



Saturday 15 July

14:00

Argentina 3

Netherlands 2

70' GARCIA's last minute strike gives ARG the win and means that China and Germany will compete in tomorrow's gold medal match. ARG and NED will play each other again tomorrow in the 3rd/4th place play-off, with New Zealand and Australia trying to avoid finishing in last position.

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

69' Soledad GARCIA gets the goal that she deserves with a sensational reverse stick strike into the roof of the net with one minute to go.

68' for the second time in the match the ball is not stopped at the top of the circle, and ARG escape

66' Lisanne DE ROEVER in the NED goal has been immense all game, and proves the point yet again with a double save from Alejandra GULLA

64' End-to-end stuff now as both teams want the win.

61' Soledad GARCIA shows amazing skills to set up Alejandra GULLA who just needs to beat the keeper to score, but is well kept out by NED GK

59' ARG fail to stop the ball at the top of the circle and the break is on for NED. The pressure is back on ARG once again

58' NED struggle to cope with it, and another PC is awarded for a foul

57' Brilliant counter attack from ARG, showing just how dangerous they can be. PC to ARG

55' SMABERS showing more great skills down the left, and ARG are struggling to clear it. They eventually do through Agustina BOUZA who dribbles upfield

52' Dangerous free hit outside the circle after great skills from Fatima MOREIRA DE MELO. It is well cleared, but the NED pressure continues as they chase the win

48' Naomi VAN AS is continuing to cause problems around the ARG circle, but the ball is cleared forward and ARG have a chance to create something in the NED half

47' ARG are beginning to sit deep again, and NED are having the most of the ball.

45' Minke BOOIJ fails to properly control a cross into the ARG circle, and the ball goes out of play with ARG in possession

43' Naomi VAN AS drives into the ARG circle, and strikes well, but her shot is blocked and the ball is cleared forward

41' PC: ARG - saved and cleared by NED.

39' Free hit just outside the circle for ARG is fired in and bounces off various sticks before being cleared by NED

37' GULLA again breaking forward, but good defensive work from Wieke DIJKSTRA re-gains possession for NED

36' ARG's GULLA strikes a reverse stick pass across the goal which does not cause any danger the NED

36' second half underway

35' HALF TIME: A thrilling match, with NED dominant in possession, but ARG causing the

Dutch many problems on the counter-attack.

34' AYMAR nearly deflects a weak shot into the goal, but NED clear the subsequent corner

32' PC: ARG - well defended by NED, who look in firm control

**** Goal: Kim LAMMERS ****

31' Kim LAMMERS first time deflection is well saved, but does well to pick up the rebound and flick onto the net. Great game!

28' Soledad GARCIA bursts forward and wins a dangerous free hit just outside the NED circle. It is cleared, but GARCIA again comes from midfield to create another chance. Her shot goes harmlessly wide, but she is a growing force in the game

**** Goal: Janneke SCHOPMAN ****

25' A breathtaking penalty corner routine, with PAUMEN disguising her drag flick and SCHOPMAN diving full length to guide the ball into the net. Will this open the floodgates?

24' PC: NED - Dangerous free hit out side the circle not coped with by ARG, and a PC is awarded

23' ARG are playing their best hockey of the tournament, and despite excellent NED attacking, the defence is holding strong and the midfield are winning a lot of the battles. AYMAR looks menacing when in possession and could be the key to a ARG victory

19' Sylvia KARRES is released down the left by Naomi VAN AS, and her reverse stick cross causes confusion amongst the ARG defence.

17' ARG's two goals have stunned the home team and the crowd, and we have a fascinating match in progress. NED are attacking at speed, and ARG are soaking up the pressure before launching their own quick counter-attacks

14' Cross from the left by NED does not trouble ARG keeper Paola VUKOJICIC, who lets it run past her and out for a ARG hit

**** Goal: Alejandra GULLA ****

12' Luciana AYMAR shows great vision with her pass to Marine RUSSO, whose shot from outside the circle is cleverly deflected in by GULLA.

10' NED pressing high, but ARG defending very well and seem happy to play on the counter

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

7' Variation penalty corner brought Soledad GARCIA into play, and the ball is bundled in by the committed Maria HERNANDEZ. A great start for ARG, and also for Germany who need ARG to get a result from this game

6' AYMAR is certainly in the mood for it today, and another surging run from her brings about a PC

5' Good work down the left from Minke SMABERS results in a free hit, well defended by ARG

3' Intense pressure from NED has forced ARG to sit very deep to soak up the pressure, but the counter through Luciana AYMAR who runs 40 yards in possession

1' Thankfully for ARG, the PC is put wide. An excellent start by NED

1' 13 seconds in and NED already have their first PC

1' Match underway

0' NED must win to make the final. A draw will not be enough because although it will draw them level with GER on the points table, they have won less matches than the Olympic champions (3 to 2). The number of matches won is the first tie breaker used if teams are level on the points table

0' The umpires for this match are Judy BARNESBY (AUS) and Ute CONEN (GER)