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Old rivals fare badly



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takes and plan better for the future," he said. In their last league matches on Sunday, India play Spain while Pakistan take on Argentina.

Indian Baljeet Singh sent the ball into the net off a deflection from a shot by Hapreet Singh with less than four minutes remaining, but that goal was disallowed.

The goal was disallowed apparently because of a lifted ball, a call Indian coach Jahanir Butt nor the near capacity and mostly partisan Indian crowd of 14,800 in Morris Brown Stadium agreed with.

Germany, who looked in some danger of not reaching the semifinals when they gained only one point from their first two games, continued their improvement with a commanding 3-0 win over Argentina which virtually ended any prospects the Pan-American champions had of making the last four.

SPAIN IN SEMIS

Meanwhile, Spain reached

A sell-out crowd of 14,862, comprising mainly Indian and Pakistani expatriates, returned disappointed as the former masters of world hockey put on a listless display.

With neither side able to force the pace, the keenly-awaited showdown petered out tamely, and left both India and Pakistan on the brink of elimination from the competition.

India have four points from as many games, and Pakistan three with only the final round of Group A league matches remaining.

The last time the two arch-rivals met — in Atlanta during the six-nation tournament in April — the match ended in a 2-2 draw.

India's best chance to score came in the seventh minute when striker Dhanraj Pillay's deflection of Mukesh Kumar's pass from the right flank rebounded off the goal-post.

India wasted three penalty corners and Pakistan four with ill-directed hits, and the forwards bungled in front of the goal after making the moves with traditional Asian short-passes.

Indian captain Pargat Singh, hoping to celebrate his 300th international with a win, said it was one of the worst matches of his career.

"Neither side played to potential," the 31-year-old defender said. "It can never be a good performance if there are no goals."

The defence functioned okay but the strikers just could not perform. We must have disappointed the large crowd which turned up."

Pakistani coach Samiullah Khan, who blamed the umpiring after his side's 0-3 defeat against Germany on Wednesday, said there were no excuses this time.

"We played badly. I do not want to comment on the Indians, but Pakistan certainly played badly," he said.

"We missed a few scoring chances but the midfield just did not function properly. We have to learn from our mis-



Indian Sanjeev Kumar (R) takes the ball downfield while his Pakistani opponent trying hard to intercept during their preliminary round match at the Olympics on July 26.

Johnson a lucky loser



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Randy Barnes of USA eyes his target during the men's shot put event at the Olympic Stadium in Atlanta on Friday. Barnes won the gold with a winning effort of 21.62 metres.

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MEDALS TABLE

Medals table after the seventh day of competition at the Atlanta Olympics on Friday (tabulated under gold, silver, bronze):

Country	G	S	B	Total
United States	16	18	5	39
Russia	13	9	6	28
China	7	7	6	20
France	7	4	7	18
Australia	5	4	5	15
Italy	5	5	5	15
Poland	5	3	2	10
Germany	3	9	13	25
Cuba	3	4	6	13
Hungary	3	2	5	10
Japan	3	4	2	9
South Korea	3	4	2	9
New Zealand	3	1	1	5
Ireland	3	0	1	4
Turkey	3	0	1	4
Belgium	2	1	2	5
Ukraine	2	0	3	5
South Africa	2	0	1	3
Romania	1	2	0	3
Greece	1	2	0	3
Kazakhstan	1	1	1	3
North Korea	1	1	1	3
Yugoslavia	1	0	1	2
Armenia	1	0	0	1
Costa Rica	1	0	0	1
Ecuador	1	0	0	1
Bulgaria	0	3	4	7
Belarus	0	3	2	5
Brazil	0	1	4	5
Netherlands	0	0	5	5
Canada	0	1	3	4
Spain	0	1	2	3
Finland	0	2	0	2
Britain	0	1	1	2
Sweden	0	1	1	2
Austria	0	1	0	1
Uzbekistan	0	1	0	1
Czech Republic	0	0	1	1
Georgia	0	0	1	1
Mexico	0	0	1	1
Moldova	0	0	1	1
Mongolia	0	0	1	1
Slovakia	0	0	1	1

Note: Two bronze medals awarded in judo. Two bronze medals awarded in artistic gymnastics women's individual all-round competition.

Two Georgias' great day

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Castro blasts America

Havana 1996

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