

Men`s Qualifying Tournament for XXVII Olympic Games, Madrid

Game 9 - NED v GBR

03 March 2004

Start Time: 18:00

3 NED

Taeke Taekema (PC)	03:08
Teun de Nooijer (FG)	31:06
Sander van der Weide (FG)	64:05

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Full Time - NED 3 GBR 0

Time	Commentary
70:00	Full time: a risk-free performance by NED as they outclassed a determined and hard-running GBR team. NED looked untroubled and seem as though their form is building from the last match. PC count: NED 3 GBR 3.
68:36	NED starting to over-run the exhausted GBR defence. Gaps appearing now in the GBR defence as the wind has been knocked from the GBR sails from the 3rd goal.
64:05	Goal van der Weide finishes a strong NED attacking move down the right. Mason (GBR GK) has made numerous saves, but was unable to stop the close-in shot by NED.
63:01	The game has settled into a midfield battle in the last 10 mins with NED more chances to attack. GBR frustrated by the fall away NED defence which is making any forward moves tough.
58:09	Another great save by Mason (GBR GK) from a hard NED shot from the right. Mason playing very well.
56:28	NED players still complaining about the disallowed goal as GBR hold the ball in their attacking half.
55:15	NED score but goal is disallowed with umpire ruling the rebound shot was too high. NED players claim the first shot was flat although the umpire ruled it was a pass.
54:03	NED corner, their 3rd after a messy goalmouth scramble.
51:54	The variation left to Hall is deflected by NED defence. GBR long corner.
51:15	GBR corner from a NED foot. Their 3rd.
50:46	Both teams attacking with space, although shots hard to come by due to the quality of each teams` deep defence.
47:04	The Hawes low flick is saved by Vogels. GBR long corner.
45:42	GBR earn their first corner for the half and 2nd for the match from a NED foot.
45:19	A high tempo game with GBR attacking, then NED, then GBR and so on. However GBR not looking as polished as NED deep in attack.
43:26	Lomans low flick is saved by Mason and NED have a long corner.
42:47	NED earn their 2nd corner for the match from a GBR raised ball.
42:23	Still end to end hockey as the temp drops low as the sun sets. Workrate of both teams is very high at present.
37:30	GBR with an early chance to score although Vogels (NED GK) is able to make a quick save. End to end hockey after the restart.
35:00	Half time: 2 periods of dominance at the beginning and end of the half by NED saw 2 goals. The middle of the half was an even affair which will give GBR confidence for the next period. PC count: NED 1 GBR 1.
31:06	Goal 2003 FIH Player of the Year Teun de Nooijer scores to put NED 2 ahead with a strong shot from the right side.
30:30	NED starting to look dangerous attacking down each wing. A good sliding tackle by Mason (GBR GK) saved a great chance for NED to score.
28:00	NED starting to push into attack now with 2 goal shots and numerous circle penetrations in the last 2 mins.
25:45	No change to the game structure, with both teams equal midfield possession. GBR slightly more field advantage although no goals shots for either team.
20:34	An even game continues. Neither team penetrating the circle, and both teams with equal midfield possession in the last 10 mins.

- 15:11** GBR starting to find holes in the NED defence with more regularity than earlier in the half. An even game at present with equal possession.
- 12:28** The straight hit is easily saved by NED although Garcia (GBR) misses and easy shot at goal by hitting over the crossbar on the rebound.
- 10:58** GBR earn a corner from a fast attack down the right. Their first attack into the circle for the match.
- 05:16** NED have pushed forward now and have GBR on the back foot. GBR playing 2 strikers high. NED have just 1 now that they lead 1-0.
- 03:08** **Goal**
Taekama shows his danger on corners with a hard low flick to give NED the lead.
- 02:41** NED counter and earn an early corner from an GBR foot.
- 01:42** GBR off to a good start with the ball deep in attack. Emotions of both teams is running high with tough tackles already being seen in the opening minutes.
- 00:35** Cool conditions greet these 2 teams. NED does not have a good record against GBR, so the game should go to the wire.