

Sahara Champions Trophy

Match 17 - ESP v GER

18 December 2005

Start Time: 17:30

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Santi FREIXA (FG)	13:14
Alex FABREGAS (FG)	22:03
Pol AMAT (FG)	39:58
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Santi FREIXA (FG)	69:33

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Moritz FURSTE (FG)	27:35
Matthias WITTHAUS (FG)	59:29

Time Commentary

73:27 Sahara Man of the Match is Pol AMAT.

70:00 End of the match. ESP wins the bronze medal.

69:33 **Goal**

With the seconds ticking down, FREIXA scores again as he comes into the circle from the left and scoops the ball over SCHULTE.

66:49 A great opportunity for C. ZELLER as he gets into the circle alone, but a shot to the left top corner of the goal sees the ball go high and wide.

62:36 A flat ball from MONTAG is deflected wide by CORTES.

61:57 PC for GER.

59:29 **Goal**

A great goal from WITTHAUS as he receives the ball near the back line with his back to the goal but a quick turn and a flick from a narrow angle later, GER have their 2nd goal.

57:45 And another opportunity as FREIXA plays a great ball across close to the goal, but TUBAU can't get to it.

56:46 **Goal**

A beautiful field goal from AMAT, his second today as he hits it in from the right side.

54:12 The flick is deflected high up in the air and out onto the left side of the field by CORTES.

53:28 The first shot is saved, SONNENSCHNEIN almost scores on the rebound, with R. ALEGRE there to save, but another PC is given.

51:40 A good shot from WITTHAUS from the middle but R. ALEGRE saves. PC for GER.

49:50 A shot from MENKE, another good save from CORTES.

46:21 A flat ball from C. ZELLER is deflected by CORTES, then cleared by the ESP defense.

45:22 PC for GER.

42:20 A flick from WITTE from the left but CORTES deflects the ball wide.

39:58 **Goal**

Surrounded by other players, AMAT pushes the ball past SCHULTE from

close range.

- 37:56 An attempt from GER from close range but CORTES saves and the defense clears.
- 35:00 End of the first half.
- 31:12 After a brief lull, the rain has now picked again and is even worse than before. The pitch has become quite slippery with the huge amounts of water being dropped down on it, and players are slipping and falling more and more often.
- 30:32 TUBAU picks up a long ball from the back in midfield and runs into the circle but his shot hits the outside of the goal only.
- 27:35 **Goal**
FURSTE deflects a free hit from the right past CORTES.
- 26:12 TUBAU tries a flat shot from the left but SCHULTE saves. Seconds later, FREIXA goes for another flat hit from the far left from just inside the circle, but SCHULTE saves again.
- 25:20 A reverse stick shot from AMAT goes centimeters past the left post.
- 22:03 **Goal**
A ball back into the middle of the circle finds Alex Fabregas near the penalty stroke point, and it is an easy job for him to push the ball into the empty goal.
- 16:32 GER score a goal through WITTHAUS as his shot is wide but hits RIBAS` back and goes in from there, but after deliberations with his colleague McCracken, umpire KUMAR revises his decision to no goal.
- 13:14 **Goal**
And another opportunity for FREIXA, and this time, he scores. SCHULTE gets to the ball and deflects it, and it looks almost like it is not going in, but in the end, it does end up inside the goal.
- 12:35 At the other end, a great shot from DRAGUHN from the far right but the ball is deflected wide.
- 11:16 A fantastic opportunity for ESP through FREIXA who receives a long ball down the right side near the circle and goes in for a reverse stick shot. SCHULTE stops the ball but is carried on with the momentum, so that FREIXA can almost get to the ball a second time, but P. ZELLER clears.
- 05:06 The conditions in this match are not good. There has been on and off rain since yesterday and at the moment it is again pouring, with a rather strong wind driving the rain sideways through the stadium.
- 03:39 C. ZELLER`s flick is well saved by CORTES.
- 03:04 PC for GER.
- 00:16 Lineup Germany: 1. Christian SCHULTE (GK), 7. Carlos NEVADO, 10. Jan Marco MONTAG, 12. Sebastian BIEDERLACK, 13. Justus SCHAROWSKY, 14. Tibor WEISSENBORN, 16. Niklas MEINERT, 17. Timo WESS (C), 19. Christopher ZELLER, 22. Mathias WITTHAUS, 25. Philipp ZELLER; INT: 3. Philip WITTE, 8. Christoph MENKE, 9. Moritz FURSTE, 28. Nico SONNENSCHNEIN, 29. Sebastian DRAGUHN
- 00:15 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, 18. Rodri GARZA, 22. Francisco CORTES, 23. David ALEGRE; INT: 3. Miguel DELAS, 14. Hector GONZALEZ, 15. Victor SOJO, 17. Albert SALA, 21. Eduard ARBOS

00:12 Umpires: Satinder KUMAR (IND), Jason McCracken (NZL)