

2012 OLYMPICS

London

Katie Ledecky, 15, became Team USA's youngest London gold medalist when she won the Women's 800m Freestyle.

17-year-old **Claressa Shields** beat out her 33-year-old Russian opponent to win gold in the Women's Boxing Middleweight Division. Shield's is the second youngest person to ever win an Olympic medal for boxing.

Missy Franklin won 4 gold medals and 1 bronze medal at the 2012 Olympics and set a new world record in the Women's 200m Backstroke.

16-year-old American gymnast, **Gabby Douglas**, became the fourth American woman and first African-American woman to win gold in the individual all-around. Gabby went on to win gold in the team competition with teammates McKayla Maroney, Kyla Ross, Aly Raisman and Jordyn Wieber.

Kimberly Rhode became the first American Olympian to win individual medals in five straight Olympics. Rhode earned her fifth medal in Women's Skeet Shooting and set the Olympic mark with 99 points.

Michael Phelps became the most decorated Olympian after the 2012 London games. Phelps won six medals – 4 gold and 2 silver – ending his career with 22 medals; 18 gold. Phelps' performance at the 2012 Olympic Games was voted by Sports Illustrated readers as 2012's Best Sports Moment of the Year.

South Africa's **Oscar Pistorius** made Olympic history by becoming the first amputee to compete in track. Known as "Blade Runner", Pistorius placed second in his heat making him eligible for the semi-finals.

Misty May-Treanor and **Kerri Walsh** won their third consecutive beach volleyball Olympic gold medal. The pair, known as the greatest team in women's beach volleyball history, retired after the Olympic Games.

Both the **US Men's** and **Women's basketball** teams successfully defended their 2008 Olympic title by winning gold in London. The men's team defeated Spain and the women's team outscored France to win their 5th straight gold medal.

Regarded as the fastest person ever, **Usain Bolt** is the first person to hold the world records for both the 100m and 200m.

