



Thursday 13 July

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Australia 2

Argentina 3

70' ARGENTINA provide the crowd with a thrilling victory, and move onto 6 points. AUS manager Frank MURRAY looks far from happy

**** Goal: Luciana AYMAR ****

70' Luciana AYMAR drag flicks a last-gasp winner for ARG, providing a sensational end to the match. In the end, ARG deserved their victory, having dominated much of the second half play

68' ARG PC: Raised ball of AUS stick. AICEGA shoots wide

67' Rosario LUCHETTI strikes at goal, but it is deflected over the crossbar and into the stand for a corner. AUS defend it well

67' Maria HERNANDEZ puts a dangerous cross in, but again no one could get on the end of it.

65' ARG still mounting attacks, but AUS looking more composed in defence than they were

63' Clash between Alejandra GULLA and Nicole ARROLD. Umpire KNIPE tells them both to cool it

61' GULLA fires over the crossbar from point-blank range. She should have scored.

59' ARG PC: AICEGA puts the ball in the net, but too high!

58' Emily HALLIDAY sends a fabulous pass through to Sarah TAYLOR who wastes a great opportunity

57' AUS really starting to look pressured in defence. It seems like only a matter of time until ARG get their third goal of the game

55' Rosario LUCHETTI dribbles around the back of the AUS defence and passes dangerously, but no-one can get on the end of her pass. AUS cannot get the ball out of their own 25 currently

54' ARG PC: Excellent work from Gabriela AUGUIRRE wins a PC for ARG, but defended well by AUS

52' ARG very much on top at the moment. Bad turnover deep in defence by AUS brings out a good save from IMISON in the AUS goal

**** Goal: Maria HERNANDEZ ****

50' Maria HERNANDEZ puts the ball in the back of the net, despite wonderful defensive work from Nicole ARROLD who initially cleared off the line.

49' ARG PC: Three penalty corners in a row

47' PC ARG: A great stick save by Nicole ARROLD on the line from AYMAR's dragflick

46' AUS defend the PC, and launch a counter-attack. It is end to end stuff. Melanie TWITT receives a green card for a stick check.

45' PC ARG - the game has sprung to life!

**** Goal: Nikki HUDSON ****

44' AUS bounce back immediately through Nikki HUDSON, tapping in after a good pass

from Madonna BLYTH.

**** Goal: Soledad GARCIA ****

- 43' Luciana AYMAR sends a defence splitting pass through to Soledad GARCIA, who goes around the keeper and scores
- 42' Luciana AYMAR picks up the ball at speed and surges through the AUS midfield, but nothing comes of it
- 40' ARG have come out looking the stronger side, and are keeping possession well. AUS try to counter attack, well defended by ARG
- 38' ARG are forcing AUS back deep into their own half, trying to get the equaliser. GONZALEZ deflects just wide of the right post.
- 36' Second half underway
- 35' HALF TIME: AUS lead at the break after a good team goal. Both teams guilty of basic skill errors with ARG having slightly the better of play throughout
- 33' ARG can't trap the ball at the top of the circle and the mix up gives AUS a chance to win the ball
- 32' ARG PC. Pass into the circle Magdalena AICEGA hits the foot of Melanie TWITT and ARG win another PC
- 31' ARG GK Mariela ANTONISKA forced into a clearance after an AUS counter attack nearly brought a second goal
- 31' AUS defence is well set around the edge of their circle as ARG press for the equaliser. At this stage the AUS defence looks capable of handling the pressure
- 29' ARG making AUS chase the ball around the pitch as ARG maintain control of possession
- 27' AUS turnovers inside their half is making Angie SKIRVING work overtime in defence on the right hand side
- 26' ARG have now wrestled the advantage from AUS and have spent the majority of the past few minutes in their opponent's half
- 25' AUS win possession after the shot is fired high by Claudia BURKART
- 24' Repeat PC. Luciana AYMAR forced to improvise and her reverse stick shot is collected by ARG who win another PC
- 23' ARG PC. ARG win possession and win their first PC
- 23' ARG attack down the left again but AUS set their defence and repel the advance
- 20' Most of ARG's flow out of defence is coming down their left side
- 20' AUS threaten again with a pass down the centre of the pitch just behind Karen SMITH was leading into a dangerous position inside the circle
- 18' ARG seem to have settled and take ball to edge of AUS circle
- 17' AUS now well on top. They are looking more urgent than ARG and want to play on quickly at every opportunity
- 15' Emily HALLIDAY shoots wide of the left post
- 15' AUS PC. Another PC for AUS who have taken the initiative in the match
- 14' Angie SKIRVING flicks wide of the left post
- 13' Repeat PC. Emily HALLIDAY glides to the right at the top of the circle but her shot is saved by the ARG defender on the goal line. AUS grab rebound to win another PC
- 12' AUS PC. ARG defence has lost its intensity and AUS capitalise with a free hit from the left catching the foot of an ARG defender
- 10' AUS stun ARG with a goal scored against the run of play

**** Goal: Karen SMITH (AUS) ****

- 8'** AUS Goal. AUS score with a breakaway catching the ARG defence. Pass into the circle from Melanie TWITT eventually finds through the last line of the ARG defence to Karen SMITH for an easy tap-in close to goal
- 6'** Luciana AYMAR, Mariana GONZALEZ OLIVIA and Alejandra GULLA combining well down the left for ARG as they control possession
- 5'** Narrow miss for ARG with good build up play and interchange of passes inside the circle just failing to find the net with a deflection from close range by Alejandra GULLA
- 3'** Possession changes with little separating the teams. ARG with the better field position
- 2'** ARG early attack is countered by AUS who now take ball into ARG half
- 1'** Match underway
- 0'** This match is a crucial one for both teams, with a loss today ending their title hopes. AUS are struggling to convert their chances in front of goal while ARG have not been able to produce their best form, especially in the first half of their matches against both CHN and GER when they allowed their opposition to take the early initiative
- 0'** The umpires for this match are Louise KNIPE (ENG) and Stella BARTLEMA (NED)