



Thursday 13 July

14:00

New Zealand 0

Germany 3

70' GER maintain their push for a top two finish with a deserved victory of NZL.

**** Goal: Kerstin HOYER ****

68' A fast break from Germany releases KELLER, who plays a poor pass forward to HOYER, but a mistake from Beth JURGELIET allows HOYER to put the ball into an open goal

66' A reverse stick half volley from Krystal FORGESSON is so nearly a spectacular goal for NZL, but her shot loops over the bar.

64' More good defending from NZL keeps GER out. NZL get the ball moving downfield, but nothing comes of it

61' GER should have scored their third of the game, but last ditch defending and an eventual goal-line clearance keep the score at 2:0

59' NZL players unhappy when the ball seemingly hit a GER foot in the circle, but nothing is given

58' Katharina SCHOLZ gets a deserved green card for tackling from behind

56' GER clear their lines after a goalmouth scramble, and NZL are still yet to register a goal in this tournament.

53' NZL's Emily NAYLOR somehow wins a free hit despite seemingly taking the ball down from above her head. GER coach Markus WEISE unhappy with the decision

50' GER still looking threatening, having the majority of the possession.

48' NZL unlucky not to win a PC after good attacking play from Emily NAYLOR

45' Janine BEERMANN shows great skills down the left, moving around the back of the NZL defence, but can only win a corner which is cleared by the defenders.

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

43' Fanny RINNE's low penalty corner drag flick is unstoppable, and GER get their second goal of the game

42' NZL win a dangerous free to the right of the circle. Di WEAVERS pass into the danger area is deflected just wide by Honor DILLON.

41' Reverse stick shot from Fanny RINNE goes just wide of the goal. GER continue to dominate

38' GER have started the second half the brighter of the two teams, and are looking likely to get their second goal of the game

36' KELLER immediately gets a shot away in the circle, but it is kicked away by JURGELEIT in the NZL goal

36' Second half underway. Can NZL recapture their promising early first half form?

35' GER deservedly in the lead at this point, and look likely to score more. NZL started brightly, but have not recovered from KELLER's wonderful strike

33' Again good defending from NZL, blocking out a threatening free hit just outside the circle.

31' KELLER surges into the NZL circle, but is well tackled. GER creating much more opportunities than NZL

28' Good save from JURGELEIT who puts a strike around the post for a corner, which is well defended by NZL

26' KELLER seems to be at the heart of everything good that GER are doing. NZL are struggling to keep possession and cannot get out of their own half

25' Jane MALEY cracks in a cross from outside the circle which goes into the goal without a NZL touch

23' The goal seems to have affected NZL badly, and are struggling to find the rhythm they had before it. GER again looking threatening on the break, with KELLER in outstanding form

19' NZL chasing hard for an equaliser, but are struggling to get into the GER circle

**** Goal: Natascha KELLER ****

16' Natascha KELLER scores brilliantly with a reverse stick shot from the top of the circle

15' It is an end to end game, with the play open and attacking. Not much at all to choose between the two sides currently

12' Natascha KELLER shows great skills down the left before sending a great pass into the danger area which no-one could get on to

10' More NZL pressure on GER, but again well defended. NZL are pushing high, which may lead them open to a quick GER counter-attack

7' NZL are definitely attacking more, and starting to look quite dangerous, although GER are looking good at the back

5' GER very much in control of the game currently, although NZL are looking more positive than we have seen in the previous matches, creating opportunities for fast counter-attacks

3' Mistake by NZL sees first shot on goal for GER which is cleared by Beth JURGELEIT.

1' Match underway

0' Rachel ROBERTSON plays her 50th cap for NZL

0' GER are one of three teams that have opened a gap at the head of the points table with two matches remaining until the classification phase. They will see this clash against NZL as a great chance to consolidate their place in the top two with NED and CHN to meet later today. NZL, scoreless and with only one point earned so far in the tournament, will need a more attacking mindset if they hope to overcome the reigning Olympic champions

0' The umpires for this match are YOUFANG Hu (CHN) and Judy BARNESBY (AUS)