

Men`s Qualifying Tournament for XXVII Olympic Games, Madrid

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06 March 2004

Start Time: 12:00

2 NZL

Hayden Shaw (PC)	15:01
Phillip Burrows (FG)	24:30

2 BEL

Patrice Houssein (FG)	17:56
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Full Time - NZL 2 BEL 2

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Time	Commentary
70:00	Full time: A very close game for the first 50 mins before BEL started to dominate. NZL will be disappointed at conceding a goal with 90 seconds to go, and BEL appeared jubilant at the draw. PC count: NZL 1 BEL 2.
68:41	Goal Houssein scores the equaliser after NZL defenders were isolated on a breakaway. A deserved goal to BEL who have dominated the last 20 mins of the game.
66:40	Its all BEL still with the pressure on the NZL defence. They have been defending solidly now for the last 17 mins.
65:07	Woolford (NZL GK) saves an almost certain goal with a tackle in the circle on Vandeweghe who was in open space and running at the goal.
63:53	Easy save by Woolford off the BEL flick. BEL remain in attack with NZL still unable to shift the play into attack for anything more and a few seconds.
60:29	BEL earn their 2nd corner for the game from a NZL stick check.
59:47	BEL miss a prime chance to equalise when Brule traps the ball in front of an oppen goal on the left post but cannot make a shot. NZL under real pressure for the last 3 mins.
55:28	BEL have pushed NZL back and have the ball in their attacking half. Like the first half, each team is taking turns to hold the ball for 4 to 5 mins in attack.
52:58	NZL starting to stamp their authority on the game with more and more attacking moves into the BEL defence. BEL occassionally moving forward on a breakaway, but not able to make it into their circle.
45:05	The game being played out in the middle of the pitch, and NZL with more time in attack. BEL not into their attacking 25 for the last 5 mins.
38:07	BEL into attack early in the second half. NZL defending for the first 3 mins.
35:00	Half time: A close and evenly fought match with both teams having solid periods of strong possession deep in attack. PC count: NZL 1 BEL 1.
33:42	End to end hockey now with both teams using an open midfield to mount counterattack after counterattack. No goal shots for either team however.
30:38	BEL has bounced back into attack and NZL are under pressure in deep defence in. The game taking significant swings of each team dominating field advantage in 4 to 5 minute blocks.
24:30	Goal Burrows scores a well executed reverse stick shot past Degreve (BEL GK) after some strong and fast midfield work by Archibald down the right. This is Burrow`s 3rd goal for the tournament.
23:31	NZL possessing the ball continuously since the BEL goal but unable to create a goal shot or corner. BEL playing a 10 man defence, leaving 1 striker high.
17:56	Goal BEL bite back with a goal after the restart to Houssein who flicked the ball past Woolford after a right side attack by the BEL forwards.
15:01	Goal Shaw flicks in the first goal of the match. Shaw`s flick was actually going wide and was deflected in by the BEL defender standing outside the post, much to the delight of the NZL forwards.
14:09	NZL control the ball for the last 3 mins and they win their 1st corner from a BEL foot.
11:56	A low flick from Reckinger is saved by Woolford (NZL GK). BEL long corner.
10:51	BEL earn the 1st corner for the game from a NZL foot. NZL unlucky not to win a corner themselves

moments earlier.

- 09:25** The game has switched in the last 4 mins with BEL solidly in attack. NZL not enjoying the same midfield space as they has in the first 5 mins.
- 05:04** NZL with the better start now with the ball mainly in their attacking half. BEL defending well although gaps appearing with NZL not quite able to make the last pass.
- 00:49** A must win game for BEL, and a chance for NZL to all but assure themselves of an Athens berth. A fast start to the game with both teams running into attack early.