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Olympic Hockey Qualifier Women, Manukau, Auckland

Match 11

Monday 22 March 2004

Korea 6 - 0 Russia

Yum Mi Kim	FG 12m
Seong Eun Kim	FG 15m
	FG 41m
	FG 63m
Ko Woon Oh	PC 33m
Jin Hee Lee	FG 44m

Match Summary

Korea record a confidence boosting win and more importantly kept pressure on Pool B's top two teams with a thrashing of Russia. Korea had too much pace and was too well-drilled for the Russian defence as they finally found some of the goal-scoring touch that coach Kim Sang Ryul was looking for – captain Seong Eun Kim with a hat trick to move equal top of the goal scorers list. The match was exactly what the Koreans were looking for as they were able to rediscover some of the form and rhythm that was missing in their opening two matches – albeit against tougher opposition. The six-goal margin now puts Korea in a good position if Japan falters against Spain tomorrow night. If Japan draws or loses that match, Korea only needs to win against the Asian neighbours to snatch an automatic qualifying spot.

Quotes

"Today's match is very important to reach the semis. We had problems to scoring goals the last two games. We had chances to score goals but the defence (against USA) wasn't easy. Against Russia there was more space. If there is space our girls are short but faster than them."

Kim Sang Ryul, KOR Coach

"Before we left we had problems with injured players but then we come to win tournament. From today we scored field and penalty corner goals."

Seong Eun Kim, KOR Captain

"The team spirit is rather average... moderate. It has been a very good experience. The lack of ability has been shown, we will learn a lesson which will benefit the further development of hockey in Russia. In the very beginning, five or six, maybe ten minutes we were good but then defence we had a problem which resulted in first score."

Valentina Apelganets, RUS Coach

Stats

2 from 5	Penalty corners	0 from 0
0 from 0	Penalty strokes	0 from 0
4 from 11	Field goal shots	0 from 1

Penalty cards

Nil Nil

Next match

v JPN
Wednesday 24 March – 12pm

v USA
Tuesday 23 March – 2pm

