

Men`s Qualifying Tournament for XXVII Olympic Games, Madrid

EXCLUSIVE FIH LIVE COMMENTARY Game 12 - CAN v NZL

04 March 2004

Start Time: 18:00

2 CAN

Rob Short (PS)	58:40
Ravinder Kahlon (PC)	62:08

4 NZL

Darren Smith (PC)	12:22
Phillip Burrows (FG)	17:43
Darren Smith (FG)	37:14
Phillip Burrows (FG)	46:19

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Full Time - CAN 2 NZL 4

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Time	Commentary
70:00	Full time: After dominating the game for 50 mins, NZL relaxed and allowed CAN to dominate and score 2 goals. NZL will not be happy and CAN will feel that they have a chance against MAS in their next game. PC count: CAN 3 NZL 2.
68:33	Its all CAN as we go into the dying stages of the game. Time the enemy for CAN.
68:01	The emotion of the game is certainly on the increase with CAN sensing they have a chance to draw level should they score 1 more. NZL trying to stand up to the CAN onslaught which is making their tackles on the tough side.
64:42	CAN miss a great opportunity to score through Kullar as NZL manage to scramble the ball away from what would have been an open net. NZL really struggling to get hold of the ball and maintain possession for 15 mins.
62:08	Goal Kahlon hits the ball under Woolford to bring the score to 2-4.
61:30	CAN maintaining their dominance of the last 10 mins with constant forward pressure on NZL defence. CAN earn their 3rd corner for the game from a NZL foot.
58:40	Goal Short just sneaks the low flick past Woolford who almost made the save.
58:39	Incident Penalty stroke to CAN.
58:12	The Khalon hit is saved by Woolford (NZL GK) on his stickside. CAN earn another corner, their 2nd in succession.
57:21	CAN earn their 1st corner for the game.
57:00	CAN still in attack for now what is over 5 mins. NZL struggling to regain possession, instead clearing the ball back to CAN.
53:06	Its CAN on the attack now as they find space in behind the NZL midfield. CAN holding the ball in their attacking half for the last 2 mins.
50:14	Its all NZL again now as they control the game and possession. CAN rarely making it past their attacking 25 yard line.
46:19	Goal A spectacular goal to Burrows who ran in from the right and smashed a hard reverse stick shot past Mahood (CAN GK) into the net. Burrow`s second goal.
44:10	Incident Yellow card to NZL. Ryan Archibald for a tough tackle in their attacking half.
41:29	The ball is in NZL attacking half for long periods now with CAN finding it hard to break the NZL press. NZL finding gaps in the CAN defence to break into the circle.
37:14	Goal Smith scores his 2nd for NZL with a hard shot from the right on their first move forward.
35:00	Half time: A relatively uneventful half of hockey apart from two goals midway through the half to NZL. Both teams hesitant to take any risks in going forward. PC count: CAN 0 NZL 1.
32:41	Its now CAN with the ball passing around the back as NZL fall away into their defensive half. A very slow paced game as the sun sets and thus the temperature drops.

- 28:03** NZL starting to control the game again after sustained periods in attack. 11 man CAN defence is meaning that NZL is playing the ball around the back for long periods without pressure.
- 25:07** A more even game has developed with both teams falling away to give the opposite defences space to control the ball. Both teams finding it hard to break past the final line of defence.
- 21:36** CAN have attacked since the second NZL goal and now have the ball deep in attack. They seem to have taken 20 mins to settle after a nervous start.
- 17:43 Goal**
Burrows scores a great and hard deflection goal into the top of the net after a Shaw slap hit from outside the circle.
- 15:24** The game has shifted back to the midfield after the NZL goal. CAN able to push up and press their circle for the first time in the match.
- 12:22 Goal**
Well executed variation from Shaw to Smith on the right post.
- 11:36** NZL earn their 1st corner. Danger here for CAN with giant Hayden Shaw (NZL) in form.
- 11:01** NZL well in control of the game now as CAN defends for the last 6 mins. All 11 CAN players behind the ball.
- 06:42** NZL starting to push ahead with more ball and field possession. They have the ball deep in attack now for the last minute.
- 04:14** The game has settled into the midfield with both teams take turns to pass the ball around their defence.
- 01:49** A tight game for both teams and a critical one for any Athens hopes they may have. NZL off to a good start with an early shot that is saved by Mahood (CAN GK).