



Saturday 8 July

10:30

Germany 3

China 2

- 70' FULL TIME: A fighting win for GER after a good second half effort. Two goals in the half was enough to lift them over CHN, who wasted a number of good chances throughout the match
- 70' Fanny RINNE races to the top of the circle to stop the variation to the left
- 69' CHN PC. Mistake by GER inside their own circle after a long pass from ZHOU Wan Feng can't be controlled
- 68' GER hanging on and working very hard when not in possession
- 66' GER trying to slow the play down and reduce the contest to their preferred tempo, but turnovers giving CHN the ball in attack
- 64' Lack of control from LI Hong Xia prevents her from shooting after she worked the ball well into the circle. CHN play breaking down in good scoring positions
- 62' Strong tackling from Tina BACHMANN holding the GER deep defence together
- 61' CHEN Qui Qi can't control a pass inside the circle and GER clear
- 60' Time running out for CHN but they have been able to contain the majority of the play inside their attacking half
- 58' FU Bao Rong wastes a great chance after a mistake by GER near their circle. She fires the ball over the top of the goal after creating enough space for a powerful shot
- 55' GER on the back foot but they are working hard in defence to limit the space for the CHN strikers
- 55' CHN having a period of play where they have created a number of scoring chances
- 53' Yvonne FRANK again called to make a save from LI Hong Xia after she dribbled into the circle from the right into a dangerous scoring position
- 52' LI Hong Xia threatens for CHN along the left backline but GER GK is able to make the block close to goal
- ** Goal: Natascha KELLER GER ****
- 49' GER Goal. Natascha KELLER slots a well-taken shot low past the CHN GK after she was able to dispossess a CHN defender inside the circle
- 49' Great overhead from Tina BACHMANN down the left wing gives Maike STOEKEL possession
- 47' Green Card Katharina SHOLZ (GER) for a push in the back
- 47' Persistence from GER gives them a free hit at the top of the circle but the pass travels through the circle untouched
- 45' Nadine ERNSTING-KRIENKE and Fanny RINNE are now having a significant influence on the match
- 43' GER press again with ball trapped in the left corner
- ** Goal: Nadine ERNSTING-KRIENKE GER ****
- 40' GER Goal. Nadine ERNSTING-KRIENKE scores with a deflection near the right post

after a good angled pass from Fanny RINNE. The CHN GK should have made a better attempt to stop the deflection

- 40' GER are seeking to gain more control to start the second half and they have had a greater share of the possession
- 37' Interchange of passes from Kirsten HOYER and Natascha KELLER down the left gives GER a good chance but the ball is raised dangerously inside the circle
- 36' Second half underway
- 35' HALF TIME: After GER started strongly, CHN recovered to assume control of the half
- 34' CHN press for another goal just before the break but luckily for GER they lose control of possession inside the circle on the right
- 33' GER surge through the centre with Mandy HASSE on the end of the movement, but her shot sails high over the goal
- 31' Good press by GER strikers forces a turnover but a pass from Natascha KELLER from the left travels across the face of goal without a GER support player in sight
- 30' CHN control the tempo of play
- 30' GER have struggled in the last 10 minutes to control the ball inside CHN territory
- 27' Yvonne FRANK again forced off her line to deny Fu Bao Rong after the CHN striker spun and lost her defender near the back line inside the circle on the left

**** Goal: LI Shuang CHN ****

- 24' CHN Goal. LI Shuang scores standing at the left post after a pass from the right travelled into the circle
- 23' Ball stuck in the middle of the pitch with multiple turnovers from both teams
- 21' Tough midfield battle with hard tackling a feature
- 20' FU Bao Rong shoots a reverse stick from the top of the circle over the cross bar after showing good control to receive possession. CHN look very threatening
- 19' CHN surging with GER now having to defend for extended periods
- 18' Yvonne FRANK again in the action, leaving her line to smother FU Bao Rong's deflection attempt near the left post
- 17' MA Yi Bo crashes her shots into the pads of GER GK Yvonne FRANK
- 17' CHN PC. Stick obstruction called against GER after the free hit from the right
- 17' CHN counter attack from midfield and take ball to edge of the GER circle
- 15' The goal has energised CHN who look far brighter now than earlier in the match
- 13' GER attack from the restart but good last line interception by CHN stop the movement

**** Goal: SUN Zhen CHN ****

- 12' CHN Goal. SUN Zhen converts from the left after a good pass across the top of the circle from FU Bao RONG. Loose marking from GER near their defensive circle with the goal scored against the run of play
- 9' Loose pass from GER gives CHN an opportunity on the counter attack but the GER defence is able to stop the passage of play near the 25 yard line
- 9' CHN unable to get their sticks on the ball
- 9' GER again press the CHN defence, this time down the right
- 7' The opening goal is the reward for GER who have begun well with confident ball movement

**** Goal: Fanny RINNE GER ****

- 6' GER Goal. Fanny RINNE flicks mid-height to past the left glove of CHN GK ZHANG Yi

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- 6'** GER PC. Ball into the circle from the left rises dangerously off a CHN stick
- 5'** GER using the full width of the pitch to stretch CHN
- 4'** GER making it difficult for CHN to progress out of their defensive area
- 2'** Shared possession early with both teams having opportunities to take the ball into attacking range
- 1'** Match underway
- 0'**
- 0'** Welcome to the opening match of the women's Rabo Hockey Champions Trophy between Germany and China. FU Bao Rong (CHN) is playing her 150th match today.
- 0'** The umpires for this match are Stella BARTLEMA (NED) and Keum Ju LEE (KOR)