

Tuesday 25 July

20:00

Germany 3

Argentina 1

72' The Man of the Match is Matthias WITTHAUS.

70' A deserved win for GER who have been the better team in this encounter.

**** Goal: German OROZCO ****

68' OROZCO puts the ball into the bottom left corner as SCHULTE takes a step to the right.

68' RICCARDI's shot goes wrong and is much too weak. ZYLBERBERG's deflection hits a GER foot behind goalkeeper SCHULTE - penalty stroke.

67' IBARRA wins a PC for ARG.

65' Great interception from B. EMMERLING. He goes into the circle and plays it straight for WITTE coming in from the right. WITTE tries a reverse stick shot from close range but misses the fast moving ball, and it goes out.

62' N. EMMERLING has a good shot from the far left from a narrow angle but the ball is wide.

**** Goal: Carlos NEVADO ****

59' GER get the ball into the circle and it ends up at the feet of NEVADO who is standing right in front of the goal, less than half a meter from the line. He fumbles, an ARG defender almost taking the ball out from under him, but eventually manages to push it in.

58' M. VILA flicks the ball to the top left corner of the goal but it is deflected wide by SCHULTE.

57' PC for ARG.

56' The tension is rising now, with the number of push and shove incidents between players increasing steadily now, and the noise level going up as well.

50' GER are still ahead in terms of percentage in ball possession and circle penetration but ARG manage to keep them at bay now. It seems like their two early goals may well be enough for GER.

46' Scoring opportunities in this half have been even fewer than in the first. Both teams play around the back a lot, and there are many mistakes and turnovers.

42' A great ball back from the back line by WEISSENBORN for BIEDERLACK but his shot goes wide.

39' Once more, a MONTAG flick is deflected high over the crossbar by VIVALDI, the ball almost clearing the stands behind the goal.

39' B. EMMERLING wins a PC for GER.

38' Green card for Sebastian BIEDERLACK.

35' The teams go into halftime at 2:0 for GER, a deserved lead for the Europeans. The first 35 minutes of this match have been rather sedate, lacking the excitement of the previous matches today. The question for the second half is whether GER can remain in control or ARG can get back into the match.

34' Time is stopped for Philipp CRONE who has been hit on the forehead in a clash with ALMADA and is bleeding. He has to leave the field.

33' A great flick from C. ZELLER but VIVALDI deflects it high over the crossbar again.

32' PC for GER.

31' The flick is deflected high over the crossbar.

30' PC for GER.

24' After the excitement of the match between Australia and Spain, this encounter is unspectacular. GER play systematical as always, while ARG struggle to get organized.

**** Goal: Jan-Marco MONTAG ****

21' MONTAG's flick is at hip height and just inside the right post.

20' PC for GER.

19' A bad ball across from OROZCO sets up the next GER attack, REY unable to stop the ball, and WEISSENBORN getting it in the circle, but RICCARDI clears.

17' Play stays largely in the ARG half, the GER forwards very effectively blocking off passing options for the ARG defense.

11' And there's the opportunity for the second goal, a ball into the circle finding Philipp Crone unusually high up. He tries to tip the ball in but it goes wide off VIVALDI's foot.

10' GER still dominate large stretches of the match, putting a lot of pressure on ARG and attacking very high.

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

6' And there it is - WITTHAUS gets the ball on the left in the circle and hits a reverse stick shot high into net.

5' Play so far has mostly been confined to the ARG half of the field, GER pressuring for an early goal.

1' For GER, Bjoern EMMERLING is back on the field after a break on Sunday, and for ARG, Lucas VILA and Ezequiel PAULON are in the stands.

1' Welcome to the final match of day 3 of the Sahara Champions Trophy 2006 which sees Germany, currently on two points after draws against Spain and Pakistan, take on Argentina, currently on one point after a defeat at the hands of the Netherlands and a draw with Spain.

0' The umpires for this match are Erik KLEIN NAGELVOORT (NED) and Xavier ADELL (ESP.)