

Sunday 23 July

16:00

Pakistan 3

Germany 3

72' The Man of the Match is PAK's Shakeel ABBASI - a good choice, as he has had a greta match and has been a key player for his side.

70' The two teams split points, both having definitely given their all despite the brutal heat. PAK will not be entirely content as after a slow start, they dominated much of the second half. GER had few opportunities to score in the second half, and will be thankful to Matthias WITTHAUS for salvaging a point for them.

**** Goal: Matthias WITTHAUS ****

68' An excellent goal from WITTHAUS! He gets the ball near the circle and makes his way in for a reverse stick shot to the right side of the goal.

65' Another oppportunity for PAK as a long pass into the circle finds ZAKIR in front of the goal but the GER defense is as alert as ever and he cannot get a shot on goal.

60' A bad mistake from MONTAG as he tries to pick a high ball from the air in the circle and it falls to ABBASI's feet. ABBASI gets around MONTAG but his shot is wide.

59' Sohail ABBAS is back on the field for PAK.

58' And another oppportunity for PAK already as ABBASI gets into the circle from the right but he cannot capitalize.

**** Goal: Shakeel ABBASI ****

57' PAK get into the circle from the right, the ball across going past SCHULTE and finding ABBASI's stick on the otehr side who pushes it in for the lead.

56' Sohail ABBAS hobbles off with an apparent leg injury.

56' A great solo run from ABBASI, who has had an excellent game and has been pivotal in his team's attacks, but the GER defense stands tall once more.

55' A good flick from C. ZELLER but AKBAR makes a great save and Wasim AHMAD clears.

54' PC for GER.

51' SCHULTE deflects ABBAS' flick high over the crossbar.

51' PC for PAK.

48' The game is moving up and down the field at a frantic pace now, and both teams have their chances.

47' In the counter attack, PAK get into the circle and have a shot on goal but it is wide.

47' A free hit for GER from just outside the circle goes through everyone and out past the goal. GER claim a foot but the umpires agree that it is a long corner not a short. GER are very unhappy with the decision.

43' Green card for Rehan BUTT.

42' GER are struggling now to keep the game under control. They have already given away a two goal lead, and PAK are becoming stronger as the clock winds down.

**** Goal: Sohail ABBAS ****

38' ABBAS flick at shoulder height and just inside the right post gives PAK the equalizer.

38' PC for PAK.

35' And the teams go into halftime at Pakistan 1, Germany 2. PAK had a shaky start but have found their way into the match soon enough, and the two teams have put on a rather attractive game so far, despite the sweltering heat.

32' An attack over the right side of the field ends in a good ball across and into the circle from WITTHAUS for NEVADO but NEVADO is falling after some pushing and shoving with a PAK defender and can't get to the ball.

31' Veteran GER defender Philipp CRONE is not content with his team's forward line, repeatedly and loudly summoning them to move more, move faster, and work harder.

**** Goal: Sohail ABBAS ****

28' A low flick to the left side of the goal somehow gets past SCHULTE, giving PAK their first goal in this match.

27' Green card for WEISSENBORN after running out of the goal too early twice in a row.

26' PC for PAK after WITTE fails to move off the ball at a PAK free hit.

**** Goal: Christopher ZELLER ****

22' ZELLER sinks a low flick into the left side of the goal, the ball hitting the net just above the back board.

22' PC for GER.

21' PAK are attacking deep in the GER half now, trying to block the passes between the GER defenders. The GER are coping well with the pressure though.

19' ZELLER's flat ball to the left is wide.

18' PC for GER.

17' PAK have had a string of opportunities during the past few minutes but the GER defense holds up excellently.

15' ABBAS this time goes for the dragflick towards the top left corner of the goal. The ball is deflected slightly off SCHULTE's glove and hits the post.

14' ABBAS' flat shot is deflected wide by WEISSENBORN. Umpire SANTI awards a second PC, a decision that the GER do not agree with at all.

14' PC for PAK.

10' Green card for Dilawar HUSSAIN for stcik tackling.

9' A ball misstopped in the circle by WEISSENBORN gives PAK their first good scoring opportunity as ABBASI baseball-bats the bouncing ball towards the goal, but it is high and wide.

6' ZELLER's flick hits the crossbar.

6' NEVADO wins a PC for GER.

**** Goal: Christopher ZELLER ****

2' A brilliant goal. WITTHAUS comes into the circle from the left, launching a reverse stick shot across, and ZELLER is on the spot - behind goalkeeper

AKBAR who fails to block the pass - to tip the ball in.

- 0' Welcome to day two of the Sahara Champions Trophy 2006. The day starts off with the clash between Pakistan and Germany. PAK are of course still without Muhammad SAQLAIN, serving the second of a three match ban, while GER leave one of their most experienced players, Bjoern EMMERLING in the stands today.
- 0' The umpires for this match are Xavier ADELL (ESP) and Daniel SANTI (ARG)