

Saturday 22 July

20:00

Netherlands 4

Argentina 2

72' Man of the Match is Teun DE NOOIJER.

70' The match ends with a comfortable and deserved win for NED. ARG played well but eventually could not keep up with their opponents.

70' NED have another chance to better the score but for a last time, VIVALDI denies them.

70' Yellow card for Ezequiel PAULON after a rough tackle. There are only 40 seconds left on the clock.

69' Another attempt from R. BROUWER, this time from the far left. A powerful shot goes wide to the right of the goal.

67' Another good opportunity for the NED to take the tally to 5 but BROUWER's shot from the right is saved by VIVALDI.

**** Goal: Taeke TAEKEMA ****

63' And another goal for TAEKEMA with a flick at hip height. ARG still manage to keep NED at bay in open play, but are defeated by the Dutch penalty corners - three of the NED's four goals have come from PCs.

63' PC for NED

**** Goal: Lucas CAMMARERI ****

59' But ARG aren't about to give up or go down easily - they get into the NED circle, and a first shot is saved by VOGELS. ALMADA goes for a hard hit on the rebound that hits a NED foot but play continues as the ball falls to L. CAMMARERI who finally pushes it past the NED goalkeeper for the 3-2.

**** Goal: Taeke TAEKEMA ****

56' And TAEKEMA sinks his second of the day with a powerful flick into the roof of the goal.

56' PC for NED.

**** Goal: Teun DE NOOIJER ****

55' An attack down the left gets DE NOOIJER into the circle alone on the far left side. He goes for a reverse stick shot from a narrow angle that finally beats VIVALDI.

52' A quick counter attack down the left, then diagonally across for EVERS on the right gets him into the circle but the ARG defenders are close and deny him any opportunity to shoot or pass.

51' IBARRA tries the same low ball as before, but this time just left of the middle of the goal. It is saved easily by VOGELS.

51' PC for ARG

47' Green card for Geert-Jan DERICKX.

45' WEUSTHOF launches a reverse stick shot from the top of the circle, fitted exactly into the bottom right corner but VIVALDI is there again to save.

**** Goal: Pedro IBARRA ****

- 42' IBARRA scores the equalizer for ARG with a ball that fits neatly and exactly into the bottom right corner of the goal.
- 41' A low flick to the right is warded off by VOGELS. ARG win the ball back and CAMMARERI takes a shot from close range. VOGELS saves with a great reaction but a PC is awarded.
- 41' ALMADA wins a PC for ARG.
- 39' A brilliant attack from the NED down the left side of the field, DE NOOIJER passing the ball into the circle for RECKERS who passes across for BROUWER to deflect. VIVALDI pulls another magnificent save to deny the NED their second goal.
- 35' NED have had the better opportunities so far but ARG are holding up well and seem determined to get a point out of their first encounter.
- 34' ARG get into the circle again but CAMMARERI is pushed over by a defender and the ball goes to NED. ARG are not happy with umpire JAMSON's failure to take action.
- 32' A high ball diagonally across the field finds DE NOOIJER deep in the ARG half. He sets off into the circle only to have the ball taken off him elegantly by REY.
- 30' TAEKEMA's flick is deflected wide by VIVALDI. The ARG goalkeeper is working hard to keep his team in the match.
- 30' The ball is laid off to the right for WEUSTHOF whose flick is saved by VIVALDI but another PC follows.
- 29' PC for NED.
- 28' The NED defense holds firm despite several good attempts from the ARG, the last a great hit from the far left from RICCARDI.
- 27' The first shot, a flick to the middle of the goal, is saved by VOGELS, but a second PC is awarded.
- 27' PC for ARG.

**** Goal: Taeke TAEKEMA ****

- 26' On his fifth attempt, TAEKEMA finally sinks a PC, placing a flick into the top left corner of the goal.
- 25' The second shot, a flat ball to the left, goes wide but has been defelcted off a foot, and another PC is awarded.
- 24' TAEKEMA's flick is warded of by VIVALDI.
- 24' NED get into the ARG circle. ARG tries to clear but the ball to the side hits a foot. PC for NED.
- 22' ARG play very aggressively now, attacking the NED defenders deep in the NED half. A great ball across the face of the goal from IBARRA finds no takers.
- 19' HOYNG intercepts a ball in midfield but the attack falters near the circle. The clearing shot from OROZCO finds ALMADA high up in the NED half, and he makes a great run into the circle but is denied by VOGELS.
- 18' Brilliant solo run into the cicle by Karel KLAVER, but stumbling, his low shot is saved easily by VIVALDI. RECKERS is there but cannot push the ball in and it goes wide.
- 12' On the counter attack, NED move down the left side of the field with RECKERS passing into the circle for DE NOOIJER near the back line. His ball across passes no more than 20cm from the line but there is noone to push it in.

12' Eventually, a second PC is awarded, but again the ARG cannot make use of it.

11' The ball is laid off to the right, a flat shot follows, saved by VOGELS. Several more attempts follow but none is successful.

10' ARGENTO wins a PC for ARG.

8' NED play calmly around the back, building up slowly, relying on their experience waiting for a chance. So far, ARG keeps up with them well though.

4' NED have a slight upper hand but ARG seem highly motivated to get a good start into the event.

2' TAEKEMA's powerful flick aims just under the crossbar but is deflected over it by VIVALDI.

2' VIVALDI wards off a flat shot but a second PC is awarded.

1' PC for NED.

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0' ARG's most notable omission from the team for this tournament is of course veteran Jorge LOMBI who was dropped from the squad recently. On the Dutch side, former Scottish national player Laurence Docherty is still absent despite playing two friendlies with the Dutch squad last week - his passport could not be processed in time.

0' Welcome to the final match of day 1 of the Sahara Champions Trophy 2006 here in Terrassa which sees the Netherlands take on Argentina. Argentina of course seek to make a good impression since 2003 into which they entered courtesy of a first place in last year's Champions Challenge, while the Netherlands aim much higher, having won the event twice in the last four years, but having had to content themselves with silver the last two years.

0' The umpires for this match are Xavier ADELL (ESP) and Hamish JAMSON (ENG)