



Bronze Medal Playoff
Sunday 16 July
12:30

Argentina 1

Netherlands 1*

NED won 4-1 after penalty strokes

- 86' Minke BOOIJ (NED) scores to give the NED the bronze medal. NED win the PS competition 4-1
- 86' Luciana AYMAR (ARG) scores low into the left corner to keep ARG in the competition. NED 3-1
- 86' Kim LAMMERS (NED) slots her stroke low into the left corner. NED 3-0
- 86' Alejandra GULLA (ARG) hits the right post. NED 2-0
- 86' Janneke SCHOPMAN (NED) scores low to the left. NED 2-0
- 86' Mercedes MARGALOT (ARG) Misses wide of the left. NED 1-0
- 86' Maartje PAUMEN (NED) Scores to the keepers left. NED 1-0
- 85' End of extra time. Prepare yourselves for penalty strokes!
- 84' AYMAR showing her class, but cannot get the final ball through
- 83' NED break forward and enter the circle, but cannot get the ball on a ARG foot
- 82' ARG waste a good chance just outside the NED circle
- 81' FATIMA breaks forward for NED, but is well tackled by Rosario LUCHETTI
- 80' Everything is very cagey. The teams look frightened to make the mistake which could cost them the game, and the bronze medal
- 78' Second period of extra time underway
- 77' EXTRA TIME Half time - 7 1/2 to go before the drama of penalty strokes
- 75' Maartje PAUMEN receives a GREEN CARD for a shoulder charge. It could easily have been yellow.
- 74' NED in control of the ball, but the atmosphere on the pitch is getting intense.
- 73' The crowd boo an umpiring decision against one of their players, when an ARG defender makes a seemingly good tackle
- 72' ARG pressuring the NED defence, but NED cope and launch a counter-attack.
- 71' Extra Time period 1 underway
- 70' FULL TIME: Extra time is on its way as the game finishes 1:1. GOLDEN GOAL: Two halves of 7 1/2 minutes, then if there is still not a winner, we go to penalty strokes.
- 69' ARG so close to winning it with Gabriela AGUIRRE's thunderous strike saved spectacularly by Eveline HAAN
- 67' NED on the attack once more, with Fatima MOREIRA DE MELO's reverse stick cross and Janneke SCHOPMAN's shot excellently dealt with by ANTONISKA, who has had a great game

**** Goal: Mercedes MARGELOT ****

- 65' Mercedes MARGALOT drag-flicks into the roof of the net, and ARG silence the NED crowd once more. They never know when they are beaten

64' PC: ARG - ARG finally get out of their own half, and they race towards goal, winning a PC

62' Ellen HOOG deflects the corner towards goal, but it is again saved by ANTONISKA. ARG cannot release the pressure at all.

62' PC: NED

61' PC brilliantly saved by Mariela ANTONISKA, diving to her right

60' PC: NED - Sylvia KARRES shows great skill when attacking the circle, and is brought to the ground by ARG defenders

58' It is all getting a little bit heated now, with tough challenges and off-the-ball nudges taking place.

55' ARG try and push forward but it seems NED are in control, passing the ball around comfortably to keep possession

**** Goal: Vera VORSTENBOSCH ****

53' Naomi Van As releases Vera VORSTENBOSCH through on goal, who eventually puts the ball in the back of the net as ARG fail to clear

50' ARG applying a lot of pressure on the NED defence, but NED clear and break forward at speed. It is tidied up again by ARG defenders.

48' Soledad GARCIA cracks in an ambitious reverse stick shot from near the backline, which Eveline HAAN kicks away to safely

46' PC is saved and ARG clear. NED in possession in their own half

45' PC: NED - A chance created from nothing puts ARG keeper under pressure, and a PC is awarded

43' NED break forward yet again, but solid defending from ARG kills of the chance

41' Sophie POLKAMP saves a certain goal on the line for NED as ARG fail to make the most of the best chance of the game

38' NED are starting to dominate again, making good circle penetrations. Janneke SCHOPMAN goes very wide of the goal and her reverse stick shot does nothing to worry ARG

37' Dangerous free hit just outside the circle for NED after Kim LAMMERS is fouled, but nothing comes of it

36' second half underway

35' An entertaining game, but nothing like yesterday's thriller. A goal could spark something special

32' Ellen HOOG goes close for NED but well saved, then ARG almost catch the Dutch on the counter but HERNANDEZ misses the ball completely when attempting to shoot

30' NED's MORIERA DE MELO slaps a ball towards goal, but no-one is close to touching it

28' The PC is slipped left, but the strike is well saved by keeper Eveline HAAN

27' PC: ARG - Gabriela AGUIRRE wins it with great stick skills

25' NED slapping the ball around with ease at the back, not under much pressure from ARG attackers

23' Efke MULDER breaks quickly, but her pass down the right to Fatima MOREIRA DE MELO is badly placed and goes out of play.

20' AYMAR sends a great pass down the wing to Gabriela AGUIRRE, but her reverse stick pass into the circle is lifted and a NED free hit is given

17' ARG having more possession than they have done, and seem to be working their way into the game. NED have slowed their play down considerably

- 16'** AYMAR's first real contribution sees her carry the ball 40 metres and beat a couple of players, but her cross into the circle is dealt with easily by Minke BOOIJ
- 15'** Sylvia KARRES is really not in a good mood today, and is seemingly complaining about everything
- 13'** A good PC routine well blocked by ARG, but NED definitely have the upper hand - ARG just cannot get the ball away to genuine safety
- 13'** PC: NED
- 12'** Sylvia KARRES complains about an alleged push in the back in the ARG circle, but nothing is given
- 10'** good play from Miek VAN GEENHUIZEN down the right creates a good opportunity, but NED decide to pass backwards. Safety first seems to be the NED tactic for today
- 8'** Slapped hit into the ARG penalty area from just outside the circle results in nothing
- 7'** NED in control, but the match has nowhere near the atmosphere of yesterday's clash between the two teams... so far
- 5'** Mariana GONZALEZ charges out and makes a great stop of PAUMEN's drag flick
- 4'** PC: ARG - stick tackle outside the circle
- 3'** Ball being played around in the midfield, with both teams trying to settle into their patterns of play
- 1'** Match Underway
- 0'** Welcome to the bronze medal match between ARG and NED. These teams met yesterday, with ARG scoring in the 69th minute to win 3-2. Contests between these fierce rivals are usually great to watch and this match should be no exception
- 0'** The umpires for this match are Judy BARNESBY (AUS) and Ute CONEN (GER)