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**Bangladesh Premier League**  
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**Live from 4:00pm**

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

**TEN 3**  
**West Indies v India**  
**Third Test, Day 4**  
**Live from 8:00pm**

**Bangladesh Premier League**

**Sk Russel v Team BJMC**  
**Time: 4:00pm**

**Venue: Rafiq Uddin Bhuiyan Stadium, Mymensingh**



The invincible USA basketball team got a real scare against a spirited Australia in their preliminary round Group A game before scrapping home by 98-88 points at the Carioca Arena in Rio de Janeiro on Wednesday. PHOTO: REUTERS

## USA win a riveting contest

ATIQUÉ ANAM from Rio de Janeiro

It was a star-studded night at the Carioca Arena in Rio de Janeiro on Wednesday as stars from the NBA descended on either side of the court as two-time defending champions United States took on an Australian side which featured five NBA stars.

The match, although a group stage affair, proved to be the most intriguing one of these Games so far. USA are the most dominant in the game that was invented by a Canadian-American, and even without the likes of LeBron James and Stephen Curry, they are the team to beat. But on Wednesday they came up against a side which was brimming with confidence and not willing to give an inch to their more illustrious opponents.

New York Knicks forward Carmelo Anthony got the game off and running with a couple of three-pointers but Australia hit back through San Antonio Spurs guard Patty Mills.

Neither side managed to get a stranglehold on the game as the first quarter ended 29-29. With Mills in mesmerising form and 2015 NBA Champion Andrew Bogut complementing him, the Boomers took a 54-49 lead by the end of the second quarter.

The NBA-star-studded United States were being made to sweat and tempers started to flare as everyone sensed a shock on the cards. But USA have not set the benchmark of basketball for nothing. They upped their game in the third quarter, foiled a few attacks and hit on the fast-break to take a 70-67 lead at the end of the quarter.

Carmelo and Kyrie Irving started to tighten the screws around the Boomers and, with Hollywood star Mathew McConaughey cheering them on from the stands, the Americans never looked back and finished with a 98-88 win.

Carmelo, who scored a game-high 31 points and became USA's all-time

leading scorer in Olympics, later admitted that they were prepared for an assault from the Aussies.

"We kind of expected a game like this, a physical game, a grind-out game," the nine-time NBA All-Star said. "From playing with Australia the past few years, knowing the type of team they are and knowing the type of players they have, we knew it would come down to the end, where we would have to bunker down and make plays down the stretch."

Having dispatched China 119-62 and Venezuela 113-69 in the previous matches, this was a rather tricky opposition that USA were facing. Coach Mike Krzyzewski, who has been with the USA for the past 10 years, showered praise on the opposition.

"We beat a heck of a team tonight. Australia has probably played the best of everyone in the Olympics. They've played three really tough opponents and they just play lights-out basketball. They play so well together as one."

## Brazil make quarters

AFP, Rio de Janeiro

Hosts Brazil finally launched their campaign for Olympic gold as sought after starlet Gabriel Barbosa struck twice to defeat Denmark 4-0 on Wednesday, as two-time champions Argentina bowed out of Rio 2016.

Barcelona star Neymar is still yet to hit the net, but played the role of facilitator as Gabriel Jesus and Luan were also on target to end a run of over 200 minutes without a goal after stalemates with Iraq and South Africa got their campaign off to a faltering start.

Freiburg striker Nils Petersen scored five times as world champions Germany smashed Pacific islanders Fiji 10-0 to seal their place in the last eight behind South Korea.



Kohei Uchimura of Japan is perfectly balanced while performing in the rings of the men's individual all-around final of the Artistic Gymnastics at the Olympic Arena on Wednesday.

PHOTO: REUTERS

## 'King Kohei' defends crown

AFP, Rio de Janeiro

Gymnastics superstar Kohei Uchimura soared to his third Olympic gold on Wednesday as he defended his all-around crown two days after winning a first team title with Japan.

The 27-year-old snatched the title after a thrilling battle with Ukraine's Oleg Verniaiev, winning by just 0.097. Britain's Max Whitlock won bronze in the Rio Olympic Arena.

Uchimura had trailed his 22-year-old rival for the final four of six rotations but pulled out a spectacular horizontal bar routine to seal his seventh Olympic medal over three Olympics.

The gymnast known as 'King Kohei' becomes the first man to successfully defend his title since countryman Sawao Kato in 1972.

Uchimura now joins Kato on a record three Olympic medals in men's all-around.

Japan also join the Soviet Union on a record six Olympic titles in the event.

Whitlock, a two-time world all-around medallist, gave Britain a first Olympic men's all-around medal since Walter Tysal's silver in 1908.

The all-around is the pinnacle of men's gymnastics, a battle across six disciplines between 24 of the most athletically impressive competitors in the Games.

## Chalmers ends drought

AFP, Rio de Janeiro

Australia's really young gun Kyle Chalmers won the Olympic 100m freestyle gold in Rio on Wednesday to end his country's 48-year drought in swimming's prestige event.

The 18-year-old, who was swimming in his school carnival earlier this year, stormed home to win in a junior world record of 47.58sec, 22-tenths of a second ahead of Belgian silver medallist Pieter Timmers' 47.80 with 2012 gold medallist Nathan Adrian of the United States third in 47.85.

Adrian said he'd never heard of Chalmers until he finished second at the Australian trials.

Chalmers said that suited him just fine.

"I think I definitely flew under the radar," said Chalmers who won't be able to stay out of the spotlight now after an electrifying Olympic debut

that saw him duck under the 48-second mark for the first time in Tuesday's heats.

He became the first Australian to win 100m free gold since Mike Wenden in 1968. Since then three Australians had finished second -- Mark Stockwell in 1984, Eamon Sullivan in 2008 and James Magnussen in 2012.

Chalmers made his move along with Timmers, who was fifth at the turn, to seize the win in a mass finish.

As Chalmers put Australia back where they've long felt they belonged on the podium, Dmitriy Balandin was putting the swimming on the map in his home country -- making Kazakhstan's first Olympic medal in the sport a gold in the 200m breaststroke.

Balandin, swimming in lane eight, overhauled early pacesetter Yasuhiro Koseki of Japan at the final turn to win in 2min 07.46sec.


American Josh Prenot, who came into the Games atop the 2016 world rankings, was second in 2:07.53 and Russia's Anton Chupkov was third in 2:07.70.

"I'm very proud to win Kazakhstan's first medal and make history for my country," said the 21-year-old from Almaty.

Spain's Mireia Belmonte-Garcia rallied to win the 200m butterfly, improving on the silver she earned in London.

Katie Ledecky anchored the United States to gold in the 4x200m freestyle relay, overtaking Australia's Tamsin Cook to bring her team home in 7:43.03.

Ledecky, who teamed with Allison Schmitt, Leah Smith and Maya DiRado, claimed her third gold of the Games while Australia's Leah Neale, Emma McKeon, Bronte Barratt and Cook earned silver in 7:44.87.




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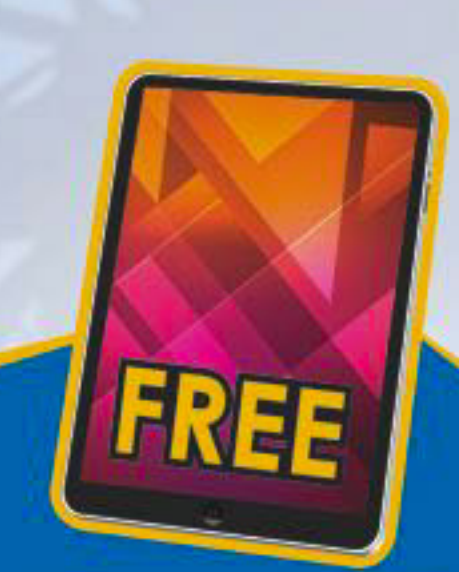
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