



# Rabo Champions Trophy

## Women 2006 Amsterdam

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10:00

**China 4**

**New Zealand 0**

70' FULL TIME: CHN dominated and showed ruthless form from PC's, scoring three times from five attempts. It gives them a good chance of making the final, and will now wait to see if the Netherlands or Germany slip up in their games later today.

68' CHN break forward again, saved another great bit of covering by NZL, this time from Kate MAHON

66' PC: CHN. The corner is defended well and NZL break forward quickly, having a shot which is cleared off the line by MAI Shao Yan. NZL seem destined not to score in this tournament

64' FU Bao Rong again looking dangerous on the break, but Sheree PHILLIPS does well to block out the threat.

62' NZL applying some decent pressure on CHN for the first time in a while, but CHN are excellent in defence

60' CHN dominant, but NZL - to their credit - are still working extremely hard

57' Excellent covering work from Joanne GALLETLY chasing back to make a crucial challenge as CHN break forward

**\*\* Goal: FU Bao Rong \*\***

55' CHN really are in ruthless penalty corner form, with FU Bao Rong smashing in a slipped pass from the top of the circle which is too quick for NZL keeper Anita WAWATAI

54' PC: CHN

53' GAO Li Hua is called back onto the pitch by umpire KNIPE, with her side in a better position than before she was sin-binned

**\*\* Goal: REN Ye \*\***

51' REN Ye gets her second of the match with a tap in. NZL really should have cleared their lines.

49' ZHOU Wan Feng finds herself at the top of the circle after a quick free hit, but scuffs her shot

47' CHN easily clear the PC, but NZL looking to make the extra player count by pressuring CHN's defence

46' GAO Li Hua receives the first yellow card of the tournament from umpire KNIPE for a bad and completely unnecessary stick challenge. NZL break forward and win a PC

44' Charlotte HARRISON shows the inexperience of youth by giving the ball in her own half, but it is tidied up well by Emily NAYLOR who is having a good game for the Black Sticks

41' Laura DOUGLAS unexpectedly finds herself through on goal as CHN fail to trap the ball, but slices her shot wide of the mark. A good chance wasted.

40' Di WEAVERS works her way down the right winning a number of free hits, but cleared by CHN who break forward

37' Early 2nd half attacks coming from NZL, but not threatening the circle. CHN regain possession and start to work down the right

- 36'** Second Half underway
- 35'** CHN are the dominant force, and took a deserved two goal lead after just 7 minutes thanks to PC conversions from MA Yi Bo & REN Ye. At that point things did not look good for NZL, but have worked hard to create some good chances to break their 2006 Rabo Womens' Champions Trophy scoring duck.
- 33'** FU Bao Rong strikes across NZL's goal after another excellent break from CHN, but the ball does not trouble Anita WAWATAI in the NZL goal.
- 30'** NZL's Emily NAYLOR cracks in a free hit from the edge of the circle, but again no-one can get on the end of it.
- 27'** Brilliant move by CHN rips apart the NZL defence, but the chance is wasted
- 26'** ZHOU Wan Feng receives a green card from umpire KNIPE for a bad stick challenge
- 24'** FU Bao Rong leads a counter-attack and CHN so very nearly take a three goal lead, but for a good clearance by Kate MAHON
- 23'** NZL continuing to pressure CHN, who as a result keep giving away possession
- 21'** The PC is brilliantly blocked by ZHANG Yi Meng with stick save
- 20'** PC NZL - Good spell of pressure for NZL, who desperately need a goal to stay in the game
- 18'** PC: CHN - the strike is well blocked by NZL
- 18'** CHN moving forward with speed and numbers, but NZL have settled and seem more organised in defence.
- 16'** NZL having a great deal of possession, but CHN playing a good half-court press system which is keeping the ball out of their half and therefore causing no danger
- 12'** PC: NZL. Their first real spell of pressure results in a chance to pull one back. NZL fire the shot straight at CHN keeper ZHANG Yi Meng
- 9'** CHN are well on top, causing the NZL defence all kinds of problems. They are looking likely to get a third
- \*\* Goal: REN Ye \*\***
- 7'** REN Ye scores CHN's second of the game from only their second PC, deflecting in from MA Yi Bo's well-placed pass to her outside the post
- 6'** NZL's Krystal FORGESSON strikes well at goal, but her claims for a foot in the circle are ignored by umpire KNIPE. CHN launch a counter-attack and win a penalty corner
- \*\* Goal: MA Yi Bo \*\***
- 3'** MA Yi Bo proves yet again how deadly she is from PC's, drag-flicking her side into an early lead
- 3'** PC: CHN for a foot in the circle
- 2'** We have only just started and already CHN have putting pressure on NZL, with ZHOU Wan Feng hitting a dangerous ball into the circle
- 1'** Match underway
- 0'** NZL captain Di WEAVERS has announced her retirement from international hockey and will play her last match tomorrow against AUS in the 5th place playoff
- 0'** CHN need to win and then hope either GER or NED slip in the later matches to qualify for their third Champions Trophy final and first since 2003. NZL will play in the 5th place playoff against AUS regardless of the result of this match but will be trying to break their tournament goal scoring drought
- 0'** The umpires for this match are Louise KNIPE (ENG) & Keum Ju LEE (KOR)