



**Pool A – Friday 28 April
15:30**

Japan 5

Scotland 1

- 70 FULL TIME: JPN with another very impressive victory, their third in succession. They will prove extremely hard to dislodge from one of the top two spots in Pool A
- 68 SCO GK MCLEOD makes a good save from IWAO's deflection from point blank range
- 66 Tackle by Julie KILPATRICK on the edge of her circle stops a potential dangerous attack from JPN
- 63 SCO limiting JPN's control and enjoying a good period of play in possession
- 59 Scramble in front of JPN goal cleared to sideline as SCO strikers closed in
- 58 Yellow Card for Sachimi IWAO (JPN) for bad challenge in the midfield
- 58 JPN searching for more goals to boost their goal difference
- 56 Pressure on the ball carrier by JPN causing a lot of turnovers in SCO half
- 56 Another reverse stick shot this time by Sakae MORIMOTO on the left is easily covered by the SCO GK
- 55 Reverse stick shot by Rika KOMAZAWA from the right padded away by the SCO GK
- 54 JPN quickly back into attack with a pair of circle entries keeping the pressure on SCO

**** Goal: Emma ROCHLIN (SCO) ****

- 52 SCO Goal. Emma ROCHLIN deflects into the net with a slap shot on the left post from the variation. Well-executed PC from SCO
- 52 SCO PC. A rare entry by SCO into their attacking circle gives them a chance from the set piece

**** Goal: Misaki OZAWA (JPN) ****

- 50 Well-crafted goal for JPN with a long ball from the left sideline to Tomomi KOMORI inside the circle. KOMORI drew the SCO GK and passed to Misaki OZAWA who converted with a diving deflection in front of the net
- 48 JPN creating overlaps and loose players all over the pitch as they move ball from side to side in their attacking half

**** Goal: Kaori CHIBA (JPN) ****

- 46 Great goal for JPN with Kaori CHIBA scoring from a deflection after Toshie TSUKUI threw an angled pass into the circle from the left
- 43 Very little midfield defence offered by SCO as JPN are able to take ball into attack with quick passing

**** Goal: Tomomi KOMORI (JPN) ****

- 40 Tomomi KOMORI scores from the angle on the right as JPN are allowed to bring ball into the circle
- 39 SCO win ball and but are quick to give it up again
- 38 Unforced turnover from SCO in defence gives JPN possession deep in attack

- 36 Second half underway with JPN in possession
- 35 HALF TIME: JPN with comfortable lead at half time. They have created all of the scoring chances and look headed for a big win
- 34 SCO surge down left wing but JPN defence recovers and forces them to go around the back
- 32 Sachimi IWAO allowed to dribble into the circle on the right and her pass to Tomomi KOMORI is fired high over the net. Loose defending by SCO
- 29 Green Card Rika KOMAZAWA (JPN) for poor tackle on Cheryl VALENTINE (SCO) on the half way line
- 28 Strong low defence by ROCHLIN gives SCO possession but they can't release the ball out of their own half
- 27 Pass dribbles across the face of the SCO goal from the right but Sachimi IWAO can't get a stick to the ball near the left post. A near miss for JPN
- 26 Good tackle by Louise MUNN blocks another attempted shot by JPN
- 26 JPN keep up the pressure deep in SCO territory
- 26 Miyuki NAKAGAWA finds space in the circle but misses the target to the left with a powerful shot
- 25 A more even share of possession and territory for SCO but they are still struggling to pierce the JPN defensive line
- 23 SCO have been able to control possession for much of the past two minutes
- 21 SCO are rattled with JPN having complete control

**** Goal: Kaori CHIBA (JPN) ****

- 19 SCO make a bad mistake in the last line of defence which allows JPN to break into the circle to give the SCO GK no chance
- 18 JPN stream forward again but good defence by SCO allows them to relieve the pressure. They are now trying to settle play by holding onto possession with passes around the back
- 17 Yukari YAMAMOTO misses with a deflection attempt near the left post. She had an open goal to shot at but sent her deflection well wide
- 16 JPN PC. JPN circle entry from the right hits foot of Emma ROCHLIN
- 15 Obstruction called on the JPN defender in front of the SCO GK near the penalty spot
- 14 JPN PC. Another PC for JPN after they catch the SCO defence inside the circle
- 14 JPN placing SCO defence under increasing pressure with SCO GK forced to clear after a free hit into the circle from the right

**** Goal: Rika KOMAZAWA (JPN) ****

- 12 JPN Goal. Quick break down the left results in Rika KOMAZAWA scoring from close range in a congested circle
- 11 Variation to the right and then back to the left for Sam JUDGE near the penalty spot is deflected over the cross bar by a JPN defender
- 11 SCO PC. Strong run by Louise MUNN (SCO) forces JPN into error inside their defensive circle
- 9 SCO GK Debbie MCLEOD makes an easy save
- 8 Repeat PC. Variation to the left is well-read by Linda CLEMENT (SCO) but another PC is awarded
- 8 JPN PC. Another PC for JPN after they enter the circle from the right
- 6 Shot blocked by the SCO runner and they clear

6 JPN PC

6 JPN work ball to edge of SCO circle on the right

4 Quick transfer of play gives SCO space down the left wing but JPN quickly shut down the circle entry from Vikki BUNCE

2 Early turnovers from both teams has play stuck in the midfield

1 Match underway

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0 The umpires for this match are Marelize de KLERK (RSA) and Belen GONZALEZ (ESP)