

Women`s Qualifying Tournament for XXVIII Olympic Games, Auckland

FIH (www.worldhockey.org) LIVE COMMENTARY: Game 21: GBR v KOR

26 March 2004

Start Time: 09:00

0 GBR**2 KOR**

Jin Kyoung Kim (FG)

18:39

Jeong Sook Park (FG)

28:58

Final Score - GBR 0 KOR 2**Time** Commentary

- 70:00** Full time. GBR players are inconsolable on the pitch. They are hunched over, most crying. Fullback Walsh needs help to get up off the ground and move to their bench. No celebration from KOR. They know they have to play well tomorrow. GBR lost the game on form, being unable to find the touch they had previously enjoyed. Their was excellent however. All players gave 100% from both teams. PC count: GBR 3 KOR 4. Field shots: GBR 3 KOR 8.
- 69:26** GBR trying hard to attack, but KOR too strong in their tackling. Its over for GBR.
- 68:20** GBR on the attack but they lose the ball over the backline. KOR hit long into their half for vital field position. GBR still playing with a keeper with 2 mins to go...
- 66:50** Another error from Clewlow in the middle gives SE Kim an open run into the circle. Walsh makes enormous ground to get there just as she shoots and deflects the ball wide.
- 65:34** Open hockey now as both teams aqttack each other in the midfield. KOR not into their circle for some time. GBR also struggling but they are now starting to overlap in defence through Cullen at the right and Bimson on the left which is providing some avenues.
- 63:25** The variation to the right is stopped by the KOR defence and forced wide. GBR back to 11 players as Simpson returns to the pitch.
- 62:39** GBR earn their 3rd corner from a KOR foot. A good chance now for GBR.
- 62:11** With both teams at 10, GBR have a chance to try and work the larger space on the field. Their midfield needs to lift. Clewlow and Walker have not been their usual effective form so far this match.
- 61:07** **Incident**
Yellow card to KOR. JK Kim sent off for a tough tackle in the midfield.
- 60:33** KOR counterattack after another handling error by the GBR midfield. Reid makes 2 saves from KOR shots and GBR breathe again.
- 57:50** The yellow card has changed the flow of the game as KOR push into attack. Time the enemy for GBR with goal shots very hard to come by. They need to score soon to put KOR on the back foot.
- 55:30** **Incident**
Yellow card to GBR. Simpson sent off for a tough tackle in the midfield.
- 55:02** Cullen finally comes back onto the field for GBR, replacing Nicholson at the back.
- 54:31** GBR into attack again and they have their ball deep in attack down their right. They are struggling to break into the circle.
- 52:59** GBR hit the crossbar with a Simpson scoop over the sliding Park! A very unlucky miss for GBR after a positive buildup down their right side.
- 52:06** A blitz by GBR strikers on the KOR deep defence leads to a steal and a reverse stick shot by Bennett. KOR just get a stick on the ball, GBR long corner.
- 50:28** The SE Kim hit is deflected wide by the GBR runner. KOR long corner.
- 49:48** A passing error in the GBR midfield lets KOR steal the ball, attack down their right and they earn their 4th corner from a GBR foot. 3 or 4 GBR prime players are noticeably out of form in this match.
- 48:12** The KOR hit is wide right. GBR regain the ball and move straight into attack.
- 47:32** KOR earn their 3rd corner and the 1st for either team in the second half with a GBR foot after a long hit into the circle from the right.
- 46:50** Cullen not on for GBR for the last 25 mins of the game. She must be injured as she has been very strong in defence for GBR. KOR on the attack now and they are really exposing some space in attack with the GBR defenders struggling.
- 45:37** GBR with their first positive chance for some time after Walker wins a free hit on top of the circle and then hits for the sliding Bennett. The ball hits Bennett`s body. KOR free hit.
- 43:22** KOR leaving 3 strikers high out of defence which is an interesting move. This is allowing GBR the space to attack, although clearly they want the 3rd goal to try and put a lid on the game.
- 42:38** GBR still with the ball in their attack although KOR occassionally causing some problems for GBR on the counteraattack. The tempo of the game is very high with GBR searching hard for their first goal.
- 37:54** GBR have worked the ball back into their possession and they have the ball under their control now. KOR falling away giving GBR defence the space to pass the ball around, but not easily to go forward.
- 35:59** The 2nd half is underway with KOR deep into attack after the start.
- 35:00** Half time. After a positive start from GBR, KOR over-ran the GBR team for the last 25 mins of the half to finally show their potential this tournament. PC count: GBR 2 KOR 2. Field shots: GBR 0 (5 circle penetrations) KOR 6 (13 circle penetrations).
- 33:16** GBR holding the ball in their defensive half as KOR have fallen away to a half court press. GBR midfield have been starved of the ball for the last 20 mins and their trapping now is not sharp as GBR try to go forward.
- 31:30** KOR have finally risen to their potential this tournament, and of course at the worst possible time for the GBR camp. GBR are

- now in their deep attack for the first time in many minutes.
- 28:55 Goal**
KOR score their second with a fast attack down the middle to find Park with space on the left in the circle. She had an open goal to flick the ball into.
- 27:41** KOR almost score again after confusion from both teams. Reid out of her net on top of the circle and KOR unable to find a hard shot to make the score. GBR deep defenders did very well in the end to get there and save the goal.
- 26:12** GBR not into their attacking 25 for the last 7 mins. KOR have a firm grasp on the game at present and GBR defence is having to work hard to repel the fast attacks by the KOR forwards.
- 23:58** KOR almost score their second after SE Kim crosses the ball from the right backline and GBR almost deflect in for an own goal! A very good save from Reid keeps it out. GBR win a free hit.
- 21:16** Heberle (GBR coach) has made a significant change. Cullen on for Clewlow in the centre defensive midfield role. She`ll be hoping Cullen will give her more drive and speed into attack and also to cover SE Kim.
- 18:39 Goal**
A very well executed deflection goal to JK Kim puts KOR ahead. SE Km made a clever pass from the centre line to MS Lee at left wing. She trapped and smashed the ball into the circle for JK Kim to deflect past Reid (GBR GK) from 9 yards out from the goal.
- 18:04** Very attacking hockey being played by both teams as they run at speed at their opposite defences.
- 17:15** JH Lee`s hit goes wide left after a missed trap. GBR rebound into attack.
- 16:26** Some magic from KOR captain SE Kim on the left allows her to break into the circle and earn KOR 2nd corner from a GBR stick check.
- 15:05** Smith flicks low and left and Park (KOR GK) makes a very good stick save for KOR. GBR long corner.
- 14:22** GBR earn their 2nd corner after a KOR foot on the left.
- 13:54** KOR confidence has definitely lifted in the last 5 mins. GBR currently in attack, although KOR are looking dangerous as they go forward.
- 11:40** JH Lee hits the left post and the ball goes out. Another miss for KOR. GBR lucky to be 0-0.
- 10:47** KOR have pushed GBR into their defence now. They earn their 1st corner from a foot after a long hit into the circle.
- 09:38** JK Kim almost scores for KOR after she receives a pass from the left on top of the circle, drags around the sliding Reid (GBR GK) and then hits the side of the goal from a wide angle. A bad miss for KOR there...
- 08:06** SE Kim on the field now for KOR. This may give them more bite in attack.
- 07:28** GBR starting to take a grasp of this game now with KOR struggling to move into attack. GBR defence of Rochlin, Walsh and Nicholson are currently playing very high and are tackling well across the half line.
- 05:33** The Clewlow hit is wide right. KOR regain the ball.
- 05:07** GBR hold the ball in their attacking half for 2 mins and they earn their 1st corner for the game.
- 03:08** An even start to the game. GBR into attack early and then KOR. KOR playing an aggressive press early. KOR also not starting their captain and most potent striker SE Kim, raising the question of her fitness.
- 01:30** Its on the line for these 2 teams. The loser is out of Athens, the winner goes onto play for the final place. On form, GBR will start as favourites. However KOR could be unpredictably potent in attack. A very tight game expected, and a big one for both coaches, Heberle and Kim.