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In countries other than the US, soccer is called "football" or "association football". The word "soccer" is an

What to WATCH

TEN Sports

India vs Pakistan Hockey

At 11:30 am

ESPN

English Premier Football League

Southampton vs Man City

Live at 5:40 pm

Arsenal vs Charlton Athletic

Live at 7:55 pm

Bromwich vs Bolton Wanderers

Live at 10:10 pm

Primera Liga

Real Sociedad vs Athletic Madrid

Live at 2:00 am (Sunday)

STAR Sports

English Premier Football League

Everton vs Tottenham Hotspur

Live at 7:55 pm

TALK TURKEY



Michael Vaughan

(England cricket captain)

"I am proud to be captain of my country and feel that I have a duty to my teammates to lead the team on this tour. While I certainly do not condone what is happening in Zimbabwe, I do not want to shirk my responsibilities as England captain and would not want to let the burden of responsibility to fall on another player's shoulders."



ABURD: One of the many Bangladeshi attacks in front of the Afghanistan goal during yesterday's Challenge Cup U-21 tournament at the Maulana Bhashani National Hockey Stadium. Bangladesh won 30-0.

PHOTO: STAR

Aus-India Tests on Sony TV

REUTERS, Kolkata

India's home Test series against Australia in October will be telecast on Sony television, with live pictures to be produced by the Dubai-based TEN Sports, the Indian cricket board said on Thursday.

The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) President Ranbir Mahendra said in a statement BCCI would itself produce and distribute the television feed for the four-Test series that starts next week.

The telecast has been mired in controversy after the country's largest listed media firm, Zee Telefilms Ltd., moved the courts following the board's decision to cancel the multi-million dollar telecasts awarded to it.

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Hosts win 30-0

A farcical drubbing

Hockey

SPORTS REPORTER

A 30-0 win does not come everyday especially if you are Bangladesh but even after such a groundbreaking scoreline, the players were far too embarrassed to celebrate their massacre of Afghanistan yesterday in the U-21 Challenge Cup invitational hockey.

For the record, the 30-0 thrashing at the Maulana Bhashani stadium was by far the biggest win-margin in international competitions for Bangladesh. The previous best was the 12-1 victory over Nepal in the 1997 SAF Games in Madras.

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seemed more pre-occupied with just having the feel of the sticks in their hands.

After going 4-0 down within 10 minutes, the Afghans threatened to leave the field protesting the fourth goal. Then in one minute of absolute farce, they just stood on the pitch seemingly in protest while Bangladesh forward Russell Mahmud Jimmy scored twice without facing any resistance.

When they eventually decided to continue, Jimmy went on to net eight times. Moksal Alam Habul notched five goals while Rahul and Mobarak managed three each. Dinar and Chayan got a brace each while seven others shared the remaining goals.

Throughout the match, Bangladesh's goaltender did not have to make a single save and the crowd even cheered an attempted attack by the Afghans.

The hosts, who beat Myanmar 3-0 in their first game on Thursday, led

17-0 at the break.

"I gave my players a 30-goal target and they have fulfilled it," said Bangladesh's Pakistani coach Qamar Ibrahim before he questioned the wisdom of inviting a side like Afghanistan.

"They don't have the standard to compete at this level. Even their officials are not aware of the rules in hockey. Playing against teams like Afghanistan will do nothing for Bangladesh."

When Bangladesh Hockey Federation general secretary Shamsul Bari was approached after the match, he appeared as embarrassed as his players and shied away from giving any comments.

In yesterday's other match at the BKSP, favourites India defeated Myanmar 7-0 with Gurinder Chandi and Savio Nayak scoring twice each.

Goal feast in Lahore

AFP, Lahore

Record-pursuing penalty corner striker Sohail Abbas scored two goals as Pakistan held rival India 4-4 in the fourth match of the eight-match hockey series here on Friday.

The 28-year-old striker has now to score three more goals to break the record of Dutchman Paul Litjens who holds the world record of 267 goals in 177 matches.

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Razzaq propels Pakistan

Cricket

AFP, Multan

All-rounder Abdul Razzaq cracked an aggressive unbeaten hundred and Shahid Afridi a fiery fifty to help Pakistan down Zimbabwe by 144 runs in the opening tri-series match at the Multan cricket stadium Thursday.

Razzaq smashed 107 off just 114 balls while Afridi blasted 58 off 26 deliveries to lift their team from 146-6 to 292-7 in the allotted 50 overs after Pakistan won the toss and decided to bat.

Zimbabwe could manage 148 in 38.3 overs with Yusimuzi Sibanda top scoring with 57.

Zimbabwe, weakened following a strike by 15 white players over allegations of racism in selection six months ago, suffered their 11th consecutive defeat.

Dion Ibrahim with 29 was the other notable contributor as the tourists found Pakistan bowling hard to cope in a match Zimbabwe started well before being blown away by Razzaq and Afridi.

The Razzaq-Afridi pair punished the tourists' bowling with their ruthless batting, adding 107 off just 46 balls for the seventh wicket to throw inexperienced Zimbabwe out of the driving seat.

Razzaq's second one-day hundred was studded with five towering sixes and as many boundaries while Afridi's had four sixes and five boundaries. Pakistan added 145 runs in the last 10 overs.

"When I went in with the team in trouble at 36-4 my main aim was to survive the new ball and help my captain build the innings," said Razzaq, who was declared man-of-the-match.

"I am happy that I did that and scored my second hundred."

Razzaq first added 95 runs for the fifth wicket with captain Inzamamul Haq, who initiated his team's fightback with a laboured 73 after Pakistan were reeling at 36-4.

Afridi, who also returned figures of 3-18, inspired Razzaq with some lusty hitting, completing his fifty off just 21 balls to thwart an attacking Zimbabwe.

Opener Yasir Hameed edged the very first delivery of the game by Tinashe Panyangara to

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PHOTO: AFP

WHOOSH! Pakistan all-rounder Abdul Razzaq cracks one straight during his hundred against Zimbabwe in the first one-day international

India arrive on Dec 7

SPORTS REPORTER

India will arrive in Dhaka on December 7 to play two Tests and three one-day internationals against Bangladesh.

The first Test begins at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on December 9 afterwards both teams will travel to Chittagong for the second Test starting December 16 at the MA Aziz Stadium.

Chittagong will also stage the first one-day on December 23. The last two matches, which are both day-night games, are in Dhaka on December 25 and 27.

The Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) also released the names of officials for the Bangladesh-New Zealand series.

Local umpires Shawkatul Rahman Chinu and Ziaul Islam Masud will stand in the Kiwis' tour opener at the BKSP in Savar. The three-day match against the Alok Kapali-led BCB XI starts October 14.

Australian Daryl Harper and Mark Benson of England will officiate in the two Tests as ICC umpires while the latter will stay back for the one-day series. Benson will be assisted by local umpires Akhteruddin Shahin and Mahabubur Rahman for the ODIs.

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