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## Olympic Hockey Qualifier Women, Manukau, Auckland

**Match 12**  
**Monday 22 March 2004**

### New Zealand 3- 2 Ukraine

Niniwa Roberts-Lang

PC 40m

FG 57m

Lisa Walton

FG 48m

Svitlana Kolomiyets

FG 9m

Zhanna Savenko

FG 12m

### Match Summary

New Zealand survived a scare and is one point away from Athens after a come-from-behind win against Ukraine. Once again the home team had to work their way back from an early two-goal deficit after Ukraine utilised their speed and counter attacking instincts to stun the Black Sticks in a frantic opening 20 minutes. New Zealand's defence allowed too much space early and were punished as Ukraine again demonstrated their ability to sweep forward if allowed uncontested ball in the midfield.

However the overwhelming pressure exerted by the New Zealand was converted into an inevitable string of goals as the second half wore on. The Black Sticks played with more composure and structure in the second half which didn't allow Ukraine as much room to be creative. The difference in the result was the Black Sticks' ability to make the most of their goal scoring chances.

### Quotes

"Technically and tactically it was a dog-fight today. I felt that at half time we could come back from that. At 3-0 we would struggle. A third goal might have been different. We showed them too much respect."

On GER (next game): "We have to improve substantially. We have to play much better than that. I don't think Germany would give up that lead."

**Ian Rutledge, NZL Coach**

"We had come back against Great Britain. I new we could beat them (Ukraine). There was no way we were going to lose that game."

**Lisa Walton, NZL Player**

### Stats

1 from 8	Penalty corners	0 from 4
0 from 0	Penalty strokes	0 from 0
2 from 6	Field goal shots	2 from 5

### Penalty cards

Nil Nil

### Next match

v GER  
Wednesday 24 March – 7pm

v GBR  
Tuesday 23 March – 7pm

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