

Men`s Qualifying Tournament for XXVII Olympic Games, Madrid

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06 March 2004

Start Time: 14:00

2 CAN

Wayne Fernandes (PC)	03:26
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3 MAS

Mohamad Nor (PC)	20:55
Chua Boon Huat (FG)	27:22
Mhd Amin Rahin (PS)	67:18

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Full Time - CAN 2 MAS 3

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Time	Commentary
70:00	The corner hit is saved on the line by Shanmuganathan and MAS win the game in a thriller.
69:52	CAN earn a corner (their 8th) just as the siren sounds from a MAS raised ball. Tension personified!
69:12	The flick hits the MAS runner and time is stopped again. MAS free hit which.
69:05	Time stopped as Paul Lissek (MAS coach) is on the field, furious with the decision.
69:01	CAN deep in attack as the crowd sit on the edge of their seats. MAS under pressure at the back and CAN earn a penalty corner from a MAS foot.
67:49	Mahood (CAN GK) being substituted for another field player in a move not often seen at this level. CAN taking a great risk to try and score a goal.
67:18	Goal Rahim makes no mistake with the flick. MAS take the lead against the flow of play.
67:17	Incident Penalty stroke to MAS. Shanmuganathan`s flick hits the post man on the foot to stop the goal.
66:14	MAS corner (their 2nd) after a right side attack. CAN foot. This is the first real attacking move by MAS in some time.
64:22	Kullar (CAN) hits the crossbar with a deflection from a right side cross. CAN most unlucky not have taken the lead.
63:16	Chua almost scores against the run of play with a desperate intercept of a CAN defensive transfer. His shot just goes wide. This is the first promising MAS move deep in attack for some time.
59:44	MAS have been able to push back CAN out of their defensive half and the game is being played in the middle of the field.
54:40	Goal Fernandes scores his 2nd for the game with a fast and hard flick into the net from the left variation.
54:04	Another corner (their 6th) after a MAS foot.
53:29	CAN into their attacking half for the last 5 mins. MAS unable to move out of defence. CAN earn their 5th corner from a MAS raised ball.
50:11	The game is still evenly poised with neither team able to push forward into attack to break into their circle. CAN with slightly more time in possession, although MAS defenders seem well in control.
43:45	The match is evenly poised at present with both teams with attacking moves since the restart. CAN looking more potent high in attack however.
43:04	The CAN hit from the left variation is saved by Subramaniam (MAS GK). MAS clear and move into attack.
42:20	The hit from CAN is saved by MAS and cleared. CAN earn another corner (4th) after 2 mins of midfield play.
39:23	CAN earn a penalty corner (their 3rd) for a MAS stick check.
36:50	MAS off to a good start with two 1 on 1 plays against Mahood (CAN GK). MAS unable to finish and the score remains at 2-1.
35:00	Half time: After a frenetic start by CAN who after scoring early, had 2 more excellent chances to score, MAS settled into the game and started to create opportunities. MAS final pass or trap letting them down towards the end of the half. PC count: CAN 2 MAS 1.
31:40	CAN struggling to mount sustained attacking moves with MAS defence now pressing very tightly against the CAN midfield. MAS making intercepts in the middle of the field.

- 27:22 Goal**
Chua finishes some nice work by the MAS forwards who intercepted a CAN pass and then attacked quickly down the right. Chua scored a reverse stick deflection sliding into the goal.
- 25:36** MAS trapping in attack is letting CAN off the hook somewhat with numerous promising forward moves with space break down. CAN defending more than attacking in the last 10 mins.
- 23:31** Mohan almost puts MAS into the lead with a attempted scoop over Mahood (CAN GK) who was caught well out of his net. The shot went wide.
- 20:55 Goal**
Mhd Nor scores a well executed deflection goal from the left post from the Shanmuganathan pass.
- 19:28** MAS push into the circle and earn their 1st corner from a CAN foot.
- 17:49** The game continuing to be played in the middle of the field with MAS still unable to penetrate their circle. CAN with occassional fast breaks down the right side although MAS defence is now rock solid.
- 13:48** The game has definitely settled after CAN looked very dangerous in the first 10 mins. MAS with more control of the ball in the midfield now, although yet to make a potent move at the goal.
- 10:37** Wettlaufer almost scores for CAN after a right wing move sees him shoot just wide from close range.
- 09:46** MAS enter their circle with control for the first time in the match. MAS starting to find their feet after a energetic and determined start by CAN.
- 08:20** The CAN flick rockets off the crossbar and MAS win the free hit for a dangerous ball. Very fortunate let-off for MAS.
- 07:05** Another CAN corner after a poor tackle outside the circle by 2 MAS defenders.
- 03:26 Goal**
Fernandes scores from the corner variation to the right and then back to Fernandes on the penalty spot. Great start for CAN before either team has had any time to settle into the match.
- 02:34** CAN with an early corner from a MAS foot.
- 01:08** Both teams with zero points from 2 matches, this is their last effort in making 3rd or 4th in Pool B. MAS the favourites for this game although CAN have shown they can score against even the best teams.