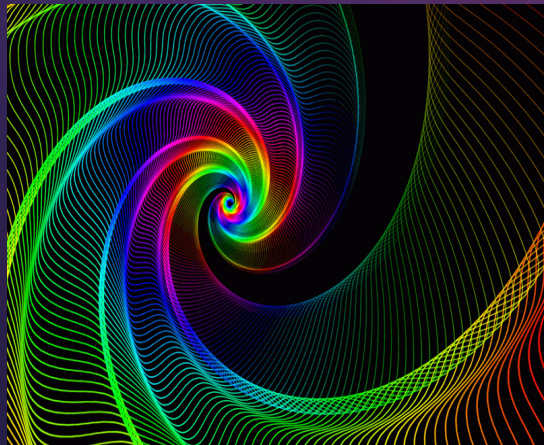


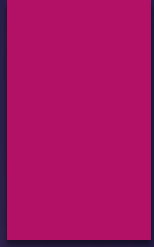
Greg Louganis

As a Junior Olympic competitor Louganis caught the eye of Sammy Lee, two-time Olympic champion, who began coaching him. At sixteen Louganis took part in the 1976 Summer Olympics in Montreal, where he was placed second in the tower event, behind Italian sport legend Klaus Dibiasi. Two years later Louganis won his first world title. In 1978, he accepted a diving scholarship at the University of Miami where he studied theater, but in 1981 he was transferred to the University of California, Irvine, where he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts.



After winning two more world championship titles in 1986, he repeated his 1984 feat in the 1988 Seoul Olympics, despite suffering a concussion after his head struck the springboard during the preliminary rounds. He completed the preliminaries despite his injury, earning the highest single score of the qualifying round for his next dive and repeated the dive during the final. In the 10m final he won the gold medal performing a 3.4 difficulty dive in his last attempt, earning 86.70 points for a total of 638.61, surpassing silver medalist Xiong Ni by only 1.14 points. His comeback earned him the title of ABC's Wide World of Sports "Athlete of the Year" for 1988.





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