



Dick Enberg and Katie Couric serve as morning hosts for NBC's coverage of the 1992 Summer Games.

NBC covers Summer Olympics in a big way

By Suzanne Gill

Though the Summer Olympics won't get under way until Saturday, July 25, NBC is beginning its coverage nearly a week earlier.

On Sunday, July 19, the United States Olympic team leaves Tampa, Fla., for its trans-Atlantic flight to Barcelona, Spain, site of the Games, on NBC's *Olympic Sendoff*.

Friday, July 24, on the peacock network, tune in for a two-hour primer to the Games, *Barcelona '92: A New World Gathers*. According to spokesman Ray Stallone, the special will focus on the U.S. team, with additional reports on the changes wrought by political upheaval in Eastern Europe. There will also be a feature on the host city itself, which this year marks the 500th anniversary of Christopher Columbus' historic departure.

At midday on Saturday, July 25, NBC offers the *Sports Illustrated for Kids Olympic Special*, a "kid's-eye view" profiling several of this year's Olympians. Later in the afternoon, the network presents *Guardians of the Flame*, a half-hour documentary about the work of the International Olympic Committee and this generation's renewed Olympic spirit.

After that lengthy prologue, the Games get their official start with NBC's prime-time presentation of the Opening Ceremonies on the 25th.

Coverage of the competition begins on the afternoon of Sunday, July 26, and continues on weekday mornings, in prime time and late night through Sunday, Aug. 9.

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Five-time individual world champion Jon Lugbill represents the United States in the whitewater canoe competition at the 1992 Summer Olympic Games in Barcelona, Spain.

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United States gymnast Kim Zmeskal goes for the gold at the 1992 Summer Olympics in Barcelona, Spain.

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Bob Costas anchors NBC's coverage of the Olympics during prime time and on Sunday afternoons.

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