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The Canadian women's football team did not even allow Brazil to get the solace of a bronze medal in the Rio Games. (INSET) Marta, try as she might, failed to prevent a loss for the hosts. PHOTO: REUTERS

Argentine men win first gold in hockey

AFP, Rio de Janeiro

Argentina beat Belgium 4-2 to claim the Olympic title on Thursday and win their country's first Games medal in men's hockey, edging a close-fought match between two teams few expected to make the final.

Long playing in the shadow of a much-celebrated women's team, Argentina's men will leave Rio with their first Olympic hockey medal.

Belgium's sliver was their best finish at the Games in 96 years. They last took home bronze in Antwerp in 1920.

"We are a perfect team. Everybody knows their role everybody knows what they have to do on the field," said Argentine forward Facundo Callioni. "We just wanted the gold more than Belgium."

Canadians add insult to injury

Defeat Brazil 2-1 for football bronze

AFP, Rio de Janeiro

Brazil's female footballers suffered a second heartbreaking defeat in three days on Friday as a 2-1 bronze medal match loss to Canada in Sao Paulo saw the hosts fail to make the podium.

Goals either side of half-time from Deanne Rose and veteran captain Christine Sinclair silenced a passionate crowd and saw Canada defend the bronze medal they won in London four years ago.

Led by five-time World Player of the Year Marta, Brazil captivated the host nation by smashing eight goals past China and Sweden in their opening two group games.

However, Beatriz's consolation strike 11 minutes from time broke a streak of over 400 minutes without a goal in the four games since.

A mix of youth and experience worked wonders for Canada as 17-year-old Rose fired home the opener after a lightning counter-attack led by Ashley Lawrence.

Sinclair then scored her 165th goal on her 250th appearance for Canada seven minutes into the second-half.

Beatriz set up a grandstand finish when she spun inside the area to fire home left-footed.

Despite a late surge, Brazil couldn't find an equaliser as they failed to add to the silver medals they won at the 2004 and 2008 Games.

'Mammoth' leads Brazil

AFP, Rio de Janeiro

Alison "The Mammoth" Cerutti and Bruno Schmidt sparked wild scenes at a rain-soaked Copacabana stadium as they powered to men's beach volleyball gold at the Rio Olympics on Friday.

The hulking, 6ft 8ins (2.03m) Cerutti, a losing finalist in 2012, and his new partner Schmidt thumped Italy's Paolo Nicolai and Daniele Lupo 21-19, 21-17, prompting joyous celebrations.

Brazil's public has shown signs of ambivalence toward the Olympics but the country can now celebrate a fifth gold medal, sealed at its most famous beach.

"It's incredible. This is place is like the Maracana of beach volleyball," Cerutti said, comparing the Copacabana venue to Rio's iconic football stadium.

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Brazil face Germany with scars of 7-1

ATIQUE ANAM from Rio de Janeiro

Even though Rogeiro Micalé, the coach of Brazil's Olympic football team played down talks of revenge, revenge is expected to be on every Brazilian's mind when the hosts of the Rio Olympics take on Germany in the final at the Maracana on Saturday evening [Sunday 2:30am in Bangladesh].

Any football match between Brazil and Germany, the two most successful teams on the planet, generates a lot of hype and tension. But this time it is not just a one-off match; instead it comes with the 7-1 drubbing of the Brazilian senior side at the hands of their German counterparts in the World Cup two years ago still raw in people's mind. Plus there is the added incentive for both sides of winning their first ever Olympic men's football gold medal, an accolade strangely missing from both the teams' cabinets.

"I am sure the final with Germany will be a great match but it has nothing to do with the past. That was the World Cup. This is the Olympic team," Micalé said at the pre-match press conference as he tried to take the weight of expectation off his team. "Neymar never played in that match so there is nothing that could generate any type of feeling that we have to take revenge. It is a different time with different players and ages."

While Brazil have twice made it to the

final of the event, and lost on both occasions, four-time world champions Germany will be making their maiden appearance in the final. So it is a match to right some wrongs of the past for both teams.

Brazil's start to the competition had been lacklustre to say the least. They drew goalless in consecutive matches against South Africa and Iraq and were jeered off the pitch. But the Young Selecaos turned things around in style and scored 12 goals in the next three matches without conceding a single goal to step into the final as favourites.

"Emotionally on Saturday we will be strong as we have gone through so much already. During the tournament there have been questions and doubts. Now we just have to do our final match and we will do our best," Micalé added.

Germany, too, started with consecutive draws before getting their act together with a goal glut, including a 10-0 rout of Fiji in the group stages. Germany coach Horst Hrubesch alluded to the goal scoring ability of his side when asked about the probable impact of Brazil captain Neymar.

"We will play against Brazil, not Neymar. Our forwards have scored 21 goals so it is a case of how Brazil will stop us," Hrubesch said, adding that he had all the confidence in his forwards to complete the job. "We are not going to change anything. We are a team that is good going forward and we are going to play exactly the same way."

Isinbayeva retires Says 'God will judge IAAF'

REUTERS, Rio de Janeiro

Barred from competing at the Rio Games, Russia's double Olympic champion Yelena Isinbayeva announced her retirement on Friday and said whoever won the women's pole vault in her absence would not have achieved a proper gold medal.

At a news conference, Isinbayeva also said God would be the judge of whether athletics' governing body was right to exclude almost the entire Russian track and field team, including herself, over what it said was incontrovertible evidence of state-sponsored doping.

Isinbayeva said she had been confident of winning the pole vault.

"I really believed in my victory, because everything was heading towards that," Isinbayeva said. "When the girls jump today without me, do you think that will be honest?"

"If you look at the big picture, when you compete without Isinbayeva it can't be a proper gold medal."

Whoever wins, she said, "I will congratulate the new champion, of course, but I'm sure she will feel it's not entirely gold because goal number one is to beat Isinbayeva."

"I am no judge, I am not God, so if the



president and all the members of the IAAF believe they behaved honestly towards me and all the clean Russian track and field athletes, let that be on their conscience, God will be their judge," she said.

After several times deflecting questions about her future plans, she finally announced her retirement.

"Today in Rio on August 19, 2016, Yelena Isinbayeva is finishing her professional career, this is my statement," she said. "I'm very happy that I fulfilled my dreams, I won all possible medals, all possible titles, I won the trust and love of all the fans in the world."

Hickey jailed in Rio

AFP, Rio de Janeiro

European Olympics chief Pat Hickey, who is accused of involvement in a black market tickets ring, has been jailed in Rio de Janeiro, police said Friday.

The 71-year-old International Olympic Committee executive member from Ireland was discharged from hospital on Thursday and questioned.

Toth best walker

AFP, Rio de Janeiro

Slovakia's Matej Toth made a decisive break 2km from the line to add Olympic gold to his world title as he won the 50km race walk on Friday.

Toth timed 3hr 40min 58sec, Tallent taking silver at 18sec, with Japan's Hirooki Arai a further 8sec adrift to bag bronze.

Lochte says sorry for behaviour

Three swimmers return to USA

REUTERS, Washington

US gold medallist swimmer Ryan Lochte on Friday apologised for his behaviour at the Olympics after being accused by Brazilian police of inventing a story about an armed robbery to cover for some bad behaviour at a gas station.

"I should have been much more responsible in how I handled myself, and for that am sorry to my team mates," he said on Instagram.

Lochte, together with fellow US swimmers Gunnar Bentz, Jack Conger and Jimmy Feigen, are accused of having fabricated a story about being robbed by gunmen posing as policemen.

Surveillance footage and an investigation by Brazilian authorities showed that they had vandalised a gas station bathroom and had handed over money to armed security guards who had prevented them from leaving.

In his apology, Lochte, 32, described the night as "traumatic".

"It's traumatic to be out late with your friends in a foreign country -- with a language barrier -- and have a stranger point a gun at you and demand money to let you leave," he said.

"But regardless of the behaviour of anyone else that night, I should have been much more responsible in how I handled myself and for that am sorry to my team mates, my fans, my fellow competitors, my sponsors, and the hosts of this great event."

Lochte, Bentz and Conger have returned to the United States, while Feigen was still in Brazil on Friday morning. Feigen had agreed to pay \$11,000 to a Brazilian charity, police said. His passport would be released upon providing a receipt.

Earlier, Rio's mayor, Eduardo Paes, accepted an apology given by the US Olympic Committee over the incident involving the swimmers, but he said he had "pity and contempt" for the athletes involved.

Paes said on Friday that the behaviour of four did not represent the good spirit that the rest of the American delegation had shown. He also emphasized that US tourists were always welcome in his city.

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