

Rabo Junior World Cup

Match 04 - ESP v ENG - Pool A

29 June 2005

Start Time: 14:30

1 Spain

David Alegre

19:44

0 England

Time	Commentary
70:00	FULL TIME: Victory to ESP in a tough contest. ESP`s tight defence and ability to convert a chance when presented was the difference. This Pool will be closely contested with KOR also showing good form earlier today
69:11	Alegre (ESP) dangerous again but narrowly misses a cross from the right with a diving outstretched stick
68:13	Free hit to ENG from right hand side - miscommunication sees it intercepted by ESP
67:33	ESP look in control and able to stretch the ENG defence. They are finding more space and are being allowed to run the ball at the ENG defence
64:53	Alegre (ESP) denied by ENG goalkeeper after beating two players in a run along the backline from the right.
63:02	Match stuck in the midfield with tiredness from both teams contributing to turnovers and a lack of cohesion
57:37	ENG desperately trying to find an equaliser but ESP able to hold their challenge
54:33	Reverse stick shot by Hector Martinez (ESP) from the top right of the circle flashes wide of the left post. Martinez received the ball after ESP made good inroads down the right sideline
51:06	ESP back to 11 players on the field after the end of Pinero`s temporary suspension
50:13	Attempted deflection by Miguel Delas near the penalty spot well covered by ENG goalkeeper and cleared to safety
49:19	ESP PC. 1st PC of the match. Awarded when ball hit foot of ENG defender
48:52	ESP on the attack again. Alegre takes ball to the backline but attempted reverse stick balloons over the net. ENG struggling to control play despite the extra man
48:00	Harmless shot by Pepe Borrell (ESP) easily cleared by ENG goalkeeper
47:24	Weaving run by Miguel Delas (ESP) comes to an end after losing control inside the circle
44:04	An extra man should give ENG a better chance to break down the heavily stacked ESP defence
43:22	Incident Yellow card Angel Pinero (ESP). Hitting the ball away after a free hit was awarded to ENG. He didn`t learn from teammate Enrich`s mistake just five minutes earlier.
38:12	Incident Green card Sergio Enrich (ESP). Hitting the ball away after a free hit was awarded to ENG
36:33	Free hit to ENG from the right edge of the circle but all 11 ESP players are inside their own circle making it impossible to penetrate
35:00	HALF TIME: ESP lead 1-0. A tense start gave way to an entertaining final 20 minutes of the half. ESP look dangerous on the counter attack but ENG have had a number of chances which they will need to make better use of in the 2nd half
32:52	ENG sweep upfield and only the stick of ESP goalkeeper Guillermo Ruiz denies them. ENG`s promising play stemming from their right side
32:02	Good tackle by Adamson Harper (ENG) on Juan Lainz (ESP). Lainz received the ball, beat his marker and looked set to shoot before Adamson intervened.
28:31	ENG opportunity but they can`t control the ball before attempting to get shot away
27:09	Good save by ENG goalkeeper from attempted tap-in by Hector Martinez (ESP)
19:44	Goal ESP captain David Alegre pounced on a rebound to score. Initial shot saved by ENG goalkeeper but Alegre swooped from close range just to the right of the goal to give his side the lead
18:45	ESP cross from the right repelled by ENG goalkeper James Gollan. ESP on the attack and looking dangerous
18:00	Pass from ESP free hit to the right of the circle able to pass through a wall of players across the backline without challenge
16:40	ENG with another chance but unable to control the ball at the vital time inside the circle. Play entered the circle from the right with Peter Flanagan (ENG) unable to put the finishing touches on some bright play
15:27	Good chance to ENG intercepted by a desperate lunge by Franc Fabregas (ESP). Chance came from a great overhead pass from ENG defender Chris Pryce.
13:35	ESP can`t find a way through the heavily stacked ENG defence. ENG employing a sweeper in defence and tight checking of their opponents
10:17	Good positioning in the last line of defence by Carles Enrich (ESP) diffuses a dangerous ENG cross from the right baseline
06:53	Pass across the face of ENG goal narrowly missed by a diving ESP captain David Alegre
05:19	Incident

Green card Richard Springham (ENG)

04:44 Tight defence and a congested midfield denying each team space and time on the ball.

02:27 Play mainly between the 25-yard lines at this stage as both teams settle nerves and look to find their rhythm.

00:00 Welcome to the Rabo Hockey Junior World Cup from Rotterdam. This match is between tournament top seeds ESP and an ENG team that has had a number of encouraging results in lead-up matches.