

Indian women too fail to qualify for Olympic hockey

Stung by a bribery scandal, Indian hockey's bad days are far from over as after the men, the women's team also failed to qualify for the Beijing Olympics. They were thrashed 0-4 by the US in a qualifying tournament in Russia Thursday.

It was the third successive defeat in the tournament for the team after going down 1-2 to the Netherlands Antilles and 2-3 to Belgium despite starting with a 3-1 win over hosts Russia, according to the information received here.

The loss at Kazan left with them with just three points from four matches and with just one match left against France Saturday, India's dream to qualify for the Beijing Games is over.

Tiffany Snow (29th), Kelly Doton (38th), Angela Loy (45th) and Carrie Lingo (48th) were on target for the US, who led 1-0 at half-time.

The US, with a perfect record of four wins from four outings are almost sure for a place in the summit clash.

Belgium and the Netherlands Antilles are likely to fight for the other spot in the title-decider.

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