

**Women`s Qualifying Tournament for XXVIII Olympic Games, Auckland**

FIH (www.worldhockey.org) LIVE COMMENTARY: Game 17: JPN v KOR

24 March 2004

Start Time: 12:00

**4 JPN**

Naoko Saito (FG)	08:32
Sakae Morimoto (PC)	14:51
Keiko Miura (PC)	40:13
Sakae Morimoto (PC)	65:15

**0 KOR****Final Score - JPN 4 KOR 0**

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<b>70:00</b>	Full time. What a game from JPN and they celebrate in front of their fans. KOR are shattered. JPN now qualify for Athens, and KOR must now wait for the USA v ESP game to see who they play for 5th to 8th. PC count: JPN 7 KOR 3. Field shots: JPN 6 KOR 8.
<b>68:03</b>	JPN have the ball in their attacking right corner. KOR forwards and JPN defenders almost without energy as they watch the play unfold.
<b>65:15</b>	<b>Goal</b> Morimoto scores her 2nd for the day with a goal from the variation back to the left post. She traps and pushes the ball into the goal. KOR is shattered. They are sitting on the ground after the corner as if the siren has gone. They are a beaten team.
<b>64:50</b>	JPN earn their 7th corner. KOR foot.
<b>60:13</b>	The pace of the game has slipped a little despite KOR best attempts to attack with speed. Both teams looking tired and I suspect that the first half may have taken its toll.
<b>58:24</b>	The game being played out in the midfield now as KOR struggle to find the space they were starting to create about 10 mins ago. Time definitely a problem for KOR.
<b>54:56</b>	KOR are without captain SE Kim as she gets treatment for a leg injury. As a result, KOR have lost some momentum in attack and JPN are able to push KOR back into the midfield.
<b>52:53</b>	KOR on the attack now as they increase the pace of the game. The crowd are sensing the change in the game and they are cheering the efforts of the KOR team. KOR must score soon if they are have a chance to rescue this game.
<b>50:17</b>	The KOR hit is high and hits Miura in the shoulder. JPN free hit.
<b>49:43</b>	KOR with a great chance as they break down the left. They earn their 3rd corner after Terazono slides into the attacking player.
<b>48:31</b>	JPN with the ball in their attacking half. KOR with the occasional counter although JPN defence making tackles before they make the circle.
<b>45:13</b>	KOR unable to break into stride at present with JPN effectively closing down their midfield run.
<b>40:13</b>	<b>Goal</b> Miura pushes the ball as a pass to the right post and she scores. Park (KOR GK) tricked by the speed of the ball. 3-0 to JPN.
<b>39:36</b>	Morimoto almost scores for JPN after she deflects a right side pass from the backline. It hits Park and then onto a KOR foot for their 6th corner.
<b>38:28</b>	KOR block the first shot and then cleverly clear the ball into their attack.
<b>38:01</b>	JPN earn an easy corner from a KOR foot. Their 5th.
<b>37:36</b>	The 2nd half is underway. KOR into attack early, although JPN have now attacked and have the ball in their half.
<b>35:00</b>	Half time. A close and entertaining game between these two closely matches teams. JPN with the jump early before KOR fought back late in the second half. PC count: JPN 4 KOR 2. Field shots: JPN 5 KOR 5.
<b>33:23</b>	An open midfield and attacking intent is meaning both teams are working hard at pushing forward. A very good game of hockey to watch at present with excellent basic skills of trapping and passing.
<b>27:56</b>	SE Kim bunts right and then hits the ball. KW Oh almost deflects the ball in for KOR, but it just misses the net. A close miss again for KOR.
<b>27:05</b>	After numerous end to end attacks, KOR win their 2nd corner for the game from a JPN foot. A frenetic pace to the game at present.
<b>25:42</b>	The shot is saved by the KOR runner and they counterattack to their circle. JPN make a shot saving tackle in the circle and they counterattack to the other end. A great game of hockey is currently on display here between these 2 teams.
<b>24:43</b>	The first shot is saved although JPN earn another corner from a poor tackle by KOR. Their 5th.
<b>23:53</b>	A great passing display between Morimoto and Iwao almost leads to JPN 3rd goal. They earn their 4th corner from a KOR stick check.
<b>22:21</b>	KOR into attack for the last 2 mins and KOR shoot through JY Kim. Her reverse stick shot is saved by Terazono (JPN GK). KOR long corner.
<b>18:28</b>	KOR beginning to find space in their midfield and they are looking dangerous on the counterattack. 2 or 3 chances like this in the last few minutes since JPN 2nd goal.
<b>17:31</b>	JPN almost score their 3rd goal with a break down the right side. A great save by Park and then another off the rebound shot keeps KOR in the game.
<b>14:51</b>	<b>Goal</b> Morimoto rebounds the ball into the net from the left for their 2nd goal after the first shot was saved by Park.

- 14:31** The Miura flick is very well saved by Park (KOR GK). JPN earn their 3rd corner when the rebound is worked onto a KOR foot.
- 13:38** JPN earn their 2nd corner after a pass from the right side hits a KOR foot.
- 12:26** JPN still in control of the game as they work the ball around the field. KOR not yet able to find their midfield in free space.
- 11:11** The Miura flick is low and left and goes just wide. KOR clear the ball up into their attacking half.
- 10:21** JPN earn their 1st corner after they move into attack after the restart. A KOR foot.
- 08:32** **Goal**  
Saito traps a pass from the right side off a free hit and hits the ball past KOR GK (YS Park) for their first goal. 1-0 to JPN.
- 08:22** JPN with the ball under their control for the last 3 mins.
- 07:07** JPN with the occasional foray into their circle. They are looking for deflection shots at goal at every opportunity.
- 05:11** The variation back to the left pushout is passed across the face of the goal. A close miss for KOR.
- 04:34** KOR with an early jump with SE Kim and early shot and then the rebound is lifted by JPN. KOR first corner for the match.
- 03:55** A fast paced start to the game with both teams with the opportunity to attack their circle. Both teams playing an attacking structure.
- 02:30** A big game for both teams. JPN with an early good start to the tournament although a narrow loss to ESP in their last match. KOR slow start to the tournament and then now gathering momentum. A win or draw to JPN sees them qualify. KOR must win and win well and also hope that the USA lose to ESP.