

Aslan Shah hockey  
Pakistan baffle  
New Zealand

KUALA LUMPUR, Apr 5: Pakistan, the former world champions, moved closer to entering the final with a 5-2 victory over New Zealand on Monday in the ninth Sultan Aslan Shah Cup tournament at Malaysia's National Hockey Stadium, reports AP.

New Zealand took the lead at the outset when John Radovovich scored via a penalty corner in the 22nd minute. But New Zealand's joy was short-lived as Pakistan tied the match with a similar shot from Sohail in the 24th minute.

New Zealand, with a 4-1 win against Malaysia and a 3-0 loss to Germany, grabbed the lead again in the 38th minute as Bevan Hare scored.

But Pakistan's penalty corner specialist, Sohail Abbas, scored a hat-trick to emerge as the leading goal scorer of the tournament with seven goals in three matches.

Muhammad Sarwar scored in the 51st minute and Sohail got his name on the score sheet again from penalty corner attempts in the 53rd and 59th minutes.

Pakistan's captain, Atif Bashir, sealed up the game with a goal in the 70th minute, his sixth in the tournament.

**ROK ROUT CANADA**

Meanwhile, South Korea beat Canada 5-2 in a fast-moving game.

Former Asian Games champions South Korea had been defeated by Germany (3-4) and Pakistan (2-6) in the six-nation competition.

But on Monday the South Koreans rebounded with speed and clean moves to wear down their Canadian opponents.

It was Canada's second loss in three matches after being bested by Pakistan 3-6 and edging out Malaysia 2-1.

Jeon Jong Ha put the Koreans into the lead early, scoring in the sixth minute when he connected a penalty corner rebound for the only goal of the first half.

South Korea, who had beaten Canada 4-2 last year in the classification match of the World Cup finals in Utrecht, Holland, dominated the second half.

Song Seung Tae broke away from a tight midfield to score the second goal through a solo run in the 39th minute. Lee Young Hwang added the third goal in the 49th minute before Canada responded with a goal by Ken Pereira in the 53rd minute.

Shortly afterwards, Lee Jung Seon consolidated the margin and Korean team captain Kang Keon Wook made it 5-1 in the 61st minute.

Canada reduced the deficit when Andrew Griffiths scored in the 65th minute.

**Seedorf demands respect**

MADRID, Apr 5 (Reuters/Internet): Real Madrid midfielder Clarence Seedorf, stung by recent criticism from the Bernabeu crowd, has hit back at the Real fans for their lack of respect.

The Dutch international, who has endured a disappointing season at the heart of Real's struggling side, was booted by sections of the crowd as he was substituted after 70 minutes of his side's 3-2 win at home to Alaves on Sunday.

And the former Ajax and Sampdoria player, in his third year at Madrid, revealed his frustration at the relentless criticism from the terraces.

"Some of the fans don't have much of a clue about football," Seedorf complained. "I don't like to criticise but some of them come with their eyes closed."

"They're showing very little respect towards me. This is not going to affect my game but I'm getting tired of it."

Seedorf received little sympathy from coach John Toshack and club president Lorenzo Sanz, both of whom told him to concentrate on his football rather than the crowd.

"The customer is always right," Toshack said in the wake of the crowd's boozing of both Seedorf and Croatian international Davor Suker, who was also below par in Sunday's game.

Sanz, who sought to play down the incident, said: "Seedorf can think whatever he likes but the club members are the ones that pay and you have to respect them. In any case, Seedorf was applauded as he left the field."

Seedorf's dip in form this year has coincided with a series of bust-ups with team mates.

Seedorf and Fernando Hierro were both fined by Real in March after they were involved in a dressing-room fracas following a European Cup quarter-final draw with Dynamo Kiev.

In Tokyo, during preparations for the World Club Cup against Brazil's Vasco da Gama, Seedorf and defender Ivan Campea were caught on camera fighting.

And the Dutchman was involved in another televised row in January as he and Predrag Mijatovic traded insults amid a 4-0 defeat at Deportivo Coruna.

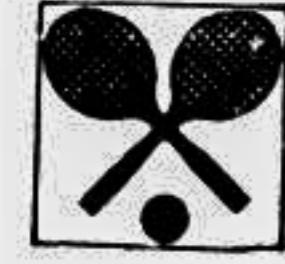
**Inter-college cricket**

MEHERPUR, Apr 5: The final of the inter-college Gold Cup cricket tournament was held at the Meherpur Government College playground on March 29, reports BSS.

The tournament was sponsored by the Jezzore Education Board and organised by the Meherpur Government College.

Meherpur won the title and the Jezzore Upashahar became runners-up.

# Family Circle Cup Hingis'



HILTON HEAD ISLAND, South Carolina, Apr 5 (Reuters/Internet): Eighteen-year-old world number one Martina Hingis overwhelmed 17-year-old Russian Anna Kournikova 6-4, 6-3 in the final of the one-million-dollar Family Circle Cup on Sunday.

Kournikova, now 0-2 in finals, threatened only once in the match, when she broke Hingis' service in the seventh game of the match for a 4-3 lead.

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