

Thursday 27 July

16:00

Germany 3

Netherlands 3

- 72' Player of the Match is Matthias WITTHAUS.
- 70' A highly entertaining match and promising start into the day. GER and NED split points, a fair result in this game.
- 68' A great opportunity for NED in the dying minutes of this encounter as DE NOOIJER makes his way into the circle then lays the ball off to BROUWER for a shot from the penalty stroke point. SCHULTE makes a good save, deflecting the ball wide.
- 66' Play has largely shifted into the GER half in the last few minutes, the GER defense struggling but so far holding on.
- 63' Yellow card for Christopher ZELLER for a stick tackle.
- 63' Green card for Justus SCHAROWSKY.
- 62' Weusthof in the circle passes to MEIJER near the right post but he is too far away and too close to the back line to take a shot on goal. He passes across but KLAVER near the left post misses.
- 61' The match is getting rougher by the minute now. After EMMERLING has been down in midfield a few minutes ago after being hit on the hand, BOERMA now gets a green card for tackling WEISSENBORN.
- 57' A free hit near the NED circle is taken by CRONE. The ball makes it through the crowded circle, ending up in the goal right corner but it has not been touched by anyone.

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

- 55' TAEKEMA's flick lands just inside the left post.
- 54' PC for NED.
- 52' C. ZELLER's ball to the bottom left corner of the goal is saved by VEERING who deflects it with his stick.
- 51' MEINERT wins a PC for GER.
- 48' Time is stopped for SCHAROWSKY who is down on the right side of the field, in the NED half. He has apparently injured his right ankle and is taken off the field by the GER doctor and physio. C. ZELLER replaces him.
- 44' After a curious turnover in the NED half, DRAGUHN makes his way into the circle and through three NED defenders. He lays the ball off to the left for NEVADO but NEVADO's shot is wide.

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

- 42' ZELLER's flick to the right side of the goal gives GER the lead.
- 42' PC for GER.
- 40' While it was still sunny and 40 degrees shortly before the match, clouds have moved in during the first half, entirely covering the sky, and the first drops of rain have just started falling.

39' Both teams return to the match in much the same style as before.

35' An entertaining match so far. Both teams have shown some very nice skills and look extremely motivated to take three points from this match and thus a big step towards the final. A thrilling second half is guaranteed.

34' A great pass into the circle gets the ball to DE NOOIJER alone to the right of the goal. He tries to lob the ball past SCHULTE but it goes wide.

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

31' A diagonal pass from the left finds WITTHAUS near the penalty stroke spot. He stops the ball, takes two steps and hits a reverse stick shot into the right side of the goal, leaving VEERING without a chance.

27' MONTAG's flick goes over the crossbar.

26' WESS passes across for WITTHAUS at the top of the circle. WITTHAUS tries a reverse stick shot, the ball goes wide, but a PC is awarded.

25' Green card for Jan Marco MONTAG after a tackle on Ronald BROUWER in midfield.

19' Green card for Niklas MEINERT.

**** Goal: Karel KLAVER ****

18' A NED attack over the left side gives the ball to MEIJER almost on the back line. He plays the ball across the face of the goal, it somehow getting past a GER defender and the goalkeeper to where KLAVER is waiting at the right post and deflects it into the roof of the goal.

16' TAEKEMA's ball, fitted perfectly into the bottom left corner, is deflected wide by GER captain Timo WESS.

15' PC for NED after a ball went high of MEINERT's stick.

14' After a mass substitution, bringing in four players at the same time, there are some moments of confusion in the GER defense but NED cannot take advantage of it.

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

10' NED get into the circle through the middle, the ball is passed across the face of the goal from the left for RECKERS who only has to tip it in behind SCHULTE.

9' A high ball from the GER defense goes far into the NED half. FUERSTE is just coming in substituting WEISSENBORN and makes a dash down the right. Confusing the NED defense with his sudden appearance, he almost reaches the ball, but not quite.

6' Great run from C. ZELLER down the left. He outplays three NED players, then passes diagonally across for SCHAROWSKY sprinting up the right side of the field. The angle is a little too steep however and SCHAROWSKY cannot reach it.

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

3' SCHAROWSKY takes the ball off BOERMA on the left side and goes into the circle for a reverse stick shot from a narrow angle. VEERING saves but the ball falls to WITTHAUS close by and with much room to move who without any difficulty hits it in.

1' An early mistake deep in the NED half gives GER a free hit from just outside the circle but the ball goes through and out the other side.

0' The lineups for the two teams provide no news except a change in the Dutch goal with Klaas VEERING playing today while Guus VOGELS is in the stands. GER leave Nicolas EMMERLING and second goalkeeper Tim JESSULAT in the

stands, and the second layer in the stands for NED is once more veteran defender Sander VAN DER WEIDE.

- 0' Welcome to day 4 of the Sahara Champions Trophy, starting off with the encounter between Germany and the Netherlands. The NED are the current table leaders with 7 points from three encounters, while GER at the moment is in second place on five points.
- 0' The umpires for this match are Xavier ADELL (ESP) and Satinder KUMAR (IND).