

Women`s Qualifying Tournament for XXVIII Olympic Games, Auckland

FIH (www.worldhockey.org) LIVE COMMENTARY: Game 10: USA v KOR

21 March 2004

Start Time: 15:00

1 USA

Tracey Fuchs (PC)

43:56

1 KOR

Jeong Sook Park (FG)

59:09

Final Score - USA 1 KOR 1

Time	Commentary
70:00	Full time. A tense and entertaining second half as watched USA defend almost solidly all half and try to keep out a desperate KOR team. KOR wasteful in attack on many occasions, and they will not be happy with the draw. USA earn a vital point. PC count: USA 3 KOR 7. Field shots: USA 1 KOR 5.
69:52	The variation to the left post is saved by the USA! They win a free hit and the game ends in a 1-1 draw.
69:38	KOR corner after the USA hit the ball away. Bad error from the USA there in the dying seconds of the game. KOR 7th corner.
69:05	The variation left was then hit to the right post and then deflected over the backline by the USA. KOR long corner.
68:20	KOR earn their 6th corner from a USA foot after a free hit from the top of the circle.
67:14	KOR errors now letting them down as they continue their attack. The final pass is consistently not finding its intended player and USA making intercepts.
64:33	KOR continue to have the USA pinned in their defensive half. USA hasn`t entered their attacking circle since very early in this half. USA leaving 1 player high and defending with 10.
62:15	The hit from YM Kim is deflected by the USA runner over the goal. For a second it looked as though the ball would loop into the net.
61:25	KOR attack down the right and they earn another corner (their 5th) from a USA foot.
59:09	Goal Great reverse stick deflection goal from JS Park after a hit from outside the circle on the left. The game even at 1-1.
57:33	The attempted deflection variation hits Storrar and USA clear. MS Lee leaves the field after time stopped as she lay in the circle injured from a collision with a USA player.
56:46	KOR earn another corner, their 4th from USA raised ball.
55:41	The variation left is hit hard and saved by USA, deflecting the ball out of the circle. USA bounce into attack.
54:55	KOR finally earn a corner from a USA lifted ball. Their 3rd for the game.
53:58	KOR playing into the USA hands a little with no variation of width in their play. USA able to bottle the game into a thin section of the pitch which is suiting them perfectly. USA defenders still making tackle after tackle in their defensive circle.
51:39	USA continuing to defend. All 11 players are back behind the ball at every chance. KOR not making the last pass count at present with USA able to intercept and clear the ball to the sides.
49:09	USA tackling is superb at present under enormous pressure. KOR forwards are running into the circle with frequency and the USA are making tackle after tackle without giving away a corner.
47:46	With the USA goal very much against the flow of play, KOR have resumed their field position dominance with the ball back in their attacking half. USA still trying to clear the ball long and push the KOR attack back.
43:56	Goal Fuchs scores from a straight hit down the left post. USA 1-0.
43:45	The USA flick is stopped by the KOR runner although USA work the ball back into the circle for another corner.
43:08	USA enter their circle and they win a corner (their 2nd) from a KOR foot. KOR players are furious with the decision.
42:30	Storrar makes the save from the KOR hit and USA win a free hit. They rebound into attack.
42:05	KOR earn their 2nd corner for the game from a USA foot.
41:43	KOR starting to dominate the game again like in the first half. They are entering their attacking quarter with ease now down both sides, much to the delight of the large number of noisy KOR supporters!
36:39	The second half is underway with KOR back in possession of the ball and passing around their defence.
35:00	Half time. A somewhat dour first half of hockey, with KOR looking very dangerous for the first 20 mins, before a midfield battle emerged. KOR will be annoyed at their lack of return for their dominance. USA entered their circle just once for the half. PC count: USA 1 KOR 1. Field shots: USA 0 KOR 4.
33:42	The Fuchs shot is lifted high and deflects off the KOR runner. USA long corner.
32:51	USA enter their circle for the first time in the match down the right and they earn their 1st corner from a KOR foot.
30:51	KW Oh almost scores for KOR with a great diving deflection from a KOR free hit outside the circle. The ball just flew over the crossbar.
30:01	An even game continues with both teams with equal possession with the ball in their midfield. USA still not yet into their circle. KOR has been in there 8 times for just the 1 corner.
24:48	JK Kim almost scores for KOR after a left wing cross finds her alone in front of the right post. A great dive by Storrar saves the goal. KOR long corner.
23:54	The game now being played out in the middle of the field with the USA defence now pushed up on the KOR forwards, not allowing any space. USA have perhaps survived the initial KOR barrage and have pushed the game to an even keel.

- 19:32** KOR captain SE Kim with a reverse stick shot. Storrar saves and USA clear to the sideline. USA still not yet into their attacking circle with the ball under control.
- 15:46** USA starting to slowly push themselves into the game. KOR are making passing errors in their nmidfield which is giving USA vital field position not previously available.
- 13:08** The USA not yet carrying the ball into attack for any length of time. KOR manage to break down the USA attacks with strong tackles before they reach the 25 yard line.
- 10:35** The YM Kim shot after moving with the ball to the right is saved by Storrar (USA GK). USA clear to the sideline.
- 09:46** KOR earn the 1st corner of the game after a steady buildup down the right. USA lifted ball in the circle.
- 07:45** MS Lee has the first goal shot of the game from the left although USA manage to deflecte the shot over the backline. KOR long corner.
- 05:56** USA clear the ball down their attacking end, and then adopt a fall-away press. This is meaning the game is being played at a very slow pace with KOR passing the ball around their defence around the half line and slowly moving forward. This is happening now for the last 3 mins.
- 02:55** Its all KOR in the opening mins of the game. USA struggling to move the ball out of deep defence as KOR press aggressively.
- 00:44** With KOR frustrated by their 0-1 loss to ESP on day 1, they are expected to come out firing. USA will have their hands full on this game.