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DAY'S EVENT

Bangladesh Premier League

Ctg Abahani v Uttar Baridhara
Time: 4:00pm

Venue: Rafiq Uddin Bhuiyan Stadium, Mymensingh

Ledecky dominates with WR

AFP, Rio de Janeiro

Katie Ledecky obliterated the field and her own world record in winning the 800m freestyle at the Rio Olympics on Friday...

The 19-year-old American, who also won the 4x200m relay for four golds overall, touched in 8min 04.79sec...

It was her 13th world record since her shock 800m freestyle win in London four years ago...

And as she contemplated her achievement in Rio, the preternaturally poised teen couldn't hold back her emotions.

"Just kind of the end of a four-year journey," she said as the tears flowed.

"I don't know why I'm crying. There were nights I would go to bed and think about this day (and) how much

fun I've had these past four years, and I'd start crying in bed.

"I just wanted to make this meet count."

Ledecky touched almost half a length in front of her closest rivals -- more than 11 seconds in front of silver medallist Jazz Carlin of Britain's 8:16.17 with Boglarka Kapas of Hungary taking bronze in 8:16.37.

"I just wanted to lay it all out there," Ledecky said. "It was my last swim here at the Olympics, the pinnacle of our sport, and I have to wait another four years to have that moment. I just wanted to enjoy it all and put my very best swim out there."

Ledecky joined compatriots Janet Evans and Brooke Bennett as the only swimmers to win this event at two Olympics and now owns the top 11 times ever in the event.

Her dominant performance in Rio also included silver in the 4x100m freestyle relay.

Ledecky is the first Olympian to take the 200m, 400m and 800m gold at a single Games since another US teenager, Debbie Meyer, achieved the feat at

Mexico City in 1968 -- the year the 800m was added to the programme.

American swimmer Maya Dirado denied Katinka Hosszu a fourth Rio Olympics individual swimming gold medal, pipping the Hungarian in a women's 200m backstroke thriller.

Dirado finally overhauled "Iron Lady" Hosszu after finishing second behind her in the 400m individual medley and third in the 200m individual medley.

Dirado, who won 4x200m freestyle relay gold in Rio, tracked front-runner Hosszu throughout, edging ahead in the final meters to win in 2min 05.99 seconds.

Hosszu took the silver in 2:06.05 and Canada's Hilary Caldwell claimed bronze in 2:07.54.

Hosszu, won the 100m backstroke along with the 200m and 400m medleys, was bidding to equal the record for the most gold medals won by a female swimmer in individual events at a single Olympics.

The only other woman to have achieved the feat was East Germany's Kristin Otto at Seoul in 1988.



USA's Katie Ledecky celebrates after breaking the world record to win the women's 800m freestyle final during the Rio 2016 Olympic Games at the Olympic Aquatics Stadium on Friday.

PHOTO: AFP

Carter stuns Adams

AFP, Rio de Janeiro

Thirty-two years after her father won a silver medal for shot put in the 1984 Olympics, Michelle Carter can now claim family bragging rights after going one better and striking gold here on Friday.

The 30-year-old from California stunned two-time champion Valerie Adams of New Zealand in a dramatic shot put final at Rio's Olympic Stadium, recording a personal best with her last throw of 20.63m.

It was a sensational victory for Carter, a professionally qualified make-up artist who also campaigns to improve attitudes towards body image via a sports-confidence camp called "You Throw Girl."

Carter is trained by her father Michael, who went on to have a successful career in American football with the San Francisco 49ers after switching from track and field following his silver in the 1984 Games.

"I'll be going around the house saying 'Yeah daddy - I got you!'. It feels awesome," a delighted Carter said.

"Me and him have a running joke. I've won more high school championships, he's won more college championships. I always told him it's going to take the cake if I win the Olympic gold, and today it's happened."

New Zealand star Adams, winner in 2008 and 2012, finished with silver after a best throw of 20.42.

Adams looked to be firmly on course for gold after taking the lead on her second attempt.

No other woman in the field had broken 20m until Carter conjured up a monumental final effort to take the lead.

She then faced a nerve-wracking finale as Adams attempted to regain the lead with her last throw.

Germany rout Portugal

AFP, Rio de Janeiro

Arsenal's Serge Gnabry became the Olympics' top scorer as Germany ended Portugal's hopes of adding gold to a glorious 2016 with a 4-0 thrashing to reach the Rio 2016 semi-finals on Saturday.

Victory takes Germany one step closer to a mouth-watering rematch with hosts Brazil in next Saturday's final two years on from smashing the five-time world champions 7-1 on home soil at the 2014 World Cup.

Next up for Germany is a semi-final with Nigeria or Denmark in Salvador on Wednesday as they exacted revenge for a 5-0 hammering in last year's under-21 European championships.

India beat WI by 237 runs

AFP, Gros Islet

India defeated the West Indies by 237 runs in the third Test at St Lucia on Saturday to claim an unassailable 2-0 lead in the four-match series.

West Indies, set an unlikely victory target of 346, were bowled out for just 108 before tea on the final day with Mohammed Shami taking 3-15 as India remain in contention to replace Australia at the top of the Test rankings.

Rafa's golden return

AFP, Rio de Janeiro

Rafael Nadal described his second Olympic gold as "unforgettable" after marking his return from his latest injury misery by partnering close friend Marc Lopez to the men's doubles title in Rio.

The 30-year-old Spaniard added the 2016 doubles crown to his 2008 singles gold in Beijing by defeating Romania's Florin Mergea and Horia Tecau 6-2, 3-6, 4-6.

Nadal is just the fourth player to win gold in Olympic singles and doubles after Serena and Venus Williams and Chile's Nicolas Pietrangeli.

The former world number one and holder of 14 Grand Slam titles was playing his first tournament since May when a wrist injury forced an early retirement from the French Open.

"It was an amazing experience, especially doing it with one of my best friends, with Marc, it's something unforgettable for me, for both of us," said Nadal.

"To win a gold medal after two months and a half with no practice, with no preparation, just working in the gym, is something that is a dream.

"The moment was unbelievable, and we had fun. We fight hard."

Nadal's participation in the Olympics was in doubt until the last minute but now he has one gold and the prospect of another in the men's singles where he's reached the semi-finals.

Earlier Friday, he defeated Brazil's Thomaz Bellucci 2-6, 6-4, 6-2 for his 800th career singles win.

He will face Juan Martin Del Potro of Argentina on Saturday for a place in the championship match.

"It's a dream to win for my country. I didn't come here just to carry the flag at the opening ceremony," added Nadal.

For 34-year-old Lopez, it was a second major title of 2016 after he partnered compatriot Feliciano Lopez to the French Open

title in June.

"Sharing these feelings with Rafa is really a dream come true," said Lopez, who has now won five doubles titles with Nadal.

"All the things we have done together, I am the happiest man on earth."

Tecau paid tribute to Nadal whose all-court skills proved crucial.

"You don't see this in singles, but he volleys really well. He moves a lot at the net, puts a lot of pressure, defends really well," said Tecau.

"He can hit an angle in every shot. And he's all over the court. You have to play with precision and play to win most of the time. Otherwise you're going to give him a lot of shots and that's what he likes. Then he takes control of the points."

The Spanish pair had cruised through the first set of the final 6-2 on the back of breaks in the fifth and seventh games.

But Mergea and Tecau, giving Romania their first ever Olympic tennis medal, hit back, focussing their attack on Lopez.

They broke for a 3-1 lead and saved two break-back points in the ninth game to level the final on a chilly night in the Brazilian city.

Mergea and Tecau, both 31 and born within a week of each other, sensed victory when they nipped ahead at 4-3 in the decider with Lopez again broken.

But the Spanish duo regained the break at 4-4 when Tecau was broken. Nadal then held for a 5-4 lead.

The Romanian pair saved two championship points in the 10th game but a wild Tecau smash gave Nadal and Lopez the title after two and a half hours of action.

The Spaniards' all-out attack and rock-solid defence were crucial forcing their opponents into making 46 unforced errors and having to save 12 of 16 break points they faced.

America's Steve Johnson and Jack Sock defeated Daniel Nestor and Vasek Pospisil, the Canadian seventh seeds, 6-2, 6-4 to claim the bronze medal.

MSC draw again

SPORTS REPORTER from Mymensingh

Falling giants Mohammedan SC are caught in a wave of draws in the JB Bangladesh Premier League and yesterday they played out another tie against Muktiyoddha Sangad.

With the 2-2 stalemate, Mohammedan are ninth in the 12-team table while Muktiyoddha Sangad joined leaders Sheikh Jamal DC on top with nine points from five outings.

Both sides presented an entertaining and fast brand of football on the rain-soaked turf in front of 5,000 spectators, who enjoyed four brilliant goals struck by Towhids'.

After surviving two close calls in the first 20 minutes, Mohammedan took the lead against the run of play when Towhidul Alam Sabuz tapped in on the half-hour mark after a grounder from Biplu Ahmed came his way.

Then Towhid Alam Towhid equalised with a clever shot in the 56th minute to continue his brilliant performance in the league before providing the lead to the All Reds with a spectacular header in the 72nd minute.

However, Towhid's brilliance was for nought as three minutes later, following the mistakes of defender Manik who handled an Abudl Malek lob inside the box, Sabuz brought Mohammedan back by converting a spot kick.

Tigers maul Leicester

AFP, London



Leicester's Premier League title defence got off to an embarrassing start as the champions crashed to 2-1 defeat at troubled Hull in the season opener on Saturday.

Just three months after their astonishing title triumph, Claudio Ranieri's side were brought back down to earth by a team whose preparations for the new campaign were marred by the resignation of manager Steve Bruce and their failure to sign a single player.

Adama Diomande gave Hull a first-half lead before Riyad Mahrez brought Leicester level with a penalty shortly after the interval.

Robert Snodgrass drove in the winner 12 minutes into the second half as a team in crisis on and off the pitch became the first to beat the defending English champions on opening day since Manchester United defeated Arsenal in 1989.

Leicester were sharper for the opening 30 minutes, but were unable to capitalise on the chances they created, with Jamie Vardy a particular culprit.

Hull rode the pressure, though, and took the lead in the second minute of first-half stoppage time. Kasper Schmeichel clawed out Davies' near-post header from a Snodgrass corner, but Diomande's overhead kick flew into the net.

Leicester responded immediately after half-time, winning a penalty within 20 seconds of the restart as Tom Huddlestone was judged to have clipped Demarai Gray inside the area.

Television replays suggested the contact may have been outside the area, but Mahrez sent Jakupovic the wrong way with a cool spot-kick.

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