

Sunday 23 July

18:00

Argentina 1

Spain 1

72' The Man of the Match is Quico CORTES.

**\*\* Goal: Tomas ARGENTO \*\***

70' A very sloppy pass from RIBAS is intercepted by REY. The free hit gets ARG into the circle and ARGENTO deflects the ball from the middle of the crowded circle where all players have gathered.

68' Both teams are able to get into each other's circle in the last minutes of the match but neither can get a good shot.

65' An ARG attack leads to a furious counter by the ESP, AMAT making his way through the middle, but his reverse stick shot is high and wide.

62' An opportunity for ESP to extend their lead as S. FREIXA plays the ball across the face of the goal and D. ALEGRE dives in but the ball goes wide.

59' ALMADA has an opportunity for reverse stick shot but it is deflected wide off a ESP defender's stick.

58' Time is stopped for L. CAMMARERI who has gone down in the ESP circle after apparently being hit on the leg. He leaves the field for treatment and is replaced by ALMADA.

56' QUEMADA's flick is saved by VIVALDI. A rebound reverse stick shot from DELAS is just wide.

55' PC for ESP.

53' RICCARDI's flat shot to the left of the goal - probably meant for a deflection - is wide.

53' PC for ARG.

52' A long corner for ARG from the left gives MacCORMICK the ball near the penalty stroke spot. His reverse stick shot on goal is well saved by CORTES.

50' A prime opportunity for ARG for the equalizer with IBARRA passign across in the circle for MacCORMICK but CORTES saves.

48' Green card for A. FABREGAS.

48' ESP are taking over the game more and more now, ARG fighting to hang on but rarely able to create danger.

43' S. FREIXA gets the ball near and to the right of the goal and tries to push it past VIVALDI in turning, but the ARG goalkeeper saves.

41' A flat, weak shot is saved by CORTES and cleared by the ESP defense. A quick counter over the right side of the field is ended in the circle by the ARG defense as OROZCO clears through the middle.

40' The ESP defenders manage to deflect the ball to the right of the goal but umpire JAMSON has seen it hit a foot and awards another PC.

39' ALMADA wins a PC for ALMADA.

37' S. FREIXA makes his way into the circle from the left and launches a reverse

stick shot from a narrow angle. VIVALDI saves easily.

35' A less spectacular match than the previous one but still very entertaining. ESP have had slight advantages but the ARG defense around OROZCO is working extra time to keep the Spanish forwards at bay. ARG have had a few good opportunities too, and the second half certainly promises to be interesting.

35' Great last minute chance in this first half, as David ALEGRE dives in for a ball into the circle from A. FABREGAS. He deflects it but it is still wide and goes out.

30' QUEMADA's flick hits the left post.

29' PC for ESP.

25' The ESP defense intercepts the shot. A quick counter attack sees AMAT into the circle but ARGENTO is there to clear.

24' RICCARDI's shot is saved by CORTES but goes high. ZYLBERBERG flies through the air to hit it in but the ball hits a ESP defender. Another PC for ARG.

23' Great ball down the length of the field from REY for ALMADA but ALMADA clashes with ENRIQUE. Free hit for ARG from just outside the circle. ZYLBERBERG uses it to win a PC for ARG.

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

19' A fantastic goal for ESP! The ARG defense struggled to clear at an ESP attack and couldn't quite get the ball under control, then TUBAU hit the bouncy ball into the circle for FREIXA who swings through the air to put the ball into the back of the net, leaving VIVALDI without a chance to react.

15' A good pass for QUEMADA at the top of the circle but the ARG defense is there already, he cannot manage a shot on goal.

14' ALMADA gets into the circle for ARG but CORTES saves easily.

11' Green card for Tomas ARGENTO.

10' A good attack down the left side of the field gets ESP into the circle but IBARRA clears.

8' A long pass down the field falls to S. FREIXA who brilliantly lays it off to A. FABREGAS coming down field to his right, but the ball is accelerated off FABREGAS' stick and becomes unreachable.

5' Another dragflick from Santi FREIXA. The ball goes over the crossbar.

4' F. Fabregas wins a PC for ESP.

4' S. FREIXA's flick goes wide just outside the top left corner of the goal.

3' PC for ESP.

0' ESP will be looking to get on the right track to final again after dropping points against GER yesterday, while ARG are of course looking for their first points in this event.

0' The second match of the day sees hosts Spain take on Argentina.

0' The umpires for this match are Hamish JAMSON (ENG) and Syad ZULFIQAR (PAK)