



# What to WATCH

**BTV WORLD & BOISHAKHI TV**  
Bangladesh Premier League  
Muktijoddha v Abahani  
Live from 4:00pm

**TEN 2**  
Zimbabwe v New Zealand  
Second Test, Day 3  
Live from 1:30pm

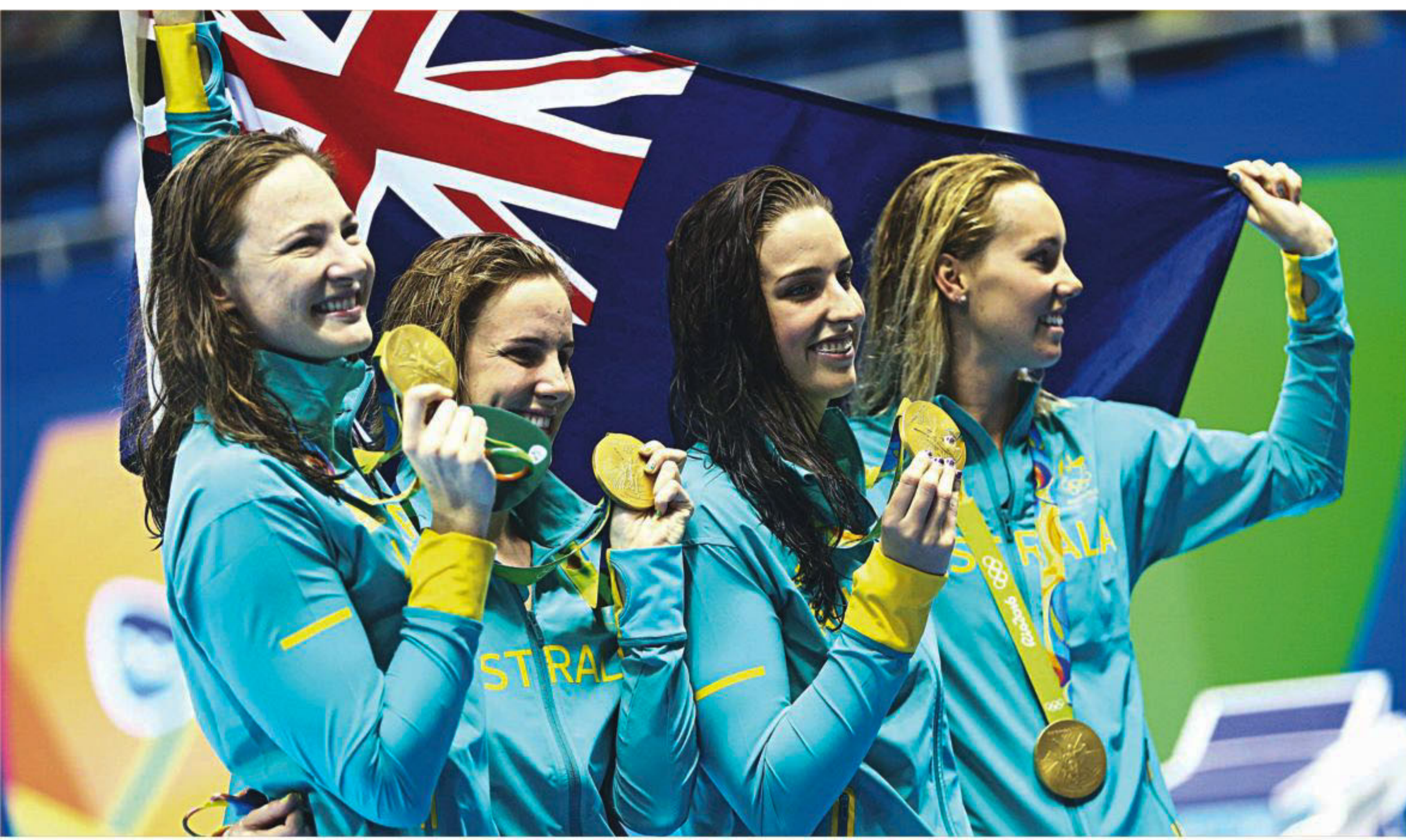
**STAR SPORTS 2**  
Rio Olympic Games 2016  
Live from 5:30pm &  
12:30am (Tuesday)

## DAY'S EVENT

Bangladesh Premier League

Muktijoddha v Abahani  
Time: 4:00pm

Venue: Rafiq Uddin Bhuiyan Stadium, Mymensingh



The terrific Aussie quartet of Emma McKeon, Brittany Elmslie, Bronte Campbell and Cate Campbell are all smiles after winning the 4x100m freestyle gold with a world record timing of 3min 30.65sec.

PHOTO: REUTERS

# Aussie women set the pool on fire

AFP, Rio de Janeiro

Australia's women lowered the 4x100m freestyle world record to capture their country's second gold on the opening night of swimming competition at the Rio Olympics.

Emma McKeon, Brittany Elmslie, Bronte Campbell and individual world record-holder Cate Campbell clocked 3min 30.65sec to hold off the United States, who claimed silver in 3:31.89 with Canada third in 3:32.89.

Australia improved on the world record of 3:30.98 set by an Australian quartet at the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow on July 24, 2014.

"Definitely my favorite race ever, in an Olympic final with my sister and two girls I have known since I was 12, 13 years old and a gold and a world record. You can't ask for more," said Bronte Campbell. "Every kid dreams of it, it's what we always hoped for."

Elder sister Cate, who set the individual 100m free world record in July, said the Aussies' status as favorites hadn't led to over-confidence.

"There was no mention of gold medals or

world records or placings in the lead-up, she said. "It was safe changeovers and swim your own race and focus on yourself more than anything else."

The US pulled out their biggest weapon in freestyle phenom Katie Ledecky. Although the 100m is not her speciality, the 19-year-old treble world record-holder is a fearsome competitor and when she swam the fastest leg in the heats she secured her spot in the final.

Ledecky, who tackles the 400m free on Sunday, was delighted to kick off her Rio campaign with the outing.

"It's much more fun to have a relay as the first event," she said. "We just wanted to give the Australians a fight."

Simone Manuel, Abbey Weitzel, Dana Vollmer and Ledecky claimed silver in 3:31.89.

Canada's Sandrine Mainville, Chantal Van Landeghem, Taylor Ruck and Penny Oleksiak were third in 3:32.89.

"We were there," Ledecky said. "I'm really happy with it."

Congrats Katinka Hosszú on breaking WR in women's individual medley and winning gold! Time = 4:26.36 #HUN

# Avermaet overcomes risky road race

AFP, Rio de Janeiro

Risk is part of the Olympic contest for Greg Van Avermaet who won a crash-filled Rio Games cycling road race.

Italian Tour de France winner Vincenzo Nibali crashed on a high speed descent 12 kilometers from the end and broke his collar bone.

Colombia's Sergio Henao suffered a fractured pelvis and Britain's Geraint Thomas also fell on the downhill.

Amid heat, bone-jarring cobblestones that Van Avermaet is a specialist in, and wind, only 63 of the 144 starters finished the race.

The Belgian took advantage of Nibali and Henao's falls to record his surprise gold medal.

"Everybody wanted to win, if you want to go for the win everybody takes some risk and maybe some go over the limit," said Van Avermaet, who took the tricky descent of the Vista Chinesa with a little more caution.

"The roads were ok but if you go too fast sometimes you can't take the corner.

"I was happy to stay safe ... I took a little bit of risk but not too much.

"Nowadays you go full gas, faster and faster and you take some risk."

It was a stunning victory for the 31-year-old who is enjoying the best season of his career.

He won a Tour de France stage last month



Greg Van Avermaet took gold after having navigated a tough course which saw only 63 of 144 starters finish in the Olympics cycling road race.

PHOTO: REUTERS

and wore the race leader's yellow jersey for three days as well.

He was also a surprise winner of the week-long Tirreno-Adriatico stage race, although that was due to the race's only mountain stage being cancelled because of bad weather.

But winning a gold medal topped the lot. "The yellow jersey was something really special for me in the biggest race in the world," he added.

"If you love sport, you want to be the best -- in the (Olympic) Village with all these athletes, it's a special feeling."

# WOMEN'S FOOTBALL Brazil, USA reach last 8

AFP, Rio de Janeiro

United States kept their quest for a fourth straight women's football gold on track when captain Carli Lloyd ensured a 1-0 victory over France to qualify for the quarterfinals.

Brazil also reached the last eight after five-time world player of the year Marta scored twice as they thrashed Sweden 5-1.

The United States are now unbeaten in 13 Olympic matches and Lloyd has once again been the United States' inspiration in Brazil.

Lloyd slotted home the only goal in Belo Horizonte after Tobin Heath's initial effort came back off the post.

The US team are assured of their place in the knockout rounds as at least one of the two best third-placed sides, but can secure top spot in Group H with just a point against Colombia.

The hosts' women have been the most impressive side in the tournament as Brazil tore Sweden apart to go in 3-0 up at the break.

# Hoang brings Vietnam first Olympic gold

AFP, Rio de Janeiro

Vietnamese rejoiced Sunday after their country won its first ever Olympic gold medal, a victory made all the more sweet by the fact that regional rival China was beaten along the way.

Hoang Xuan Vinh, a 41-year-old serving army colonel who first learned to shoot with AK47 rifles, made history in Rio overnight when a near-perfect final shot in the men's 10-metre air pistol clinched him gold.

Vietnamese state media reported that Vinh would receive \$100,000 from the state on his return -- a handsome sum in a country where the average annual income

is around \$2,100.

Vinh's victory shunted Brazil's Felipe Almeida Wu and China's Pang Wei into second and third respectively, something that was seized on by jubilant Vietnamese.

"So proud! But the greatest happiness was that we won over China," Nguyen Cao Ky Duyen, a Vietnamese music show host based in the US wrote on Facebook.

"You are the pride of the nation and the people," added reader Truong Tran Hoang Du, on the Tuoi Tre newspaper's website.

Vietnam's state media said Hoang Xuan Vinh learned how to shoot in the communist country's military which he joined in 1991, initially practising on AK47 rifles.



Hoang Xuan Vinh became the first athlete from Vietnam to win an Olympic gold when he clinched the 10m air pistol with a near-perfect final shot at the Olympic Shooting Centre in Rio de Janeiro on Saturday.

PHOTO: REUTERS

# 2016 PARALYMPICS Russian athletes banned

BBC

Russian athletes are banned from competing at the Rio 2016 Paralympics following the country's doping scandal.

The International Paralympic Committee (IPC) had suspended Russia following the publication of the McLaren report, and has now ratified that decision.

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) chose not to give Russia a blanket ban from the Olympic Games.

"The anti-doping system in Russia is broken, corrupted and entirely compromised," said IPC president Sir Philip Craven on Sunday.

"The Russian Paralympic Committee are unable to ensure compliance with and enforcement of the IPC anti-doping code and the world anti-doping code within their own national jurisdiction and they can not fulfil its fundamental obligation as an IPC member.

"As a result, the Russian Paralympic Committee is suspended with immediate effect."

## SOCIAL MEDIA CORNER



(L) Nobel Laureate Professor Mohammed Yunus met with Indian cricketing icon Sachin Tendulkar during the opening ceremony of the 2016 Rio Olympics at the Maracana in Rio de Janeiro.

(Top R) United States tennis star Serena Williams posed along with three other female tennis players from the country.

(Bottom R) Meanwhile, Serbian tennis ace Novak Djokovic shared a photo of himself on Instagram, donning a pair of wacky sunglasses at his hotel in Rio de Janeiro, along with some words for the fans.



# Zlatan hunts down Foxes

AFP, London

Zlatan Ibrahimovic announced his arrival in English football with an 83rd-minute winner as Manchester United edged Leicester City 2-1 at Wembley on Sunday to win the Community Shield.

The former Paris Saint-Germain striker had had a quiet game, but he outjumped Wes Morgan to head home Antonio Valencia's cross to earn Jose Mourinho his first piece of silverware as United manager.

Leicester talisman Jamie Vardy had earlier punished an error by Marouane Fellaini to cancel out FA Cup match-winner Jesse Lingard's first-half solo goal for United, who claimed a record-extending 21st Community Shield.

United, who have confirmed they are close to resigning former player Paul Pogba from Juventus, open their Premier League campaign next Sunday.

Leicester manager Claudio Ranieri handed official debuts to close-season signings Ahmed Musa, Luis Hernandez and Nampalys Mendy.

# 'I don't have time for drug cheats'

AFP, Rio de Janeiro

Australian Mack Horton ripped into Chinese giant Sun Yang for his doping record Saturday after robbing him of his Olympic men's 400 metres freestyle title.

Blinking shyly behind his spectacles, Horton added insult to injury as he backed up remarks he made earlier in the day with a pulsating victory in Rio.

Asked for his thoughts on doping violators Sun and South Korean Park Tae-Hwan competing at the Games, Horton sniffed: "I don't have time or respect for drug cheats."

That prompted an outcry from Chinese journalists who sabotaged Horton's victory press conference demanding to know why he had used such frank language.

"I used the word 'drugs cheat' because he tested positive," replied Horton. "It's not a question about me and Sun. I just have a problem with athletes who've tested positive and are still competing."

The row overshadowed a race that had everything -- lead changes galore and a thunderous finish, Horton refusing to flinch as he won by a fingertip, edging Sun to win by just 0.13 seconds in a time of 3:41.55.

Italy's Gabriele Detti roared home in the final 50 meters to capture bronze in 3:43.49 but the race merely proved to be the 'amuse bouche' to the verbal skirmishes that followed.

"That last 50 I was kinda thinking about what I said and was like 'if he gets me here it's not going to look great' so I really didn't have a choice but to beat him," grinned Horton.

Typically, swimming's 'enfant terrible' did not take Horton's criticism lying down, snapping back: "I don't care too much what the Australian athlete says. I don't have to prove myself to anyone."

However, Sun did offer an apology for his behaviour over the past few years. "It's been tough and I know I've made mistakes, but I know how to face up to failure and have a broader perspective."

