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Louganis dives into dog contest

Greg Louganis thinks today's Olympians, competing in a media fishbowl, have things tougher – swimmer Michael Phelps being exhibit 1A.

"We live in a different day and age now. . . . People have cameras on their cellphones. Nothing is private anymore," he tells USA TODAY's Reid Cherner today in the Game On! blog.

"When I was competing there were plenty of rumors about me and my sexuality and all that stuff. It was my policy not to talk about my personal life with members of the media. But because I was respectful of them, they were respectful of me."

Since retiring, Louganis' life has gone to the dogs – that's a good thing.

One of the greatest Olympians of all time, the winner of four gold medals for platform and springboard diving, Louganis, 49, has restricted his competitive zeal to training Dobby, his Jack Russell Terrier, in last weekend's Purina Incredible Dog Challenge. Louganis and Dobby finished fourth in the small dog agility competition.

"It is just a fun thing for us to do," Louganis says. "Every run, he thinks he's a terrific dog."

The lack of competition suits Louganis, who runs his charities, including a foundation that assists HIV patients.



By Mike Powell, Getty Images

Then: Greg Louganis competing in the 1988 national diving championships.

"I really enjoyed the training, the working out," he says of his former regimens. "But what was difficult was the competition because everybody expected an Olympic performance every



By Gus Ruelas, Purina

Now: Louganis celebrates with Dobby after the small dog agility event.

time I stepped up on the board and that is totally unrealistic."

[Click here to read the interview](http://gameon.usatoday.com)