

Saturday 22 July

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Spain 1

Germany 1

72' Pol AMAT has been named Man of the Match.

70' ESP and GER split points in a somewhat disappointing encounter, in which both teams have definitely not shown their best hockey. ESP stepped up their game very late in the match, but the draw is a fair result.

68' GER almost reclaim the lead with an attack over the right. C. ZELLER's ball across finds no taker.

67' ESP seem to suddenly have woken up and are putting some severe pressure on the GER defense now. AMAT is working hard to drive the ESP forward.

**** Goal: Santi FREIXA ****

65' A crazy variation that looks blotched but might even be intentional gets the ball to FREIXA who pushes it into the bottom right corner of the goal, beyond SCHULTE's reach.

64' Pol AMAT wins a PC for ESP.

62' And another chance for GER, again with NEVADO involved, but again the shot is wide.

61' NEVADO lays a ball off for WEISSENBORN near the top of the circle, and WEISSENBORN makes it into the circle, but his shot from a narrow angle goes slightly wide. B. EMMERLING was there near the far post but couldn't reach the ball.

59' ESP pressure a little harder than before now, and have a few opportunities, even though none of them is very good. TUBAU has a great opportunity after a pass into the circle finds him alone near the penalty stroke spot and he hits a bouncy ball up high. The shot clears the crossbar by about two meters.

54' A 4 on 3 attack through the middle sees GER into the ESP circle but SCHAROWSKY's reverse stick shot goes wide.

49' Excellent solo run down the right by AMAT whose speed and ability to change pace is just amazing. The pass into the circle however cannot be stopped by FREIXA, and another opportunity is wasted.

46' On the other side, ESP try for the equalizer with AMAT getting into the circle with a great sprint but the shot is weak and easily saved by SCHULTE.

46' After a free hit from the left, WITTE has a great opportunity from close range, but in falling he hits the ball over the crossbar.

45' Green card for Ramon ALEGRE.

43' S. FREIXA's half high flick to the right side of the goal is saved by SCHULTE.

42' A string of long corners for ESP from the right, and finally D. ALEGRE manages to make use of one, winning a PC.

38' S. FREIXA has an opportunity on the other end drifting along the edge of the circle from right to left to find an opening but when he goes for the reverse

stick shot, SCHULTE defelcts it wide.

- 37' MONTAG's hit is warded off by HERRERA, as is WITTHAUS' shot off the rebound. A third attempt, a high reverse stick shot, hits D. ALEGRE from close range. Time is stopped briefly but resumes quickly as ALEGRE is ok.
- 36' PC for GER. ESP disagree vocally but to no avail.
- 35' The match so far has been far from brilliant, both teams playing well below their possibilities. GER has had the better chances but not by much, and good opportunities overall have been scarce.
- 35' RIBAS' low flick to the left side of the goal goes slightly wide.
- 34' PC for ESP.
- 31' The match has calmed down temporarily, the players shouting less, but the tension has not ceased.
- 27' Greta ball across for D. ALEGRE who is unmarked in the circle but it is a little to far back and catches him on the wrong foot, out of reach.
- 25' A few high balls are played back and forth but they all clear everyone and do not find their target.
- 23' Time stop for WEISSENBORN who is down after a clash in midfield but he gets back up right away and play resumes.
- 21' Both teams try to build from the back but falter in midfield.
- 20' The match still consists of mostly midfield squabbles and few dangerous attacks.
- 17' Both teams cannot quite get their act together. The match is mostly unorganized and confused, with lots of individual mistakes from both sides, and lots of shouting.
- 14' A. FABREGAS wins a free hit from just outside the circle, with F. FABREGAS taking the free hit, but a good ball goes straight through everyone and out the back to the right of the goal.
- 11' FREIXA gets into the GER circle from the right but P. ZELLER is there to deny him.
- 9' NEVADO takes a ball off R. ALEGRE and gets into the circle but the ESP defense can recover.
- 8' WEISSENBORN has another good opportunity but the ball goes wide.
- ** Goal: Tibor WEISSENBORN ****
- 4' An attack over the left side of the field gets WEISSENBORN into the ESP circle. A bouncy pass is deflected by C. ZELLER but saved by HERRERA. WEISSENBORN is there for the rebound though and pushes the ball past the ESP goalkeeper.
- 2' ESP get their first chance as AMAT takes a ball off the GER in midfield to take it into the circle but the ball across is missed by FREIXA.
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- 0' This is a rematch of the bronze medal playoff from last year's Champions Trophy, where ESP emerged victorious 5-2 over a young GER team
- 0' The umpires for this match are David LEIPER (SCO) and Tim PULLMAN (AUS)