



Rabo Champions Trophy

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11:00

Argentina 1

China 3

70' CHN get their first win of the tournament thanks to a dominant first half performance. ZHOU Wan Feng opened the scoring after 12 mins, with REN Yi & MA Yi Bo giving them a three goal half time lead. Alejandra GULLA's volley into the roof of the net ten minutes into the second half gave ARG hope, but CHN always looked in control.

69' ARG pushing forward with Rosario LUCHETTI down the left, but again CHN look strong in defence.

66' CHN running down the clock, and ARG look like they have accepted the inevitable

64' Dangerous free hit on the edge of the D wasted by ARG, who are looking frustrated with themselves

61' ARG PC: Two penalty corners in a row, both defended by CHN. ARG will need a goal in the next few minutes to have a chance, bight are fighting against the clock

57' ARG: PC - well defended by CHN

55' Initial PC strike well saved, and ARG clear their lines

54' CHN: PC

50' CHN counter attacking brilliantly, taking advantage of the ARG defence pushing high.

48' ARG look like a different team since GULLA's spectacular effort, with Luciana AYMAR beginning to have an increasing influence

**** Goal: Alejandra GULLA ****

45' Alejandra GULLA smashes a bouncing ball past ZHANG Yi Meng, who could do little about it. GULLA picks the ball out of the net and races back to the half way line - the game is well and truly back on.

41' CHN break well, with FU Bao Rong's cross from the right just intercepted by ARG's keeper Mariela ANTONISKA, stopping a fourth goal

39' Wonderful defending from CHN's MAI Shao Yan, who tackles Luciana AYMAR cleanly in the D

37' ARG immediately on the offensive, getting a shot away through Ayelen STEPNIK and narrowly missing the target moments later.

36' Second half underway

**** Goal: MA Yi Bo ****

34' On the stroke of half time, CHN grabbed the third goal that they had been threatening for some time, with a low drag flick from captain MA Yi Bo. ARG will need to change things around after the break to get anything from this match

34' PC: CHN.

33' good defensive play from CHN, as ARG seem a little short on ideas about how to get the breakthrough they need

30' PC: CHN. Another good attack, but ARG unlucky not to win a free hit themselves. PC defended well by ARG

26' Great counter attack from CHN let down by a poor first touch just outside the circle. CHN are looking likely to grab a third goal before half time.

24' The ARG defence is looking very ragged, as they are exposed yet again on a quick free hit by CHN, eventually cleared up field

22' LI Hong Xia shows exceptional skills at the top of the ARG penalty area to win a free hit, with the resulting shot well saved by Mariela ANTONISKA

20' ARG again try to hit back, but the CHN defence is looking very solid.

**** Goal: REN Ye ****

18' A quick free hit catches the ARG defence cold, and the ball is bundled over the line by REN Ye. ARG need to react quicker to the quick CHN free hits

15' ARG stepping up their game in search of an immediate reply, but cannot seem to get through the packed CHN defence

**** Goal: ZHOU Wan Feng ****

12' Superbly taken goal from ZHOU Wan Feng who sent the keeper the wrong way before reverse flicking into the net to give CHN the lead. Questions have to be asked about the ARG defending

11' Second ARG PC well defended by CHN

11' PC well defended, but another PC awarded

10' ARG PC: Won by the first flash of brilliance from Luciana AYMAR

9' ARG starting to make circle penetrations, but well defended by CHN.

8' A good PC routine from CHN, with near post deflection just going wide

8' CHN PC: Bad error on the right by Magdalena AICEGA gives away possession and CHN punish her for it

4' CHN dominating possession but ARG starting to string more passes together.

2' Dangerous free hit for CHN fired in by ZHOU Wan Feng, but well defended by ARG

1' Match underway

0' Umpires: Judy BARNESBY (AUS) and Ute CONEN (GER)

0' Welcome to the first game of day two, Argentina (ARG) vs China (CHN). CHN will want to bounce back from yesterday's defeat against Germany, whilst Argentina will be looking for their second win of the competition after beating New Zealand on Day 1.