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In his first final June 25, he set a new personal record of 55.38 in the 100-meter butterfly, finishing third in the event and just coming in under the Olympic Trials qualifying time of 55.39. The following day, he came up with his second qualifying time, turning in a 23.17 in the 50-meter freestyle to win the event and qualify for the trials by 0.22 seconds. On June 27, he did it again, winning the 100-meter freestyle event with a time of 50.86 to set a new personal record and beat the field by just over two full seconds. The Olympic Trials qualifying mark in the 100-meter freestyle is 51.19.

Sullivan will compete for a spot on the U.S. Olympic Team when he swims at the Olympic Trials July 7-14 at the Long Beach Swim Stadium in Long Beach, Calif. He will begin his quest on Saturday, July 10, in the prelims of the 100-meter freestyle event and will swim his other two events on Monday, July 12.

The Summer Olympics take place Aug. 13-29 in Athens, Greece.

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