



Tuesday 11 July

14:00

China 2

Australia 1

- 70'** FULL TIME: CHN win but AUS waste a host of great chances in the second half. A disappointing result for AUS after they conceded two early goals and were always on the back foot against a CHN team that began the match in great style
- 70'** Kobie MCGURK misses a great chance for AUS with her shot from close range on the left smashing into the side of the goal
- 70'** AUS PC. Yet another PC for AUS
- 70'** Angie SKIRVING flicks high and wide of the left post
- 69'** HUDSON again puts her shot into the centre of the goal where the CHN GK easily makes the stop. Another PC for AUS though
- 68'** Repeat PC. Nikki HUDSON crashes the shot in the pads of the CHN GK after the variation to the left
- 67'** AUS PC. Sarah TAYLOR earns AUS a PC after being felled outside the circle while in possession
- 62'** AUS desperately pressing for the equaliser but CHN are not allowing them entry into the circle
- 60'** The pace of play hasn't slowed as the match enters the final 10 minutes
- 58'** IMISON again in the action, kicking away a weak effort from REN Ye after the CHN striker dribbled freely into the circle down the spine of the pitch
- 58'** Great pad save by AUS GK Rachel IMISON from MA Yi Bo's powerful low flick to the left
- 56'** CHN PC. CHN rebound and take ball into AUS circle from the right
- 55'** Emily HALLIDAY bursts through and sets up Suzie FAULKNER on the left near the baseline but her pass across the face of goal can't be met by the AUS attack. Good work from the AUS fullback and her team should have work from her efforts
- 54'** Good tackle by CHEN Zhao Xia stops Nicole ARROLD at the top of the circle to the left as she looked likely to have space to shoot. Potentially dangerous moment for CHN diffused
- 52'** The goal scoring chances from both teams have evaporated as the pressure on the ball carrier makes it more difficult to break through into scoring range
- 49'** Angie SKIRVING's good positioning in defence has stopped the HCN attack a number of times in the second half
- 46'** AUS increasingly taking control with some hard work in midfield causing turnovers to win attacking possession
- 44'** Sarah TAYLOR steals possession close to the CHN circle and looks to capitalise but her pass goes astray and the CHN defence recovers to win possession
- 41'** Close call for AUS with FU Bao Rong given too much space close to goal. Her deflection attempt crashes into the pads of the AUS GK
- 40'** AUS have started the second half better than CHN and are winning more contested possession

- 39' AUS enter circle from the left and a pass finds Donne-Lee PATRICK in enough space for a reverse stick shot. However her effort is wide of the left post and wastes a good chance for AUS
- 38' Little on offer for either team as they try to find their rhythm after half time
- 36' Second half underway
- 35' HALF TIME: AUS recover from a horrible start to only trail by one at the break. An open match with CHN looking extremely dangerous in counter attacking situations
- 35' Narrow miss with Angie SKIRVING's slop shot towards the right post rolling wide
- 34' AUS PC. Loose defence from CHN allows AUS to stream down the centre of the pitch and win another PC
- 31' Good positioning at the top of the circle from AUS GK prevents a breakaway from CHN resulting in an open goal shot. The speed of the counter attack of CHN is blistering
- 29' A pair of chances for CHN but they can't put enough pace on the shot to trouble AUS GK Rachel IMISON
- 27' AUS press again but CHN stack their defensive circle and win possession
- 26' No support play in attack for AUS. It's difficult for them to create attacking movements with only one or two players up front when they break through the CHN midfield
- 23' Nicole ARROLD creates space at the top of the circle but ZHOU Wan Feng makes good ground to block the shot
- 20' AUS starting to match the CHN midfield and create more in attack
- 18' CHN counter attack but a loose pass ends the pressure on AUS down the right wing
- 18' AUS move into attack again
- 16' Crucial for AUS to rebound after such a poor start. This might provide the platform for them to get a foothold in the match

**** Goal: Emily HALLIDAY (AUS) ****

- 16' AUS Goal. Emily HALLIDAY scores a vital goal for AUS with a strike that takes a deflection and rises into the net
- 15' AUS PC. Donna-Lee PATRICK earns AUS PC
- 14' AUS press the CHN circle and win free hit of edge of scoring zone
- 13' CHN continue to find space down either sideline as the pace of their play stretches AUS to the limit
- 12' Great chance from the variation to the right post missed by a diving ZHOU Wan Feng
- 12' CHN PC. CHN break down the right again and only a desperate diving tackle by Angie SKIRVING prevents the goal. CHN recover the ball and force PC

**** Goal: FU Bao Rong (CHN) ****

- 8' CHN Goal. AUS defence in disarray as two passes into the circle arrives at the feet of FU Bao Rong to convert from close range on the left post. AUS defence had opportunities to cover the attack but couldn't find the composure to take control
- 5' AUS defence under pressure
- 4' Another chance for CHN with a cross from the right into dangerous position to SUN Zhen. She can't control the ball with the goal begging

**** Goal: MA Yi Bo (CHN) ****

- 3' CHN Goal. MA Yi Bo rips a drag flick high into the left corner
- 2' CHN PC. CHN enter circle from the right and earn first PC
- 2' CHN attacking the right side of the AUS defence

1' Match underway

0' AUS are enduring their longest goal scoring drought in Champions Trophy history. Never before have the six-time winners been held scoreless for three consecutive matches. CHN meanwhile have discovered their touch in front of goal and are currently scoring at more than double their overall average in seven Champion Trophy tournaments (1.1 goals per match). The first goal today will be the 750th in tournament history.

0' The umpires for today's match are Chieko AKIYAMA (JPN) and Soledad IPARRAGUIRRE (ARG)