



Sunday 9 July

16:00

Australia 0

New Zealand 0

70' AUS fail to convert yet another penalty corner, and the match ends 0:0. Both teams have now gone 140 minutes in this tournament without finding the net

70' PC: AUS

69' Angie SKIRVING flicks the ball wide of the net. Is that the last chance to win it?

68' PC: AUS - well defended, but another awarded

66' AUS are looking threatening, but not enough to please coach Frank MURRAY, who is looking frustrated in the dugout.

63' PC fired wide, but AUS have a brilliant chance to win it when Angie SKIRVING struck a vicious shot, well saved by WAWATAI

62' PC: AUS - Nikki HUDSON wins it with good skills

61' NZL have a great chance to score from an attack down the right, but the final pass is intercepted by AUS. NZL are looking the likelier to get something from this at the moment

58' NZL Charlotte HARRISON runs 60 metres in possession of the ball before shooting ambitiously from near the back line.

55' AUS and NZL have now both failed to score in every one of the 125 minutes that they have played in this tournament. Surely a goal must come soon.

52' PC: AUS - another opportunity wasted as Angie SKIRVING slaps the ball wide of the post, but AUS seem to be dominating play

51' PC: AUS - Melanie TWITT fails to trap the ball at the top of the D, and opts for the shot, which sails wide of the goal

47' Penalty corner not taken well enough by AUS, although good defending by NZL was a factor

47' PC: AUS

44' The quality of the hockey has dropped once again, falling back into a scrappy battle being played in the middle of the pitch

41' Surging run down the right from NZL's Krystal FORGESSON results in a free hit just outside the circle, but the opportunity is wasted

37' A livelier start to the second half, with both teams seemingly going for the win.

36' Second half underway

35' A scrappy game with both teams blocking each other out for the majority of the half. The game needs a goal, badly.

33' PC: AUS - ball kept out by NZL, but a second PC is awarded. AUS make a mess of it, and a NZL free hit is given

30' Counter-attack from NZL nearly sends Charlotte HARRISON through on goal, but the pass is too fast even for the legs of the quick teenager

29' Two strikes on goal from AUS, but they don't trouble WAWATAI thanks to good blocks from defenders

- 27'** NZL really pressing AUS now, with AUS unable to clear the ball out of the danger areas
- 24'** Emily HALLIDAY strikes the ball well, but it is easily saved by WAWATAI. NZL break and apply some pressure on the AUS defence, but nothing to trouble keeper Rachael LYNCH
- 24'** PC: AUS
- 23'** NZL get into the AUS circle, but nothing comes of it. A goal might just open this cagey match up... hopefully.
- 20'** In a scrappy match, neither side can really get hold of the ball for long spells. Possession is being given away far too easily by both teams.
- 17'** NZL counter-attacking, but the AUS defence are looking difficult to crack open
- 14'** AUS PC: Megan RIVERS wins the corner, but missed her pass to Nikki HUDSON who would have had a clear shot on goal. PC put wide by AUS
- 12'** Umpire Keum Ju LEE penalises NZL for not taking the free hit quick enough, gifting possession to AUS. Resulting attack well cleared by NZL defence
- 7'** Great pass into the NZL circle by Karen SMITH, but well cleared by Anita WAWATAI in the NZL goal as Aussies fail to get a stick on the ball
- 5'** Possession very even currently, a slow start to the game by both teams
- 3'** Dangerous free hit AUS on the edge of the NZL penalty area is defended well
- 1'** Match underway
- 0'** The umpires for this match are Youfang HU (CHN) and Keum Ju LEE (KOR)