



Brazil stay perfect

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Brazil secured their position as Group C winners and maintained their 100 per cent record in the Olympics after beating New Zealand 3-0 thanks to goals from Danilo, Leandro Damiao and Sandro.

Mano Menezes' side took the lead in the 23rd minute through Danilo after great attacking move culminated in a one-two with Damiao leaving the midfielder with a simple finish past Michael O'Keefe.

It was two shortly after another sublime bit of play the Internacional striker who slotted the ball into the net.

Tottenham midfielder Sandro added a third just after half-time with a powerful strike into the bottom corner while the only negative to come from the game for Brazil was when Alex Sandro was sent off for two bookable offences.

After securing their qualification from Group C after beating Belarus in their last game Menezes rested several players including keeper Neto, Romulo, Oscar, Hulk and Alexandre Pato. In came Porto duo Danilo and Alex Sandro, Lucas Moura, Damiao and keeper Gabriel.

New Zealand coach Neil Emblen made kept an unchanged team from his side that drew 1-1 with Egypt.



Brazil forward Leandro Damiao (C) scores the second goal against New Zealand during their Olympic Games men's football match at St James' Park yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

8 disqualified over fixing

AFP, London

Eight players involved in a match-fixing scandal at the Olympic badminton tournament have been disqualified from the Games, a senior source with knowledge of the case told AFP on Wednesday.

The eight players -- four from South Korea, two from Indonesia and two from China -- were disqualified following a disciplinary hearing of the Badminton World Federation, the source told AFP.

"They have been disqualified from the Olympics," said the source. "All eight had been charged with 'not using one's best efforts to win a match' and 'conducting oneself in a manner that is clearly abusive or detrimental to the sport'.

Angry spectators jeered and booed the players on Tuesday after they appeared to deliberately serve into the net, or hit the shuttlecock long or wide.

USA surge to gold

AFP, London



The United States triumphed in the women's team gymnastics final on Tuesday to claim their first gold medal in the event since the victory of the "Magnificent Seven" at the 1996 Atlanta Olympics.

Russia, runners-up to the US at last year's World Championships, finished second, with European champions Romania pipping 2008 Olympic champions China to the bronze medal.

The USA had dominated in qualifying on Sunday but unlike their male counterparts, who finished a disappointing fifth in Monday's men's final, they reproduced the same high performance level when it mattered.

Their winning score of 183.596 points was even more handsome than their qualifying tally and gave them a comfortable advantage of 5.066 points over the Russians, some of whom were reduced to tears.

Victory was particularly sweet for Jordyn Wieber, who lost out on a place in the individual all-around final to team-mate Alexandra Raisman but played a key role in Tuesday's triumph.

The US team had set the tone in both podium training and qualifying with assured

performances on the vault and once again they asserted their authority with three superb Amanar vaults in the first rotation.

Two days on from her individual qualifying heartache, Wieber led the way with a vault that earned her a score of 15.933, before Gabrielle Douglas (15.966) and McKayla Maroney (16.233) followed suit to give the US an ideal start.

The Russians could not compete on the vault, with Maria Paseka almost stumbling off the mat with her attempted Amanar, and the USA led China by 1.733 points after the first rotation, with Russia third.

However, the Russians impressed on the bars -- Viktoria Komova top-scoring with 15.766 -- and the USA's lead had been eroded to 0.399 points by the half-way stage.

The USA kept the pressure on with three solid beam routines and Russia's Aliya Mustafina and Komova both committed errors during their displays to hand the Americans the initiative.

Further woe arrived on the floor for Russia when Anastasia Grishina failed to complete her second tumbling pass, before Kseniia Afanaseva fell badly on her knees.

It put the US in a commanding position, and after Douglas and Wieber produced confident and fault-free floor routines, Raisman secured the gold with yet another

Rowers give Britain first gold

AFP, London

Rowers Helen Glover and Heather Stanning won the women's pair title Wednesday to register Great Britain's first gold medal at the London Olympics.

The pair, also capturing the host nation's first ever women's Olympic rowing gold medal, crossed the line well clear of Australia with world champions New Zealand taking bronze.

Glover and Stanning had the race sewn up in the first quarter of the 2000m test on the water at Eton Dorney, at one stage pulling four boat lengths clear of their rivals.

Unbeaten in World Cup races this year, the British duo started as hot favourites, having set a new Olympic record in their heat - a remarkable achievement considering Glover hadn't even sat in a boat four years ago.

Phelps probably not the greatest: Coe

AFP, London



Michael Phelps may be the most successful athlete in Olympic history but he is "probably not" the greatest, according to London Games chief Sebastian Coe.

American superstar Phelps powered into the record books in the swimming pool on Tuesday, bagging his 18th and 19th medals to become the most decorated Olympic athlete of all time.

But while Phelps' astounding medal tally, which includes 15 golds, saw many pundits rush to anoint him as the greatest of all-time, Coe questioned whether the Baltimore Bullet deserved that accolade.

"I think you can clearly say that by the medal tally he is the most successful. My personal view is that I'm not sure he's the greatest."

"But he's certainly the most successful," said Coe, himself a two-time Olympic gold medalist.

Coe however declined to be drawn on who he thought might deserve the tag of greatest Olympian, although he suggested that cases could be made for both Jesse Owens -- a four-time gold medalist at the 1936 Berlin Games -- and Carl Lewis, who

won golds at four consecutive games between 1984 and 1996 as well as winning four at a single Olympics in 1984.

"In the lead-up to these Games we've had the great British pub game of who is the best British Olympian when we were talking about who would be lighting the cauldron," Coe said.

"This is the global pub game -- who is the greatest Olympic athlete of all time? It's self-evident that the guy's won how many medals? 19? It's a pretty good haul. But whether he's the greatest I don't know."

"I could go around this whole room and come up with different interpretations. You have to say he's up there, but whether he's the greatest? In my opinion, probably not."

After getting the presidential seal of approval from Barack Obama, Michael Phelps was back in the Olympic pool on Wednesday morning and to find a message from the White House.

"Congrats to Michael Phelps for breaking the all-time Olympic medal record. You've made your country proud. - bo," the president personally tweeted.

Lochte called Phelps "one of the toughest racers and one of the best swimmers ever to live. It's pretty awesome."



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China's Ye Shiwen shows her gold medal after winning the women's 200m individual medley final at the Aquatics Centre in London on Tuesday.

PHOTO: AFP

Sensational Ye wins again

AFP, London



China's swimming sensation Ye Shiwen grabbed her second gold of the Games on Tuesday while Phelps anchored the US team to a resounding victory in the 4x200m freestyle relay to secure gold and beat the record of 18 medals amassed by Soviet gymnast Larisa Latynina between 1956 and 1964.

The American had earlier had his bid for a 200m butterfly Olympic treble thwarted by Chad le Clos of South Africa, but the silver allowed him to match the record medal haul before the relay sealed his place in history.

Phelps, 27, won six golds and two bronze medals at the 2004 Athens Games, then brought home a record eight golds from Beijing.

He has suffered a testing Games in London, slumping out of the medals in the 400m individual medley and then

having to settle for silver in the 4x100m freestyle relay.

But Phelps' unprecedented 19th medal was never in doubt in Tuesday's relay as he took over the final leg with a healthy lead built up by his team-mates and powered home to leave France trailing in silver and China with bronze.

Ye, just 16, may encounter more speculation about her remarkable performances after she added the 200m individual medley title to the 400m individual medley crown.

The Chinese girl was lagging behind the leaders at the turn in the Aquatics Centre, but produced a powerful final 50m to overhaul Alicia Coutts of Australia in an Olympic record time of 2min 7.57sec.

Her swim came just days after her lightning freestyle leg in the longer medley propelled her to a new world record.

Ye's feats have raised unproven suspicions of doping, with John Leon-

ard, executive director of the World Swimming Coaches' Association, describing her finish in the 400m medley as "impossible".

But Ye said she had used the row to motivate herself.

"I don't feel upset or sad about what the media have been saying about me," she insisted. "I feel calm, but it just encouraged me to prove myself."

Chinese authorities went on the offensive over the allegations. Jiang Zhixue, the head of anti-doping at China's General Administration of Sport, told Xinhua news agency it was unfair to point the finger at their swimmers.

"I think it is not proper to single Chinese swimmers out once they produce good results. Some people are just biased," he said.

Former British swimmer Adrian Moorhouse, a gold medalist in the 100m breaststroke in the 1988 Seoul Games, defended Ye, saying it was possible China had unearthed their



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