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Olympic Hockey Qualifier Women, Manukau, Auckland

Match 10
Sunday 21 March 2004

United States 1 - 1 Korea

Tracey Fuchs

PC 44m

Jeong Sook Park

FG 60m

Match Summary

Korea gave Japan and Spain a huge advantage after a stumbling draw with USA. Korea had the best of the match throughout but couldn't find a way to convert their dominance in general play into three points. It was a tense and entertaining second half as the match opened up following USA's goal. USA defended almost solidly for the half and tried to keep out an increasingly desperate Korea. Korea was wasteful in attack on many occasions, with numerous circle penetrations unconverted. The draw leaves Korea five points behind pool leaders Spain and Japan with two matches remaining. They need to win their remaining two matches against Russia and Japan and hope Spain win on Tuesday night to avoid a probable sudden-death playoff race later this week.

Quotes

"We had a game plan today and we stuck to it. We were going for the win. We take away the confidence that we can play at this level. We have the ability."

On 2 points lost or 1 point gained?:

"Confidence gained. You can't put a point on that."

On RUS: "It's a game we have to prepare for. They are unpredictable and we intend to treat it as a must win game for us."

Beth Anders, USA Coach

"I am not happy. We needed to win. USA were very well organised and well researched. The problem was with our corners. Three times we had a misunderstanding between players, and three times they took the wrong corner. There is still a chance for us to be top four. Japan plays us and Spain, so we must hope they lose to Spain. We have played well in both games. The problem is in scoring goals. I lost two of my starting forwards just before the tournament with bad injuries, so we are having trouble in attack."

Kim Sang Ryul, KOR Coach

Stats

1 from 3	Penalty corners	0 from 7
0 from 0	Penalty strokes	0 from 0
0 from 1	Field goal shots	1 from 5

Penalty cards

Nil Nil

Next match

v Russia
Tuesday 23 March – 4pm

v Russia
Monday 22 March – 12.30pm