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## Olympic Hockey Qualifier Women, Manukau, Auckland

Match 9  
Sunday 21 March 2004

### Germany 2 - 1 Great Britain

Nadine Ernsting-Krienke  
Anke Kuhn

FG 7m  
FG 24m

Rachel Walker

PC 28m

### Match Summary

Germany survived a second half attacking onslaught by Great Britain to shoot to the top of Pool A and virtually guarantee Olympic qualification. Germany began the match in contrasting form to yesterday, with precise ball movement and a higher intensity yielding the first goal. Great Britain began to exert some midfield dominance as the half wore on, but were unable to create anything from good build-up play except for Rachel Walker's penalty corner goal to halve a two-goal deficit. An open midfield in the second half suited Great Britain as defensive turnovers created enormous pressure on Germany's last line. Although Germany began to tire from the defensive workload in the second half, Great Britain couldn't find the breakthrough to level the match although Helen Grant hit the post with 13 minutes remaining. A win for Germany against Ireland on Tuesday would book their ticket to Athens. Great Britain must now win their two remaining matches and hope that other results fall their way to avoid the four-team playoff on Friday and Saturday.

### Quotes

"Nothing is won yet. They had a lot of possession and a lot of pressure but they were not able to create anything."

On PC interpretations: "I am not convinced that the umpiring principles regarding dangerous and lifted balls in the circle are being judged in the right way."

On IRE (next match): "I'm sure it will be extremely difficult because of the situation. Ireland has nothing to lose and we have everything to lose."

Markus Weiss, GER Coach

"The game is won and lost at both ends of the pitch, and I thought in the first half we had some bad defensive lapses which was frustrating. We had a clear game plan, we wanted to increase the speed of the game, get in behind the GER defenders and penetrate the circle."

"I am not happy with 1 point from 2 games, but we have a quality team and we are playing good hockey. We'll most likely be playing off for 5th to 8th now but we just need to put ourselves in the best form by the end of the week."

Tricia Heberle, GBR Coach

### Stats

1 from 7	Penalty corners	0 from 3
0 from 0	Penalty strokes	0 from 0
0 from 2	Field goal shots	2 from 8

### Penalty cards

Franziska Gude Green 6m  
Fanny Rinne Green 44m

### Next match

v UKR  
Tuesday 23 March – 7pm

v IRE  
Tuesday 23 March – 5pm