



Thursday 13 July

19:30

**Netherlands 1**

**China 1**

- 70' FULL TIME: NED will be kicking themselves for not getting the full three points after dominating for the latter stages of the match. CHN took the lead through LI Hong Xia just after half time, with Maartje PAUMEN scoring the equaliser ten minutes later.
- 69' with the ball bouncing around the CHN circle, Naomi VAN AS has the chance to volley into the net, but does not connect well enough. It seems that NED have missed their chance to win it
- 67' more pressure from NED, but CHN are defending well. However, their midfield is giving the ball away far too easily, enabling the Dutch to mount more attacks
- 64' CHN counter-attack, but LI Hong Xia runs the ball off the backline
- 63' NED dominating the game currently, and chasing hard to get the winner
- 60' Great solo run Fatima MOREIRA DE MELO who travels around the back to win a corner, easily coped with by CHN
- 58' Ellen HOOG in the action once again in the CHN circle, but knocks the ball against her own foot at the vital moment
- 55' NED's Ellen HOOG fires a reverse stick shot towards goal, but it is expertly controlled by CHEN Zhao Xia who clears well
- 53' Miek VAN GEENHUIZEN is really turning on the style, showing great close skills just to the left on the CHN circle, but nothing comes of it
- 51' SCHOPMAN takes control of a dangerous free hit to the left of the CHN circle, and slaps a great pass across the face of the goal which no NED player anticipated
- 49' NED have taken the initiative thanks to PAUMEN's goal, which has raised the spirits of the crowd.

**\*\* Goal: Maartje PAUMEN \*\***

- 47' PAUMEN continues her rich scoring form with drag-flicked shot just inside the post.
- 47' NED PC:
- 46' Kim LAMMERS wastes a dangerous free hit just outside the circle, lifting it towards a CHN player
- 44' CHN's REN Yi gets hit in the leg by a raised ball just outside her own circle, and looks in pain. She recovers to face the NED free hit, which is cleared
- 42' NED are rattled, and it is CHN who are looking likely to build on their lead. The decisions seem to be going against NED currently.
- 39' CHN looking dominant, and continue to apply pressure on NED who are struggling to clear

**\*\* Goal: LI Hong Xia \*\***

- 37' CHN take the lead, and the Dutch crowd goes very quiet. LI Hong Xia gets the breakthrough.
- 36' Second half underway
- 35' HALF TIME: 0:0, with both teams having their fair share of chances. The Dutch are on

top, but CHN have had the best chance by hitting the post.

**34'** Good Dutch pressure results in a shot by Janneke SCHOPMAN, but nothing to concern the CHN goalkeeper.

**33'** CHN in possession, knocking it comfortably around the back

**32'** NED are looking the dominant side as we close out the first half, with Naomi VAN AS having another good game in the NED midfield.

**15'** The game looks like it could turn into a real grudge match, with both teams getting their shoulders and sticks into some pretty heavy challenges

**12'** NED creating some excellent opportunities, but CHN also looking dangerous in the early stages of this match. NED currently on the offensive

**4'** CHN PC: well defended, but another PC for CHN

**3'** CHN attack down the right, thwarted by solid defending from captain Minke BOOIJ

**2'** CHN make the first mistake of the day by failing to deal with a aerial ball, but NED do not make the most of the chance

**1'** Match underway

**0'** NED can qualify for the final with a victory in tonight's match

**0'** Potentially the match of the tournament between the most impressive teams so far. NED need two goals to notch 150 in Champions Trophy history while CHN appear rejuvenated after a poor World Cup qualifying campaign and indifferent form at the top level during the past two years

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