

Sunday 30 July

13:00

**Pakistan 3**

**Argentina 1**

72' Best player of this match is Rehan BUTT.

70' PAK win this match deservedly. ARG have brought the defeat on themselves for the largest part, PAK appearing a bit listlessly but capitalizing smartly on the opportunities presented to them. Both teams are in the same pool at the BDO World Cup, and will meet again on September 11.

69' Mati VILA takes a shot on goal but it hits L. CAMMARERI's foot instead. Time is stopped for CAMMARERI on the ground in the circle but play quickly resumes.

68' ABBAS' flick towards the top left corner of the goal is a little too high.

67' PC for PAK.

66' Great opportunity for ARG. ALMADA hits the ball across in front of the goal, ARGENTO is there to deflect it but the ball goes wide.

65' ARG has had a few opportunities in the last 2 or 3 minutes but is denied again and again by the PAK defense.

59' Green card for Mati VILA.

59' A flat ball from Mati VILA is deflected up high by ALMADA but it goes over the goal.

58' PC for ARG.

54' The ball isn't stopped properly. OROZCO passes it in for L. CAMMARERI but the ball is eventually lost to the PAK defense. On the counter attack, PAK get into the circle, and Rehan BUTT has an opportunity to score with a hit from the far left. The shot is slightly wide.

53' PC for ARG.

53' Green card for Wasim AHMAD after a tackle on Lucas CAMMARERI in midfield.

**\*\* Goal: Mario ALMADA \*\***

51' IBARRA steps over the ball as it is laid off to the left for Mati CAMMARERI who takes a flat shot on goal. The shot probably would not have made it but is deflected past the PAK defenders by ALMADA.

51' PC for ARG.

50' Great run down the left and into the circle by ABBASI but REY takes the ball off him with a nice tackle.

47' A rare opportunity for ARG as MacCORMICK gets into the circle on the right and passes across the face of the goal. ARGENTO dives in but it has been deflected off a defender's stick and he cannot reach it.

45' ARG are mostly struggling with themselves, their game suffering from too many unforced errors.

41' ARG have a shot on goal by ALMADA but it is wide.

**\*\* Goal: Sohail ABBAS \*\***

40' ABBAS sets a precise flick into the bottom left corner.

39' PC for PAK.

35' The teams go into halftime at 2-0 for PAK, a result that is unlucky for ARG who have done a bigger share of the work in this first half, but given away two perfectly avoidable goals. The question will be if they can motivate themselves to try and come back in the second half despite the current disadvantage and the sweltering heat - with match starting at 1pm already today, the temperatures are around 40 degrees again, there is only a minimal breeze, and on the field, no shade in sight.

**\*\* Goal: Rehan BUTT \*\***

33' Again, BUTT is able to use a weak moment in the ARG defense. With six ARG players in the circle, there is little room to move, but BUTT deflects a weak ball about 20cms into the air, just enough to get it over VIVALDI who is on the ground.

**\*\* Goal: Rehan BUTT \*\***

24' ARG really have brought this goal upon themselves. PAK have not had a scoring opportunity of circle penetration in a long time, but a stupid turnover in the ARG defense gives BUTT the ball and he makes for the circle, beating VIVALDI with a flat hit into the right bottom corner.

21' The shot on goal is much too weak and easily saved by AKBAR.

20' PC for ARG.

17' ARG have taken over much of the initiative now. They still fail in finishing off their attacks though, suffering from too many mistakes and turnovers high up in the PAK half.

15' ARGENTO has come back onto the field for ARG. Apparently, his injury was not as bad as it looked.

11' A first promising opportunity for ARG. L. CAMMARERI plays the ball into the circle and ALMADA attempts a reverse stick shot from the left. AKBAR deflects the ball just wide.

9' The ARG defense so far have been under near constant pressure, as ARG hardly get into the PAK half of the field and PAK attacks ceaselessly.

5' Surprisingly, despite ABBAS being there, IMRAN flicks. ARGENTO has gotten quite close already and is hit square on the hand by a hard flick. He has to leave the field with what looks like a serious injury.

4' SAQLAIN wins a PC for PAK.

0' PAK leave Ghanzafar ALI and Waqas SHARIF in the stands, with Rehan BUTT being the replacement team captain, and ARG contest today's match without Juan Martin LOPEZ and Rodri VILA.

0' Welcome to this last day of the Sahara Champions Trophy 2006 which starts off with the match for 5th place between Pakistan and Argentina, a re-match of yesterday's encounter won by PAK 2-1.

0' The umpires in this match are Tim PULLMAN (AUS) and Erik KLEIN NAGELVOORT (NED).