



Rabo Champions Trophy

Women 2006 Amsterdam

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15:00

China 2

Germany 3

70' FULL TIME: GERMANY are the winners of the 2006 Rabo Women's Champions Trophy thanks to a spectacular last minute winner from Fanny RINNE. Germany had been a growing force for the last fifteen minutes, and in the end gave the crowd an incredible finish to the showpiece final.

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**** Goal: Fanny RINNE ****

69' GOAL: GER: Fanny RINNE, arguably Germany's best player of the tournament has won it with nine seconds to go. Her drag flick was brilliantly placed, clipping the inside of the post and flying in.

69' PC: GER

68' PC: GER Just three minutes to go and a PC is controversially awarded. MA Yi Bo clears off the line to keep CHN in the hunt for the gold medal.

65' GER attacking again, and trying to keep the pressure deep in the CHN half

63' CHN attack, whilst ERNSTING-KRIENKE runs off the field to replace her stick which she has somehow managed to break, despite a lack of touches in this second half

61' KELLER again in the action, with CHN defenders just managing to block her out. GER looking the likely winners at this point, but still need the goal

58' KELLER hits a reverse stick shot on the half volley into keeper XHANG Yi Meng, who know little about it

57' FU Bao Rong is on the attack once more, but loses control at the vital moment when CHN have a three-on-two situation

56' Martina HEINLEIN picks up a loose ball just to the right of the circle, but her cross does not pick any players out.

53' GER hit the post from a tight with the CHN keeper stranded. This match could go either way at the moment!

52' FU Bao Rong is through on goal again, but this time loses control

50' PC Retaken, but well defended by GER

50' PC: CHN - FU Bao Rong is having an exceptional game, and wins another PC for CHN.

47' Despite not seeing too much of the ball in this second half, Kerstin HOYER has been running constantly for GER

45' The PC is drag-flicked wide of target, and CHN break forward yet again

44' PC: GER - GER on the attack and starting to worry the CHN defence, who concede a PC under pressure

**** Goal: Natascha KELLER ****

43' GER are again quick to respond with another Fanny RINNE inspired move. RINNE supplied the pass, KELLER finished on her reverse.

**** Goal: MA Yi Bo ****

- 41' GOAL: CHN - an inventive penalty corner slips right for MA Yi Bo to flick home spectacularly
- 40' PC: CHN - CHN free hit just outside the circle is played short and the shot hits a foot
- 39' FU Bao Rong again shows that her pace is a problem for GER as she races down the left before cutting around the back. GER clear, but CHN still pressurising
- 37' Both teams have come out looking full of running. GER on the attack
- 36' Second half underway
- 35' HALF TIME: Both teams are creating chances, with CHN probably having the more clear-cut chances. CHN took the lead through LI Hong Xia with Fanny RINNE equalising almost immediately
- 34' GER players all seem to move out of the way, but the strike on goal is well saved.
- 34' PC: CHN - Anke KUEHN stops the ball but it rolls onto her foot
- 32' CHN on the attacking again, but more good defending from GER slows it down until a tackle puts the ball against a CHN foot
- 31' Anke KUEHN strikes a free hit into the goal from just outside the 25, but no GER players can get a touch
- 30' FU Bao Rong tries to go around the back of the GER defence, but is well tackled
- 27' The ball is stuck in midfield currently, with both teams blocking each other out
- 24' A clever turn by MA Yi Bo almost leads to a chance on her reverse, but it is cleared by GER
- 23' MA Yi Bo's strike is blocked by the runner and then her follow up rebound is wide of the left post
- 23' CHN PC. Weight of possession finally gives CHN a chance
- 21' Play transfers to the left and BACHMANN clears this time from that part of the pitch
- 21' Good tackle by BACHMANN on FU Bao Rong with CHN setting up in attack on the right side
- 19' A pair of interceptions by MA Yi Bo stops Janine BEERMAN and then Natascha KELLER near the edge of the CHN defensive circle
- 18' RINNE dribbles into the circle for GER but her reverse stick from in front is easily swatted away. She again continues to be GER main attacking weapon
- 17' GER struggling to control ball in CHN half during this passage of play
- 16' GER are a little bit too relaxed after a free hit is awarded. The tempo of the CHN play when in possession has caught down the left side on three occasions already
- 16' With a quickly taken free hit, CHN are into attack again with GAO Li Hua taking the ball to the edge of the GER circle on the left
- 14' CHEN Zhao Xia glides to the right at the top of the circle but her shot takes a deflection and misses the left post by a considerable margin
- 13' CHN PC. Pass from defence to FU Bao Rong allows the CHN striker the space to eliminate Tina BACHMANN on the right before being fouled inside the circle

**** Goal: Fanny RINNE (GER) ****

- 11' GER Goal. GER's response is Fanny RINNE's expertly taken diving shot from top of the circle

**** Goal: LI Hong Xia (CHN) ****

- 9' CHN Goal. CHN score an easy goal after GER give too much space to FU Bao Rong down the left wing. She approaches the circle and off loads to LI Hong Xia who calmly

slots the ball past GER GK Kristina REYNOLDS. Soft defending from GER who were caught by the pace of the CHN strike line

- 8'** MAI Shao Yan makes a tackle on the edge of the circle as GER threaten down the inside right channel
- 8'** Each team is using the full width of the pitch which is providing the space to throw the ball around
- 5'** Early chance for CHN as they crack the GER defence down the left with an extra player creating the overlap. However the pass into the circle rolls across the face of goal to the opposite sideline
- 3'** Some early possession for both teams with neither having settled into their rhythm as yet
- 2'** CHN were the highest scoring team in the round robin matches and GER the second highest, so today's match should be one that entertains the crowd
- 1'** Match underway
- 0'** Welcome to the final of the women's Rabo Hockey Champions Trophy from Amsterdam between CHN and GER. GER have never won the Champions Trophy while CHN's sole title came in 2002
- 0'** The umpires for this match are Chieko AKIYAMA (JPN) and Soledad IPARRAGUIRRE (ARG)