100m 10.39	+0.54 vs PB; +0.60 vs Paris gold.
Taylor Anderson	31	Track	US sprinter; NCAA/US indoor-meet finalist profile.	100m 11.48	+0.76 vs Paris gold; 0.23 behind EG winner.
Shockoria Wallace	32	Track	Jamaican sprinter; World Athletics profile DOB 9 Aug 1993.	100m 13.30	Outlier/injury-level mark; excluding it, EG women's avg is 11.50.

Athlete comparison 29-35 / 42

Condensed production table: age, prior class, EG result, comparison note.

Athlete	Age	Sport	Pre-EG reference	EG result	Delta / context
Reece Prescod	30	Track	GB Olympian; 2018 European 100m silver; PB 9.93.	100m 10.48	+0.55 vs PB; +0.69 vs Paris gold.
Cody Miller	34	Swimming	US Olympic gold relay / bronze 100 breast, Rio 2016.	50 breast 26.55; 100 breast 59.47	100 breast +0.44 vs Paris gold; +0.18 vs Olympic avg.
Benjamin Proud	31	Swimming	Paris 2024 50 free silver 21.30; world sprint champion.	50 fly 22.32; 50 free 20.98	50 free -0.32 vs Paris silver time; +0.10 vs WR target 20.88.
Shane Ryan	32	Swimming	Irish Olympian; back/free sprint profile.	50 back 25.23	+1.68 vs 50 back WR target; no Olympic 50 back.
Marius Kusch	33	Swimming	German Olympian; world short-course butterfly champion.	50 fly 22.92; 100 fly 51.28	100 fly +1.38 vs Paris gold; EG 100 fly winner.
Andrii Govorov	34	Swimming	50m butterfly world-record holder (22.27).	50 fly 22.66; 50 free 21.79	50 fly +0.39 vs his WR target; 50 free +0.54 vs Paris gold.
Shania Collins	29	Track	US sprinter; high-level domestic sprint/relay profile.	100m 11.43	+0.71 vs Paris gold; 0.18 behind EG winner.

Athlete comparison 36-42 / 42

Condensed production table: age, prior class, EG result, comparison note.

Athlete	Age	Sport	Pre-EG reference	EG result	Delta / context
Fred Kerley	31	Track	Olympic silver Tokyo 100m; Olympic bronze Paris 100m; PB 9.76; self-stated natural at EG.	100m 9.97	+0.21 vs PB; +0.16 vs Paris bronze 9.81; still EG winner.
Mouhamadou Fall	34	Track	French champion; PB around 10.04.	100m 10.47	+0.43 vs PB; +0.68 vs Paris gold.
Boady Santavy	29	Weightlifting	Canadian Olympian / Commonwealth medalist.	Snatch 177; C&J 118	Snatch -5 kg vs listed 94 kg target; C&J result likely failed-attempt context.
Wesley Kitts	36	Weightlifting	US Olympian; Pan-American medalist.	Snatch 185; C&J 220	-11 kg snatch; -17 kg C&J vs listed 110 kg targets.
Kristian Gkolomeev	32	Swimming	Paris 2024 50 free finalist: 21.59; four-time Olympian.	50 free 20.81	-0.78 vs Paris final time; -0.07 vs WR target; only WR-level mark.
James Magnussen	35	Swimming	Former 100 free world champion; Olympic relay medalist; came out of retirement for EG.	50 free 22.35	+1.10 vs Paris gold; +1.47 vs WR target.
Megan Romano	35	Swimming	US world relay champion; NCAA/elite sprint free background.	50 free 24.55; 100 free 54.20	100 free +2.04 vs Paris gold; EG 100 free winner.

Research context

What the science predicts vs what the event showed.

Class	Evidence signal	How to narrate
Testosterone/AAS	Strongest direct strength/body-composition evidence	Should help power, muscle mass and recovery; not magic for race execution.
hGH	Lean mass/fat mass changes; sprint-capacity signal in one RCT	Performance gains are narrower than marketing suggests; strength often not improved.
EPO	Clearer for endurance oxygen transport than 50m/100m events	May matter less in very short sprints; more relevant to repeated heats/training load.
Stimulants	Fatigue/RPE/attention effects; heat/cardiac concerns	Could help effort tolerance; false starts, technique and pressure still dominate.
Meldonium / modulators	Mechanistic claims; direct performance evidence weak/heterogeneous	Do not overstate. Use as 'uncertain ergogenic class'.

Deck takeaway: The pharmacology can move capacities, but the results were filtered through age, retirement, event depth, super-suits, rule differences and who actually showed up.

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