

Tuesday 25 July

16:00

Netherlands 9

Pakistan 2

72' Man of the Match is Ronald BROUWER.

70' The match ends 9:2 for the NED. This is the both the highest win for the NED in Champions Trophy history, as well as the worst defeat for PAK.

**** Goal: Ronald BROUWER ****

70' With 5 seconds on the clock however, R. BROUWER receives a ball from DE NOOIJER at the top of the circle and puts a flat hit into the bottom right corner of the goal for the 9:2.

69' The NED have several more opportunities to add to the score but cannot capitalize on any.

68' PAK have another opportunity through ALI but his shot is saved by VOGELS.

**** Goal: Ronald BROUWER ****

65' Terrific run from DE NOOIJER from the Dutch half deep into PAK's. He then lays the ball off to the left for WEUSTHOF who passes back acrosss for BROUWER who deflects the ball. At first it looks like the tumbling ball might not make it, further deflected by the PAK defense, but it eventually rolls in to give NED their 8th goal.

62' NED don't seem content with their 7 goals either and are still pushing hard. DE NOOIJER hits the goalkeeper from up close, and a shot from KLAVER goes wide.

60' PAK are not defeated just yet and try to get another one back. ABBASI passes the ball across for ALI but ALI cannot reach it and it goes through and out the circle.

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

58' TAEKEMA's flick fits in neatly just under the crossbar, taking the NED to 7 goals.

58' PC for NED.

56' PAK are finally stepping up their game, and have more promising attacks now. Four goals down with less than 15 minutes to go, they are running out of time fast though.

**** Goal: Adnan ZAKIR ****

54' Sohail ABBAS' flick to the middle of the goal is easily saved by VOGELS, but the ball goes out to the right side where ZAKIR is waiting and attempts a shot on goal from a narrow angle with a flat hit. The ball goes up from VOGELS' foot but lands in the net.

53' Aktar ALI wins a PC for PAK.

50' ABBAS' flick is deflected wide off a NED stick.

50' PC for PAK.

46' Green card for Jeroen DELMEE.

**** Goal: Ronald BROUWER ****

44' But the Dutch take their lead back to five goals right away. A free hit near the circle on the right side gives the ball to BROUWER who is standing close by unmarked, and with one step, he is in the circle and hits a flat ball past AHMED into the near bottom corner of the goal.

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

43' A terrible mistake from Guus VOGELS gives PAK their first goal in this match as ABBASI hits a weak ball towards the goal and VOGELS misjudges ABBASI's position - clearly within the circle - and steps over the ball to let it into the goal. The whole situation is so unlikely that umpire Tim PULLMAN at first thinks it no goal, but after deliberating with his colleague Daniel SANTI, the goal is awarded.

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

42' The NED are back in the PAK circle. AHMED wards off a first shot but the ball falls to DE NOOIJER who with a low reverse stick shot takes the tally to four. AHMED gets to the ball, it hits his foot, but only to go up high into the net.

40' AHMED is now getting bombarded with shots as the NED are attacking frenetically. Time has to be stopped briefly after a particularly hard hit from close range forces AHMED down on his knees. He remains on the field and play continues.

38' WEUSTHOF takes the ball off a PAK defender, outplays two more, and lobs the ball diagonally across past AHMED but it hits the far post only. KLAVER's shot on the rebound is saved by AHMED.

37' DELMEE loses the ball to Aktar ALI near the PAK circle which launches a quick PAK counter attack. ALI makes it to midfield, then opts for the long pass for ABBASI near the circle but TAEKEMA dives in to deflect the ball wide and deny PAK this rare good opportunity.

35' The first half ends with the Netherlands 4 goals up. At the moment, it seems unlikely that PAK will still be able to challenge their opponents in this match, but hopefully, PAK will be able to step their game up in the second half to make this match more interesting.

32' More brilliant play from the NED as MEIJER in midfield slightly deflects a pass from the back to get it to EVERS near the circle. EVERS takes the ball in the circle and goes for a high hit from the left but it is wide.

30' PAK substitute goalkeepers. Salman AKBAR leaves the field, and Nasir AHMED takes over his place.

**** Goal: Ronald BROUWER ****

30' Another attack from the NED, another goal. Passed around many stations, the ball gets to WEUSTHOF on the back line who plays it across and back for BROUWER who only has to let it bounce off his stick.

29' PAK are now finding it increasingly difficult to keep up with the NED. The NED seem to have no problems with the sweltering heat - around 40 degrees once again - and are in a happy playing mood.

**** Goal: Rob RECKERS ****

26' RECKERS receives the ball in the circle and in an awkward turning motion lobs the ball past AKBAR into the right side of the net from close range.

23' PAK are trying hard to put some pressure on NED but are struggling to find a way how.

19' VAN DER HORST is very active in the back, both in defense and offense, repeatedly pushing up far into the midfield to start off and support NED attacks.

**** Goal: Floris EVERS ****

14' And a curious goal for NED as EVERS comes into the circle from the right and along the backline, somehow getting past AKBAR and weaving through the PAK defenders who seem to stand and watch rather than try to stop him, to push the ball in from just outside the goal line.

8' After needing a few minutes to recover from the early Dutch goal, PAK now seem back on track. NED are still the slightly stronger team at the moment though.

4' The first attack from PAK is warded off by VAN DER HORST, who takes the ball off a PAK and calmly outplys two Greenshirts in his own circle to get out to the side and clear with a wide hit.

2' And the NED have the opportunity to extend their lead already, with HOYNG coming into the circle from the right and taking a shot, but it is too high.

**** Goal: Matthijs BROUWER ****

1' With 38 seconds on the clock, BROUWER gets NED on the scoreboard already. The Dutch make it in the circle through the middle and from the middle, BROUWER tips it in.

0' The NED starting lineup olds a little surprise in the back where Sander VAN DER WEIDE is in the stands, replaced by Thomas BOERMA.

0' Welcome to day 3 of the Sahara Champions Trophy 2006, starting with the encounter between the Netherlands and Pakistan. The Netherlands are on four points after defeating Argentina and drawing with Australia, while Pakistan is on one point after two matches, having lost to Australia and drawn with Germany.

0' The umpires for this match are Tim PULLMAN (AUS) and Daniel SANTI (ARG)