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Bangladesh v Tajikistan

Live from 4:30pm
SONY ESPN
Copa America
Argentina v Chile

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USA v Costa Rica
Live from 6:00am
(Wednesday)

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Australia v South Africa
Live from 11:00pm

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Venue: Bangabandhu
National Stadium

**Green Delta Premier
Hockey League**
Abahani v Azad SC

Time: 2:00pm
Usha KC v Ajax SC
Time: 4:00pm

Venue: Maulana Bhashani
Hockey Stadium

Mexico down Uruguay

Venezuela edge 10-man Jamaica

REUTERS, June



Mexico scored twice in the final five minutes to beat Uruguay 3-1 in a pulsating Copa America Group C match in which each side had a man sent off on Sunday.

The win in front of a passionate and partisan crowd at Glendale, Arizona left Mexico top of the group on goal difference from Venezuela after they beat 10-man Jamaica 1-0 in Chicago.

The early omens were not good for Uruguay who stood stunned before kickoff when the Chilean national anthem was played instead of their own.

Mexico then made a lightning start with the fastest goal of the tournament so far in their first incursion into the Uruguay penalty area in the fourth minute.

Hector Herrera and Uruguay's Alvaro Pereira both leapt to meet Andres Guardado's curling cross from

the left with the defender heading into his own net.

Uruguay, who had Matias Vecino dismissed on the stroke of halftime after a second booking for a foul on Jesus Corona, equalised in the 74th minute from the free kick awarded when Guardado was also shown a second yellow card.

Carlos Sanchez, the man Guardado brought down, hit the free kick into the box where captain Diego Godin headed past Alfredo Talavera to put the record 15-times champions back on level terms.

Mexico, however, had the last word when their captain Rafael Marquez scored a fine goal from a corner, finding the top corner of Fernando Muslera's net with an angled shot from the right.

With the Uruguayans pushing forward in numbers in search of another equaliser, Herrera made the result safe in the second minute of added time with a header from Diego Perez's neat flick across the face of goal.

Uruguay, without injured striker Luis Suarez and on the back foot for most of the first half, missed two good

chances either side of halftime.

Edinson Cavani, put through by Nicolas Lodeiro, was one-on-one with Talavera but the goalkeeper closed him down and blocked his effort after 30 minutes.

In the 58th minute, Godin broke into attack from his own half and laid off to his right for Cavani who crossed to fellow striker Diego Rolan on the left but his finish was poor and ended up on the wrong side of the near post.

Jamaica, who have now lost all four of their Copa America matches by the same 1-0 score, had the first chance at Soldier Field when a header from Je-Vaughn Watson hit the bar in the 11th minute.

Venezuela, whose highest finish at a Copa America was the 2011 semi-finals in Argentina, went ahead after 15 minutes when Alejandro Guerra set up Josef Martinez and the striker shot under goalkeeper Andre Blake.

Eight minutes later, Jamaica's Rodolph Austin was sent off after he caught Tomas Rincon's ankle with his studs as he followed through after winning the ball in the tackle.



Mexico's veteran defender Rafael Marquez (C) is the toast of his teammates after his late strike helped his side secure a 3-1 victory against Uruguay in their Copa America fixture at the University of Phoenix Stadium in Arizona on Sunday.

PHOTO: AFP

EURO 2016 COUNTDOWN 3 DAYS TO GO

Germany need to rediscover form

REUTERS, Berlin

The German side setting their sights on Euro 2016, 20 years after their last continental trophy, may be completely different from the one that won the 2014 World Cup in Brazil.

Although coach Joachim Loew has kept a core of the players who won the country's fourth World Cup, he will need to mould them back into a tournament team if they are to knock holders Spain off the champions' pedestal after eight years.

The manager will also need to quickly integrate a group of younger players, including the talented but uncapped Joshua Kimmich and Julian Weigl among others, to deliver a competitive unit.

"We are confident but not arrogant. We are strong but not invincible," Loew said ahead of a training camp in Italy.

The manager's biggest headache is his back line where the qualifiers exposed an alarming lack of consistency. Germany conceded five goals in their last four games and left it unexpectedly late to top their group.

Central defender Jerome Boateng has only just come back for Bayern Munich after more than three months out injured. Fellow defender Benedikt Hoewedes also missed much of 2016 through injury, returning to action only weeks ago for Schalke.

Loew has another headache in front of the defence, with captain Bastian Schweinsteiger racing to overcome an injury and fellow holding midfielder Ilkay Guendogan already ruled out with a knee cap injury.

"These injuries are a bit of a concern for me," Loew said. "You have such problems before every tournament but I really hope that we now can all remain healthy and those injured at the moment can come back."

Germany's midfield, overflowing with talent, remains awe-inspiring, with players such as Mesut Ozil, Marco Reus, Karim Bellarabi, Lukas Podolski and Andre Schuerle jostling for position alongside definite starters Sami Khedira and Toni Kroos.

Thomas Mueller, who has enjoyed his most prolific scoring season at Bayern having produced 20 league goals, will lead their attack along with in-form Mario Gomez and World Cup final scorer Mario Goetze, desperate for games after spending most of the season on the Bayern bench.

Few expect the Germans to have any problems against Ukraine, Northern Ireland and Poland, who beat them once in qualifying, in Group C where they are overwhelming favourites. Beyond that, much will depend on what sort of team Loew can field.

Ibra promises bombshell

AFP, Stockholm

Swedish superstar Zlatan Ibrahimovic suggested there could be some bombshell news on his future club on Thursday, the same day he launches his sports-wear line.

"It's going to be the bomb of the summer, there will be many things going on that day," said Ibrahimovic, who is leaving Paris Saint Germain as a free agent and who is widely tipped to join Jose Mourinho at Manchester United.

Asked directly if this was the case the giant striker said: "Come along on the seventh."

Having scored 48 goals in 50 games at PSG this season, the 34-year-old led Sweden to a 3-0 win over Wales on Sunday in their last Euro 2016 warm up game.

He previously played for a string of European giants such as Juventus, Inter Milan, AC Milan, Barcelona and Ajax.

Hurst's '66 shirt up for auction

AFP, London

The shirt worn by Geoff Hurst in the 1966 World Cup final could sell for £500,000 (\$720,000, 635,000 euros) at an auction, 50 years on from English football's greatest triumph, valuers said Monday.

The red long-sleeved jersey with the England Three Lions badge on the front and white No 10 on the back was worn by striker Hurst as he became the first -- and so far only -- player to score a hat-trick in a World Cup final as West Germany were beaten 4-2 after extra-time at Wembley Stadium.

West Ham forward Hurst was only in the starting line-up after first-choice striker Jimmy Greaves was injured earlier in the tournament.

Auctioneers Sotheby's estimate the cotton shirt, made by sportswear manufacturer Umbro, will sell for between £300,000 and £500,000 when it goes on sale in London on July 12.

"Half a century on, the immense importance of this match to the English game and nation is being underlined once again with the extensive commemorations of the match's 50th anniversary," Sotheby's Gabriel Heaton said.

The shirt was also auctioned off in 2000, when Hurst sold it for more than £90,000, said Heaton.

Whose anthem is it!

AFP, Arizona



Copa America Centenario organisers were left red-faced on Sunday after an embarrassing blunder which saw Chile's national anthem

played instead of Uruguay's ahead of their Group C clash with Mexico in Arizona.

The incident happened as the teams lined up for kick-off at the University of Phoenix Stadium in Glendale, Arizona.

After Mexico's anthem was played without a hitch, Uruguay prepared to line up for their own national song.

However as the first few bars rang out it soon became clear there was a problem as the wrong, Chilean anthem rang out.

Uruguayan players looked at each other in confusion, while coaching staff gesticulated their annoyance.

The small pockets of Uruguayan fans who had made the long journey to the home of the Arizona Cardinals NFL team whistled and jeered at the error.

A statement from Copa America organizers blamed the mistake on

human error.

"This evening during the pre-match ceremony, due to human error, we inadvertently played the incorrect National Anthem," a statement said.

"We sincerely apologize to the Uruguayan Federation, the Uruguayan National Team, the people of Uruguay and to the fans for this mistake.

"We will work with all parties involved to ensure such an error does not occur again."

As if to rub salt into the wounds, the Uruguayans, who were missing their talismanic forward Luis Suarez because of injury, lost the match 3-1.



(L-R) England's Harry Kane, Kyle Walker and Jack Wilshere walk towards the plane at London's Luton Airport as they leave for France for the Euro 2016 on Monday. England will take on Russia in their opening match of the competition on June 11. PHOTO: AFP

Inter going Chinese

AFP, Beijing



Chinese electronics giant Suning said it will take a majority stake in Italy's Inter Milan on Monday, making the three-time European champions the most high-profile acquisition yet by investors from China.

Suning will pay 270 million euros (\$306 million) for about 70 percent of the northern Italian team, one of the biggest clubs in European football which is now entirely in foreign hands for the first time.

"Buying Inter Milan is part of Suning's overall layout in the sports industry," Suning

Holdings Group chairman Zhang Jindong said at a press briefing. "It is an important part of Suning's international development."

Suning promised to inject funds to take Inter, who finished fourth in this season's Serie A, back into the top 10 of European clubs by consistently qualifying for the Champions League.

Inter have been under foreign control since 2013, when Indonesian businessman Erick Thohir took a 70 percent stake.

Under the new deal, Thohir's International Sports Capital becomes the sole minority shareholder and Thohir retains his position as club president.

