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Here are the results of two matches for Guam's Men's national team competing in the AFC Challenge Cup in Chinese Taipei.

Guam falls 5-1 to Sri Lanka

Despite an outstanding first-half defensive effort, Team Guam could not hold back Sri Lanka as they fell 5-1 in the Asian Football Confederation Challenge Cup in Taipei, Chinese Taipei on April 2.

The Cup is AFC's special competition featuring the bottom 16 teams in the confederation. Guam, who are also tied with five other teams for last at 202 in the FIFA/Coca-Cola World Ranking, were drawn in Group A alongside Pakistan (166), Sri Lanka (168) and hosts Chinese Taipei (171). The three Guam opponents are also ranked second, third and fourth, respectively, in this particular competition.

In Wednesday's match, Sri Lanka just could not find a way through a tough back line led by captain Dominic Gadia. Though the Sri Lankans enjoyed much of the possession, it was Guam who first came close to scoring as a scorching free kick by Zachary Pangelinan was only just parried away by the Sri Lankan keeper. At the other end, Guam keeper Brett Maluwelmeng needed quick reflexes to palm away a shot from close range. Late in the half, Maluwelmeng made a crucial stop on a Sri Lankan forward from point-blank range as the defensive line failed to push up and left him onside.

The second half saw the Sri Lankans open the scoring as a 55th minute cross was poked in from six yards out. Just a minute later, Sri Lanka made it 2-0 when the captain struck a swerving drive from 35 yards that flew into the top left corner.

Guam pulled one back not long after through Chris Mendiola, who knocked home a loose ball after teammate Joey Crisostomo, Jr. sent a free kick into the penalty area.

Sri Lanka responded right away, needing just two minutes before finding the net yet again. This time, a Sri Lankan forward raced in the tap home the rebound of a shot that was initially blocked by Maluwelmeng.

Sri Lanka added two more goals in the last ten minutes for the final score.

In the other group match, Pakistan defeated Chinese Taipei 2-1.

Next matches on Friday, April 4
4 p.m. Sri Lanka vs. Pakistan
6:30 p.m. Guam vs. Chinese Taipei
*For Guam time, add two hours



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Taipei defeats Guam 4-1

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Hosts Chinese Taipei recovered from an early scare and went on to defeat a stubborn Team Guam 4-1 in the 2008 Asian Football Confederation Challenge Cup in Taipei on April 4.

Guam, who lost their first group match against Sri Lanka 5-1, seemed determined to prove a point and surprised everyone when they went ahead after 20 minutes. Guam forward Zachary Pangelinan broke into the box but was taken down by the Chinese Taipei keeper, who subsequently received a caution. Pangelinan sent the spot kick straight down the center to give Guam a 1-0 lead.

However, the lead was short-lived as Chinese Taipei equalized with a header before taking the lead not long after with a fortuitous toe poke. The hosts added a third with a short blast from the Chinese Taipei left winger and made it 4-1 just before the halftime whistle when a scramble in the area resulted in a Chinese Taipei forward slotting home from 10 yards.

The second half saw a defensive battle as both defenses were tested repeatedly. Guam center back Scott Leon Guerrero mopped up much of the mess caused by Chinese Taipei forwards while Pangelinan and attack partner Chris Mendiola did not let the Chinese Taipei back line catch their breath. In the end, the first half score line stood after full time. Though the loss all but eliminated Guam from qualifying for the knockout stage, they will still try to take full points from the final match on Sunday against Pakistan, the first ever meeting between the two teams.

In the other group match on Friday, Sri Lanka clinched qualification after a resounding 7-1 victory over Pakistan.

Next matches on Sunday, April 6
4 p.m. Pakistan vs. Guam
6:30 p.m. Sri Lanka vs. Taipei
*For Guam time, add two hours

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