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Boomers Thrash Lithuania

The Boomers have scored a resounding 106 – 75 victory over the previously unbeaten Lithuanian team in the final pool match. The Boomers overcame their Lithuanian hoodoo to record their first victory against them in Olympic competition, after suffering four previous losses to them including Bronze medal playoff games in 1996 and 2000.

Australia came out of the block firing on all cylinders, led by Andrew Bogut who finished with 23 points for the match. The Boomer shot the lights out connecting on 57% of their shots from the field including an astonishing 64% from behind the 3 point arc. Brad Newley was Australia's second highest scorer with 16 points, followed by Chris Anstey and Pat Mills on 13 points.

It was not just on the offensive end that the Boomers lifted their game. They also tightened up their defence forcing their opponents into 25 turnovers and restricting them to 29% from three point range.

The Boomers now face the powerhouse USA team featuring superstars Kobe Bryant and LeBron James in their do-or-die quarter final.

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