

Sahara Champions Trophy

Match 02 - ESP v IND

10 December 2005

Start Time: 18:30

2	SPAIN	
	Edi TUBAU (FG)	19:13
	Pol AMAT (PS)	48:48
1	INDIA	
	Kanwal Preet SINGH (PC)	30:32

Time Commentary

71:36 Sahara Man of the Match is IND no. 21, V S VINAYA

70:00 End of the match. In this close encounter, ESP are lucky to take the win, and IND will feel disappointed over the avoidable defeat.

68:35 Opportunities and convincing attacks are rare now, the ball is mostly confined to the midfield. ESP are keen to hold on to their three points, while IND is fighting to keep the chance of a last minute equalizer alive.

65:22 IND is now desperately pushing for the equalizer. A promising attack down the right is stopped by SALA.

61:51 A good attempt from Spain through ARBOS with a powerful high flick from the right side but the ball goes wide.

53:05 The shot to the bottom right corner of the goal by RIBAS goes just wide.

52:39 PC for ESP.

52:09 Free hit for ESP from just outside the circle, taken by TUBAU and deflected before the goal by ARBOS but the IND defense clears.

50:41 A good pass from the middle for TUBAU who takes it into the circle and goes for the reverse stick shot but misses the ball.

48:48 **Goal**
AMAT easily converts the stroke with a flick to the top left corner of the goal, out of reach for D`SOUZA.

48:25 FREIXA gets into the IND circle but is stopped with a foul. PS for ESP.

47:47 The match now moves up and down the pitch with neither team able to build an advantage.

41:55 A flick to the center of the goal from FREIXA is deflected by an IND defender`s stick and the ball is eventually cleared by the IND defense.

40:29 PC for ESP.

38:23 A good free hit from Sandeep SINGH goes straight into the center of the circle, but hits Gagan Ajit SINGH`s foot.

36:18 Sandeep SINGH`s low ball is deflected just wide by HERRERA.

35:14 PC for IND.

35:00 End of the first half. The halftime tie reflects the match and promises an interesting second half as both teams will fight to end Day 1 with three points in the bag.

34:10 Time is stopped for Viren RASQUINA who has been hit in the head inside the IND circle but he is able to walk out unassistedly and play resumes.

- 30:32 **Goal**
A hard direct hit to the bottom left corner of the goal gives IND the equalizer.
- 29:19 PC for IND.
- 24:36 A promising long run down the left by Prabjoth SINGH is stopped short by Ramon ALEGRE.
- 23:58 Their goal seems to have finally given ESP some confidence. Where before they struggled to so much as get into the IND half of the field, they now intercept IND balls in midfield already and leave IND little room.
- 19:13 **Goal**
In one of ESP`s so far rare attacks, a first shot on goal is saved by D` SOUZA, but the ball drops off to TUBAU who has no difficulty to push it past the goalkeeper.
- 16:38 Another chance for IND but the ball gets lost in the crowded circle and goes out.
- 15:11 A fantastic opportunity for IND through Gagan Ajit SINGH, moving into the circle from the far right and launching a powerful reverse stick shot, but the ball goes high and wide.
- 10:54 A first opportunity for ESP through David ALEGRE but he falls and the shot goes wide.
- 10:09 **Incident**
Green card for IND no. 15, Rajpal SINGH
- 08:46 Another opportunity for IND through Prabjoth SINGH after a good pass from PILLAI but the ball goes slightly wide.
- 07:07 To the audible delight of the spectators, India have their first good opportunity through Gagan Ajit SINGH but HERRERA stops the ball and Enrich clears to the left.
- 01:11 After a bout of heavy rain, it has cleared up a little and match 2 of the Sahara Champions Trophy can get under way as title holders Spain taken on the home team.
- 00:22 Lineup India: 3. Kanwal Preet SINGH, 4. Sandeep SINGH, 6. Ignace TIRKEY, 7. Prabjoth SINGH, 11. Gagan Ajit SINGH (C), 12. Adrian D` SOUZA (GK), 15. Rajpal SINGH, 18. Viren RASQUINA, 21. V S VINAYA, 23. Arjun HALAPPA, 25. Harpal SINGH; INT: 1. Bharat CHETRI (GK), 2. William XALXO, 10. RAVIPAL, 19. V RAJA, 27. Vikaram PILLAI
- 00:09 Lineup Spain: 1. Bernardino HERRERA (GK), 2. Santi FREIXA, 5. Kiko FABREGAS (C), 6. Andreu ENRICH, 8. Alex FABREGAS, 9. Pol AMAT, 10. Edi TUBAU, 13. Ramon ALEGRE, 16. Xavi RIBAS, 17. Albert SALA, 18. Rodri GARZA, INT: 3. Miquel DELAS, 14. Hector GONZALEZ, 15. Victor SOJO, 21. Eduard ARBOS, 23. David ALEGRE
- 00:08 Umpires: David GENTLES (AUS), Philip SCHELLEKENS (NED)