

Sahara Champions Trophy

Match 04 - AUS v ESP

11 December 2005

Start Time: 16:30

4 AUSTRALIA	
Travis BROOKS (FG)	04:20
Brent LIVERMORE (PS)	45:00
Luke DOERNER (PC)	49:58
Michael McCANN	65:38
2 SPAIN	
Santi FREIXA (PC)	11:37
Santi FREIXA (FG)	25:06

Time Commentary

- 71:29 The Sahara Man of the Match award goes to ESP no. 2, Santi FREIXA.
- 70:00 End of match. The best match of the tournament so far. Both AUS and ESP have confirmed their claim to the trophy.
- 69:05 FREIXA`s low ball is saved by MOWLAM and eventually lost to AUS.
- 68:38 The ball is deflected by the AUS defense and hits the post. David ALAGRE is there to push it in but umpire KUMAR has already called another PC.
- 68:21 PC for ESP.
- 65:38 **Goal**
An AUS attack ends up in the circle where McCANN wisely uses the confusion and lack of space to push the ball past CORTES.
- 63:54 An excellent flick from FREIXA is deflected over the crossbar by MOWLAM.
- 62:48 PC for ESP.
- 62:35 At the other end, DWYER launches a powerful reverse stick shot from the middle of the circle but it goes high over the crossbar.
- 61:54 A long ball down the right side of the field finds FREIXA alone in the circle but he fails to stop the ball.
- 56:56 ESP are back now. Another attack sees FREIXA pass into the circle from the middle but the ball goes high off an AUS stick.
- 55:52 A tremendous long run down the right side from David ALEGRE gets the ball into the circle for FREIXA but he is in no position for a shot on goal and his pass goes awry.
- 54:05 ESP are a little unsettled now, and are having increasing difficulties to keep up with their opponents.
- 49:58 **Goal**
A tremendous flick to the right side of the goal gives AUS the lead.
- 48:13 PC for AUS.
- 45:00 **Goal**
- 44:41 ESP have gotten a little sloppy now, with bad passes and slow running. A bad tackle from ENRICH after SMITH intercepted a sloppy pass in the ESP defense and ran into the circle with it results in a PS for AUS.
- 40:53 **Incident**
Green card for AUS no. 1, Jamie DWYER

- 40:14 A good ball across into the circle from the right from David ALEGRE, but AMAT and TUBAU are too far away and the UAS defense clears easily.
- 38:31 A flat ball to the bottom left corner is deflected just wide.
- 37:04 DWYER wins a PC for AUS.
- 35:00 End of the first half. An interesting, level match between two of the tournament favorites, with the ESP lucky to be one up.
- 32:12 A flat hit from LIVERMORE is lifted just in front of CORTES lying on the ground but he nonetheless saves it.
- 31:04 Next attack, PC for AUS.
- 30:34 AUS is pressuring for the equalizer now and has a good opportunity to do so but CORTES saves.
- 25:06 **Goal**
A fantastic goal from FREIXA who intercepts an AUS pass and spinning and dodging makes his way through 3 AUS defenders to push the ball into the bottom left corner.
- 21:49 Almost the lead for AUS, as a ball from the far left side comes into the circle but can't be reached by BROOKS. RIBAS accidentally deflects it into the goal but no AUS has touched the ball in the circle.
- 19:52 A shot on goal from the middle of the circle from BROOKS goes high over the crossbar.
- 18:35 A great opportunity comes through a long pass into the circle from SCHUBERT but SMITH can't stop it and the ESP defense take over.
- 11:37 **Goal**
A low ball from FREIXA somehow passes through underneath all sticks and between all feet and ends up hitting the backboard.
- 10:41 PC for ESP.
- 07:03 On the counterattack, ESP get into the AUS circle for a reverse stick shot from AMAT but MOWLAM easily saves.
- 04:20 **Goal**
AUS first good attack also results in their first goal. A ball passed back from the backline finds DWYER. His shot on goal is saved by CORTES but the ball lands on BROOKS` stick who has no difficulty pushing it past CORTES this time.
- 02:18 FREIXA`s flick is deflected off a defender`s stick and goes high over the crossbar.
- 01:11 PC for ESP.
- 00:12 Lineup Spain: 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, 22. Francisco CORTES; INT: 3. Miguel DELAS, 14. Hector GONZALEZ, 15. Victor SOJO, 21. Eduard ARBOS, 23. David ALEGRE
- 00:11 Lineup Australia: 1. Jamie DWYER, 2. Liam DE YOUNG, 4. Michael McCANN, 9. Mark KNOWLES, 15. Bevan GEORGE (C), 17. Andrew SMITH, 23. Matthew WELLS, 24. Travis BROOKS, 25. Brent LIVERMORE, 26. Dean BUTLER, 30. Stephen MOWLAM (GK); INT: 7. Nathan EGLINGTON, 13. Luke DOERNER, 14. Grant SCHUBERT, 20. Matt NAYLOR, 21. Aaron HOPKINS
- 00:07 Umpires: David LEIPER (SCO), Satinder KUMAR (IND)