

Rabo Junior World Cup

Match 53 - ARG v ESP - Semi Final 1

08 July 2005

Start Time: 17:00

2 Argentina

Lucas ROSSI FG 54:03
Pedro IBARRA FG 75:15

1 Spain

David ALEGRE PC 22:28

EXTRA TIME

Time	Commentary
79:28	ARG through to the final with a goal to Pedro IBARRA. They controlled the second half and extra time period and ultimately deserved their victory after ESP had the better of play in the first half. ESP are devastated but ARG continue to celebrate their dramatic victory
75:15	Goal ARG Goal! Ball falls to IBARRA on the top left of the circle and he calmly gains control, takes the ball towards goal and then pushes through the legs of the ESP GK
74:54	Deflection attempt by SALADINO slides wide of the left post
73:56	Juan SALADINO (ARG) flick is tipped over the crossbar by ESP GK
72:44	Juan LAINZ (ESP) can't handle long ball which would have given him possession in good position
71:57	Urgency from both teams evident as they strive for the golden breakthrough
70:01	Play underway in extra time
70:00	FULL TIME: We're headed to golden goal extra time in the first semi final. Play was all with ARG in the 2nd half. It wouldn't be surprising if this match went to penalty strokes
68:51	AS time ticks down, ARG with ball deep in attack and ball flashes across face of goal to the safety of the side line for ESP
66:57	ARG GK comes off his line to clear the ball
66:39	Space for ARG in left midfield but ESP stops play and moves quickly upfield
65:28	Ball passes through wall of players into the goal without being touched
65:03	ESP free on top of circle
64:50	Long ball to ALEGRE gives ESP ball deep in attack
64:32	ARG midfield cutting supply of the ball to ESP strikers
62:03	As the stakes rise in the final 10 minutes, so are the tempers of the players
60:38	VILA (ARG) just misses with shot from acute angle in the left corner of the circle

59:52	ARG in control as space suddenly opens in the midfield from series of turnovers
57:36	Now it's ESP turn to press ARG defence and look for way through
54:03	Goal ARG Goal. One-touch passes from ARG finally break down ESP defence on the left side, with captain Lucas ROSSI on the end of the movement to score with a strong slap shot
51:44	ARG with possession and territory advantage but can't transfer it to the scoreboard. For all their advantage in the 2nd half, they have only one PC and two half chances to show for it
49:20	ESP split ARG defence and run towards circle but low tackle by ARG defender stops the movement
47:32	ARG trying desperately to gain the upper hand but ESP don't look unsettled at the extra attention being given to them coming out of defence
44:29	ESP being subjected to the full press by ARG strikers and midfielders
44:05	ARG in attack again with free to left of circle, but can't control the ball
43:07	IBARRA's weak flick is easily saved on the right post by ESP
42:34	ARG PC. Ball taken into circle and finds the foot of ESP defender
42:06	ARG looking more dangerous in 2nd half
41:29	Green Card Franc DINARES (ESP)
41:06	ESP break away with only two defenders in front of them but ARG spoil the play to regroup
40:14	Scramble in ESP circle forces save from ESP GK. Ball eventually over back line by ARG
38:44	ARG intercept in midfield wasted by error. This gives ESP possession just over the half way line
37:33	ARG with good period of play inside ESP half
36:20	Early chance to ARG covered well by ESP defence
35:00	HALF TIME: ESP takes advantage of PC chance and lead at the break. A close contest with ESP looking more dangerous from the counter attack. The ESP defence, which has conceded few goals all tournament, looks solid
34:54	VILA (ARG) again gets ball to edge of circle but ESP able to handle the challenge and clear with long overhead to end the half
34:13	ARG win ball and begin journey upfield with passes across the width of the pitch between deep defenders
33:37	ARG clear for long corner
33:27	ESP free hit on edge of circle
33:11	Play pinballing between both circles, but with no real indication of an genuine attacking chance
30:43	A tight battle with limited opportunities for both teams. When ARG get the ball in attacking position, they are immediately confronted by a wall of ESP defenders
28:31	ESP with ball in right corner near circle but cross can't be touched in by ESP strikers
27:38	ESP looking more capable of mounting effective counter attack with ARG defence tending to play higher up the pitch than their opponents when they have the ball

26:25	ESP clear and break quickly upfield but ARG respond with interception
25:58	VILA (ARG) goes on a solo run towards circle but is fouled just short of the circle
25:29	ALEGRE (ESP) dangerous every time he touches the ball
24:58	ARG throw ball wide to get away from tight ESP midfield pressure
22:28	Goal ESP Goal. ESP captain David ALEGRE given far too much time to pick his spot from the PC variation. He make no mistake with a flick into the right side of the net
21:47	ESP PC. Counter attack leads to match`s first PC
21:39	Good attacking position for ARG. Scramble at feet of ESP GK Andreu MOLLET results in free hit to ESP
19:50	ESP appeal for PC but are denied by umpire. ARG now with ball in midfield trying to find a way through
18:53	ESP still with ball in attack
18:25	Juan LAINZ (ESP) carries ball into circle but ARG make late tackle to clear
17:53	ESP looking most dangerous when ARG give them space through the midfield
17:18	Neither team able to get the advantage with the defences on top
16:14	ESP regain possession and take ball into ARG circle but Agustin CORRADINI (ESP) can`t get any power into his diving reverse stick effort. Good chance for ESP
15:13	More space in midfield gives ALEGRE (ESP) room to move. Play breaks down after error by ESP strikers
14:11	Good midfield defence by Andoni MORALES (ESP) stops an ARG attack
12:52	VILA (ARG) can`t find room to pivot and shoot from reverse stick as two ESP defenders close him down
12:11	Pedro IBARRA (ARG) takes ball into attack as ARG threatens near back line to right of circle
11:29	ESP play on quickly from free hit and cause danger downright wing but ARG counter with a lot of players around the ball carrier
10:07	Green Card Lucas VILA (ARG)
09:46	ESP also guilty of giving ball away in their defensive zone but are able to recover and take ball into midfield
08:32	Lifted ball from free hit gives ARG possession
08:07	Lucas VILA (ARG) dribbles into circle but loses control when in dangerous position. ARG still deep in attack
07:16	ARG race free down the right and earn long corner
06:09	Good interchange of passes releases ARG into attack
05:39	ESP pressuring the ARG ball carriers inside their defensive half and making it ARG to progress the ball further than the half way line
04:48	ARG able to clear a pass across their circle but good ESP midfield pressure causes the turnover
04:17	ESP captain David ALEGRE threatens down the right wing
02:00	ESP defence having to work hard early as ARG probe into their attacking zone
00:01	Match underway

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00:00	ARGENTINA: 2. Matias REY, 3. Ignacio BERGNER, 4. Lucas ARGENTO, 5. Pedro IBARRA, 7. Facundo CALLIONI, 10. Lucas ROSSI, 12. Lucas VILA, 15. Matias GONZALES, 17. Juan LOPEZ, 20. Tomas ARGENTO, 23. JUAN ESPINOSA (GK), INT: 1. Martin DELL AGNOLA (GK), 8. Juan SALADINO, 11. Agustin CORRADINI, 13. Mariano TISERA, 16. Manuel BRUNET
00:00	SPAIN: 2. Andreu ENRICH, 3. Sergio ENRIQUE, 5. Miguel DELAS, 8. Franc DINARES, 10. David ALEGRE, 11. Jorge RODRIGUEZ, 12. Juan FERNANDEZ, 13. Pepe BORRELL, 15. Angel PINERO, 16. Andreu MOLLET (GK), 18. Carles BALLBE, INT: 1. Guillermo RUIZ (GK), 4. Andoni MORALES, 7. Hector MARTINEZ, 9. Jordi FABREGAS, 14. Juan LAINZ
00:00	Welcome to the exclusive live commentary from the first semi final between ARG and ESP at the Rabo Hockey Junior World Cup. ARG are unbeaten in the tournament and have showed good form in the past two matches. ESP snuck into the final four but are capable of playing bright, positive hockey built on the platform set by their impressive defence.