

On the Clock- with Yolande Lezine

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Commentary: The 2012 London Olympics is Gabby Douglas time to shine!

Gabby Douglas, at just the young-age of 16, became the first African American and the third straight American to win the all-around title giving her the first Gold Medal won by an American female gymnast in several years.

Douglas couldn't believe her coach until she saw the scoreboard. And when she did, she was speechless.

"I wanted to seize the moment," Douglas said. "It hasn't sunk in yet and team finals haven't sunk in yet. But I know it will."

Douglas, who was in the lead from the first event, finished the night with an electric floor routine, flashing a dazzling smile and lots of pizzazz. When her score posted 62.232, coach Liang Chow told her that she had won the gold medal.

However, she had to wait another five minutes until it was official because Viktoria Komova of Russia, runner-up at last year's world championships , was still to come.

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