

Sunday 23 July

20:00

Australia 1

Netherlands 1

- 72' Jeroen DELMEE has been elected Man of the Match.
- 70' The game ends in a draw, a well deserved result. This is the first day in men's Champions Trophy history that sees all matches end in draws.
- 67' Great save by MOWLAM, warding off a hard TAEKEMA flick to the left side of the goal.
- 66' DE NOOIJER wins a PC for NED.
- 65' Time is stopped for Eby KESSING who has been hit in the face and is bleeding a little bit. He leaves the field and play resumes.
- 65' The match has become fiercely disputed again, both teams pushing for the elusive winning goal.
- 64' R. BROUWER has another chance to get his team back into the lead, with a reverse stick shot from the left side but the ball is deflected high and wide off an AUS stick. A long corner follows but the ball is eventually lost to the AUS defense.
- 59' A good ball into the circle from KESSING but no NED player reaches it. R. BROUWER is closest but gets caught on the wrong foot.
- 56' Green card for Taeke TAEKEMA.
- 52' The pace of the match has now picked up a notch and there have been quite a few shots on goal in the last few minutes. Both teams appear unwilling to settle for the draw just yet.
- 51' Great reverse stick shot from WEUSTHOF but good save from MOWLAM.
- 50' Good flick from DOERNER but a good save from VOGELS.
- 49' McCANN wins a PC for AUS.
- 48' DE NOOIJER plays the ball into the circle for R. BROUWER who takes a shot from the right but the ball hits only the outside of the goal.
- 47' Great attack over many stations from AUS, but BROOKS' pass across lands right on HOYNG's stick.
- 42' The tempers are slowly heating up in this encounter, the number of sticks clashing and push and shove incidents noticeably going up as the minutes pass.
- 37' And the Dutch have the first opportunity of the second half as M. BROUWER plays a ball across close to the goal but KLAVER cannot reach it.
- 35' The halftime draw quite accurately reflects the first half of this match which has for the most part been a clash of equal opponents. AUS were on the way up towards the end of the half though, and it will be interesting to see if they can take over the match in the second half or the NED can keep up.
- ** Goal: Taeke TAEKEMA ****
- 35' TAEKEMA's highly precise flick slots right into the top right corner of the goal.
- 34' EVERS wins a PC for NED.

33' AUS are now clearly on the way up and have assumed good control of the match. The NED are finding it hard to get through the ranks of AUS.

32' Another shot on goal from the Aussies, Jamie DWYER taking a shot from the right side from the circle line. VOGELS saves.

**** Goal: Troy ELDER ****

29' ELDER takes a ball off the NED defense and runs straight towards the goal, pushing the ball through between VOGELS legs.

28' Th first shot on goal comes from Michael McCANN, coming into the circle from the left and hitting a ball high towards the goal from a rather narrow angle. VOGELS has no problem parrying the shot.

26' There still has not been a shot on goal from open play in this match, the only shots on goal having come from penalty corners. The lack of dangerous situations does not indicate a slow game though; the ball moves up and down fast, and there is much movement among the players.

19' The third attempt is a flat ball again, easily cleared out to the right side by VOGELS.

18' ELDER's flick is saved by VOGELS but goes high off the goalkeeper. A third PC follows.

18' A low ball straight to the goal by ELDER almost goes through under VOGELS. A second PC is awarded as the ball is under VOGELS and unplayable.

17' PC for AUS for a high stick as DERIKX takes down a high ball.

16' TAEKEMA's flick is just wide off the top right corner of the goal.

15' Weusthof wins a PC for NED.

14' Great run into the circle from the right by DE YOUNG but the ball back from the back line is intercepted by the NED defense. Still no shot on goal.

12' Still, neither team is able to create danger, and neither has had a shot on goal. The match has all the qualities of a dynamic standoff.

7' Play moves up and down the field but neither team has managed a shot on goal yet.

4' Both teams quite obviously know each other very well. Buildup is slow and cautious, there is no space or time for quick counters or surprise solos.

0' Day two ends with the encounter between two title favorites, Australia and the Netherlands. Rob RECKERS is in the stands for the NED, while Dean BUTLER is for the AUS.

0' The umpires for this match are David LEIPER (SCO) and Satinder KUMAR (IND)