

**Bangladesh Premier** 

Uttar Baridhara v Rahmatganj Time: 4:00pm

Venue: Rafiq Uddin Bhuiyan Stadium, Mymensingh



Australia players celebrate their victory in the inaugural women's rugby sevens gold medal match against New Zealand during the Rio 2016 Olympic Games at the Deodoro Stadium in Rio de Janeiro on Monday.

#### PHOTO: REUTERS

## Australia clinch rugby 7s gold

REUTERS, Rio de Janeiro

Australia became the first Olympic champions in women's rugby sevens when they ran out convincing 24-17 winners over trans-Tasman neighbours New Zealand in the gold medal final at the Deodoro Stadium in Rio on Monday.

The world series champions went behind early in the match but unanswered tries from Emma Tonegato, Evania Pelite, Ellia Green and Charlotte Caslick gave them a lead New Zealand were unable to overhaul.

The Australians huddled in tearful hugs under the posts at the realisation their dream, not only of having the chance to compete in the Games but of winning gold, had been realised.

"It brings tears to my eyes," explained Green. "We've just made Australian history, rugby history. It

means everything." New Zealand, who had two tries from the outstanding

Kayla McAlister and one at the death from Portia Woodman, performed a tearful haka in front of the crowd at the end of the match, their dreams of gold shattered. "Pretty gutted. We came out here to win a gold medal and

we are bringing back a silver," said New Zealand captain Sara Goss. "But silver's still good in New Zealand's eyes and we hope

we have done them proud."

It was the spell around halftime that Woodman, the top try scorer in the tournament with 10, spent in the sin-bin for a deliberate knock-on that probably ended New Zealand's hopes.

Without question the best two of the 12 teams in the tournament, both New Zealand and Australia had come through scares at the hands of the United States on Sunday to stamp their authority on the semifinals.

## Left MU for £800k, returns for £89m

AFP, London



Paul Pogba has set his sights on winning the Premier League, Champions League and Ballon d'Or after United shattered the transfer record

with an £89 million deal to bring him back to Old Trafford from Juventus on Tuesday.

The former United midfielder, who left Old Trafford for Juve in 2012 for just £800,000, immediately outlined his desire to repay the huge fee by helping the Premier League club become champions of England and Europe, while establishing himself as the world's best player.

"I want to win the league for the first time with United, because I hadn't won the league when I left. The Champions League of course. And, personally, one of my dreams is to win the Ballon d'Or, " Pogba told MUTV.

"That will come with time, hopefully, but first I want to win the Premier League, which I have never done."

Since leaving United in 2012, Pogba has helped Italian giants Juve win four Serie A titles, the Coppa Italia twice, while they also finished as Champions League runners-up in 2015.

Pogba, set to earn a reported £290,000-perweek at United, was also part of the France side who finished runners-up at Euro 2016.

On Sunda United manager Jose Mourinho said he felt the 23-year-old was coming to the "perfect" place for him to surpass Barcelona's Lionel Messi and Real Madrid's Cristiano Ronaldo as the game's preeminent player.

Pogba is looking forward to working with a serial winner like Mourinho and said: "I spoke with a lot of players when he was at [Real] Madrid -- I spoke with [Alvaro] Morata, [Raphael] Varane -- and they all told



#### **MOST EXPENSIVE**

PLAYER	FROM	TO	FEE (€)	YEAR	
Paul Pogba	Juventus	Man Utd	104M	2016	j
Gareth Bale	Tottenham	Real Madrid	100M	2013	1
Cristiano Ronaldo	Man Utd	Real Madrid	94M	2009	li
Gonzalo Higuain	Napoli	Juventus	90M	2016	
Neymar	Santos	Barcelona	86.2M	2013	1

me he is a coach for me, he will make me improve a lot because he makes you work harder.

"I feel this. I spoke with him a few times and he gave me energy and positivity. So I was thinking: 'Why not? I'm sure he can make me improve and make me a better player and a better person."

Former England star Gary Lineker claims Manchester United's world record signing of France midfielder Paul Pogba is a "watershed moment" for the Premier League.

"The signing of Pogba by @ManUtd is a watershed moment for @premierleague. First time a huge foreign star in his prime has come to England," he wrote on Twitter.

"Given the wealth of the @premierleague more of the greats will come here and not just to Barca and Real Madrid. Interesting times."

### India 87 for 3 at lunch

AFP, Gros-Islet

India were 87 for three after being put in to bat at lunch on the opening day of the third Test against the West Indies at the Darren Sammy National Stadium in St Lucia on Tuesday.

India opener Shikhar Dhawan and captain Virat Kohli were both dismissed cheaply with Lokesh Rahul compiling a half-century before falling to Roston Chase.

Ajinkya Rahane was 17 not out with Rohit Sharma unbeaten on nine at the interval.

India lead the fourmatch series 1-0.

#### SCOREBOARD

INDIA: First innings	
Rahul c Brathwaite b Chase	50
Dhawan c Dowrich b Gabriel	1
Kohli c Bravo b Joseph	3
Rahane not out	17
Sharma not out	9
Extras: (b-4, lb-1, w-1, nb-1)	7
Total: (For 3 wkts in 23 overs)	87
Fall of wickets: 1-9, 2-19, 3-77.	
To bat: Ashwin, Saha, Jadeja, Sh	iami
Sharma, Kumar.	

Bowler	0	М	R	W
Gabriel	7	0	33	1
Joseph	5	1	15	1
Cummins	4	0	22	0
Holder	4	2	6	0
Chase	3	1	6	1
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## Sun, Hosszu shine

REUTERS, Rio de Janeiro

Katinka Hosszu of Hungary made her second top of the podium finish at the Rio Olympics on Monday as she won the women's Olympic 100 metres backstroke. The others who grabbed gold were China's Sun Yang in the men's 200

metres freestyle, United States Ryan Murphy in the men's 100 metres backstroke and Lilly King in the women's 100 metres breaststroke. Australian world champion Emily Seebohm, swimming in an outside lane, set the early pace but Hosszu

powered her way through the pool in the last half of the race to touch the wall in 58.45 seconds. It was a second gold in Rio for Hosszu, the self-styled 'Iron Lady' of swimming, after her world record-

breaking victory in the 400 individual

medley (IM) on Saturday. "It's really cool, I can't believe I've won the 100 back," the 27-year-old told reporters. "I know I've done the 100 back in the 400 IM a million times and the goal was to make it like second nature when I came to Rio, which is how it felt."

Hosszu, who is also swimming in the 200m backstroke, butterfly and medley, had come away empty-handed from three previous Olympics, despite winning five world championship titles.

Meanwhile, Sun Yang became the first Chinese to win a 200m gold as he completed a golden Olympic treble.

Sun, who won the 400 and 1500 freestyle at the London Games, touched the wall in one minute and 44.65 seconds to beat South Africa's Chad Le Clos by 0.55 seconds.

In his delight at winning, Sun took

off his cap and attempted to throw it to me. I've been swimming for 16 years Chinese supporters in the crowd above him, but it landed in the pool and he had to retrieve it.

Britain's world champion James Guy, whose room-mate Adam Peaty stormed to breaststroke gold on Sunday and ended his country's 28 year wait for a male Olympic swimming champion, finished fourth.

Ryan Murphy and Lilly King extended the United States swimmers' run of domination in the 100m breast stroke event to



Sun wins 200m freestyle gold

six successive Games dating back to Atlanta in 1996 as they won the men's 100 metres backstroke and women's 100 metres breaststroke respectively.

Murphy's winning time of 51.97 seconds was the second fastest in history, just outside the world record of 51.94 set by compatriot Aaron Peirsol in 2009 when non-textile bodysuits were allowed, and an Olympic record.

"I don't even feel tired just because I'm so excited. This means everything dream come true," said 21-year-old Murphy, a first-time Olympian. Australia's world champion Mitch Larkin had led at the turn, 0.17 of a seconds inside world record pace, with

and to have it come to this is just a

Murphy only fourth. But the Australian's challenge faded as Murphy powered through. At the touch, Plummer clocked out at 52.40

and denied Larkin a medal by just three hundredths of a second. Lilly King meanwhile, denied Russia's Yulia Efimova who was once again greeted with resounding boos from the crowd in the women's 100

metres breaststroke. King swam a strong first 50 metres and led at the turn, with Efimova well back in fourth place. The Russian surged forward in the second half of the race and appeared to be catching her rival, but King finished powerfully with an Olympic record time of one minute and 4.93 seconds, with

"It just proves that you can compete clean and still come out on top," King said. Before leaving the poolside, she patted the Russian on the back.

Efimova 0.57 seconds behind.

Efimova, who after months of uncertainty learned only last Friday that she could compete, broke down after the race in front of reporters,

crying into the arms of a friend. "I can't say that I'm happy, it's just good that I was able to compete," she

The Russian said she had wanted to win gold to prove her critics wrong.

"That's why I'm so upset that I didn't manage it, I knew that lots of peo-

ple were counting on me."

#### City splash £47.5m for Stones

AFP, London

Manchester City splashed out a reported £47.5 million (\$61 million, 55 million euros) to sign England defender John Stones from Everton on Tuesday.

Stones agreed a six-year contract with City and is reported to have become the second most expensive defender in history behind Paris Saint Germain and Brazil star David Luiz.

"I'm absolutely delighted to sign for City and now the deal's done I'm looking forward to the next stage in my career," Stones told City's website.

News of Stones' imminent move to Eastlands had leaked out earlier in the day when UEFA's website included the 22-year-old centre-back in City's squad for next week's Champions League play-off against Steaua Bucharest.

City responded by quickly announcing the deal.

# Rio's other gold hunters

AFP, Rio de Janeiro

In the chaotic world of Rio criminality, it is an old trick that is winning the gold medal.

A blonde woman distracts the victim while an accomplice grabs the bag of cameras, computers or valuables. A second partner in crime sends the victim the wrong way if he or she gives chase.

This textbook larceny is being played out each day on the beachside cafes along Ipanema. Pickpockets also ply Copacabana and there is also a more dangerous version. Sometimes the attacker just takes out a knife and puts it to the throat of his victim.

Around the Olympics, thefts and muggings have become the talk of the town. A government minister, athletes and

coaches and press photographers have all fallen victim. The danger lurks from the Rio media village to stadiums, and the cafes on the upscale seafront Ipanema district. The 'Cariocas', as the inhabitants of Rio

are known, have long got used to the threat of crime, whether theft or murderous muggings. It has been a shock to the Olympic influx

and the government estimates that 500,000 people will visit Brazil for the Games. Even on the night of the opening cere-

Maracana stadium where it was held.

mony, two people were fatally shot near the Australian photographer Brett Costello is one of a growing press band to have suffered.

The News Corp. journalist lost tens of thousands of dollars worth of equipment in an Ipanema coffee shop and then saw the thief two days later wearing his Olympic jacket with accreditation number.

"I knew my number, you know, the vests have the number. If a guy walks in with a jacket that's stolen from me two days before, there's got to be something going on, don't you reckon?" he told The Australian newspaper.

Security video of the theft showed he was caught in the blonde woman sting. The Agence France-Presse (AFP) news

agency, which has 700 square metres (7,500 sq feet) for its 180 accredited Olympic staff in Rio, has suffered several thefts. Security film has shown a man and a

woman leaving the office pulling a case full of lenses and an official photographer's "There is a security problem," said Eric Baradat, AFP's photo chief at the Games.

"Some people get onto the sites and into official buses without accreditation." The troubles have also hit the athletes'

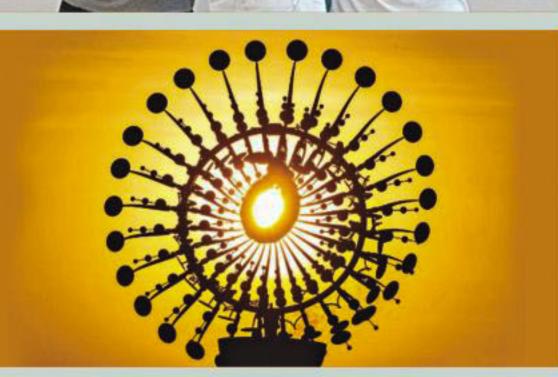
village. Chinese 110m hurdler Shi Dongpeng lost his laptop computer to another wellplanned thief. The man vomited on Shi and was chased by a Chinese journalist who was with Shi who went to the restroom. When he returned his belongings had disappeared.

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(Clockwise from top L) Usain Bolt burst into his first major press conference all smiles and showed his moves along with some samba dancers. The largest theatre in South America was his stage and he entertained all and sundry with his moves. The Argentine contingent are seen having a bit of fun as basketball players Manu Ginobli (L), Andres Nocioni (R) and Carlos Delfino lift up judoka Paula Pareto. A beautiful cauldron has been placed in Candelária, downtown Rio de Janeiro, to provide an opportunity for the people to get a taste of what the Olympic Cauldron feels like up close. With the first ever Refugee Olympic Team competing in the Rio Games, the IOC set up screenings inside the Kakuma Refugee camp. Five athletes from the camp will compete next week in athletics.