



**Pool B – Sunday 30 April**

**11:00 (Rescheduled from Saturday 29 April)**

**Ireland 0**

**New Zealand 0**

FULL TIME: A third straight draw for IRL after another good defensive performance. NZL now have to rely on teams above them faltering if they are to claim an automatic World Cup berth

- 70 IRL win possession and are now looking to hold the ball and run out the clock
- 69 NZL clear and move quickly down left wing
- 69 Bad error in defence from NZL gives IRL free hit on edge of circle
- 68 IRL withstanding everything that NZL has to offer
- 68 NZL don't look capable of scoring with two minutes remaining
- 67 NZL surge forward again
- 66 IRL cause turnover but an error inside the circle prevents the shot
- 65 IRL finally relieve some of the pressure with a clearance up the other end of the pitch
- 64 IRL hitting and hoping that the ball will find a way through the compact NZL defensive unit
- 63 Air swing by NZL inside the circle but they regain ball
- 63 Another chance for NZL but IRL get a stick to the shot and it rolls for a long corner on the right
- 61 MUIRHEAD (NZL) is unmarked at the top left of the circle but her shot is wide of the left post
- 61 NZL continue to press
- 59 After consultation between the umpires, a NZL PC was reversed
- 58 IRL make an interception and get ball into attack
- 55 IRL runner MCDONOUGH blocks another shot and NZL can't score with the rebound
- 55 Repeat PC. IRL runner gets out to block the shot but the ball rolls onto her foot
- 55 NZL PC. Weight of possession gives NZL a chance from the set piece
- 54 IRL unable to relieve pressure with NZL making it impossible for them to take the ball into their attacking half
- 52 IRL win ball but turn it over almost immediately
- 52 IRL push all players back into defence as NZL look to find a way into the congested circle
- 51 NZL with a period of play inside IRL half near the circle
- 47 With the defences dominating, there looks little chance for either team to break the deadlock
- 45 Some loose marking by the NZL deep defence is giving the IRL strikes possession near the circle
- 43 Strong defence again by WEAVERS to dispossess Eimear CREGAN
- 43 Most of NZL's attack is going through Suzie MUIRHEAD at inside left

- 41 IRL break down the left wing but tackle by Di WEAVERS stops the movement
- 39 NZL pressing again with play in left corner
- 39 Lifted hit gives IRL possession
- 38 NZL win free hit on edge of circle on the left
- 36 Second half underway
- 35 HALF TIME: An evenly balanced contest with limited scoring chances
- 34 Dangerous ball into the circle by MUIRHEAD is well covered by IRL defence
- 32 Both teams are struggling to move the ball from the centre third of the pitch
- 29 NZL strikers working very hard to keep IRL pinned inside their own half
- 27 Shot by Niniwa ROBERTS is easily kicked away by IRL GK Angela PLATT
- 26 NZL PC. Stacey CARR earns first PC for NZL
- 24 Strong play by MUIRHEAD takes NZL into good attacking position but a pass across the circle goes untouched by both teams
- 22 IRL gaining momentum and working their way into the match
- 21 NZL runner blocks first attempt and two more shots are saved by NZL
- 21 IRL PC. IRL keep ball in attacking position and earn first PC of the match
- 20 IRL press again with MCDONOUGH outpacing the NZL defence down the right before entering the circle and off loading towards the penalty spot. No IRL striker was in position to meet the ball however
- 19 SYMMONS again with a chance but she can't control the ball after getting in behind the NZL defence
- 17 Nikki SYMMONS (IRL) shoots into the side netting from the top of the circle after IRL pressure caused a turnover
- 16 NZL in control but IRL defence is giving little space to their opposition
- 13 NZL defence is giving IRL little options in the transition from defence to attack
- 12 Lifted free hit into circle from NZL gives IRL a chance to clear but they immediately turn over possession
- 12 IRL struggling to clear ball from deep in own half
- 11 NZL able to take ball into attacking position on the right
- 10 Tight defence from both teams is causing multiple turnovers
- 7 Even tussle as the play becomes stuck in the midfield
- 4 NZL regain possession and take ball quickly down other end of the pitch
- 3 IRL find space down the left wing with Jenny McDONOUGH dribbling into the circle
- 3 NZL using players in different positions today with Emily NAYLOR in central midfield and Suzie MUIRHEAD playing at inside forward
- 2 Good start for NZL with early pressure inside the IRL circle
- 1 Match underway
- 0 A crucial match for both teams if they are to claim one of the top two spots in Pool B and with it, a place at the Samsung Hockey World Cup
- 0 The umpires for this match are Marelize de KLERK (RSA) and Caroline BRUNEKREEF (NED)