



Pool B – Monday 1 May
13:30

USA 4

Azerbaijan 2

FULL TIME: USA win but almost throw it away with a poor defensive second half after working hard to get into an unbeatable position

70 Shot blocked by AZE

70 USA PC. USA win PC with 44 seconds left in the match

69 USA are in control of possession with less than 90 seconds remaining

68 USA allow Zarifahon ZEYNALOVA to run into the circle on the left but her pass across the face of goal goes to a USA stick

**** Goal: Robyn KENNEY (USA) ****

66 USA Goal. Robyn KENNEY scores from close range on the left but BARBER created the chance with good control and poise near the edge of the circle

65 Time running out for AZE with USA trapping the ball in their attacking half

63 USA settle and control play in AZE half

61 Turnover from AZE forces AZE GK off her line to smother FRONZONI's shot

61 AZE on the attack again. Momentum has swung dramatically in the match

60 Unbelievably, USA have let AZE back into the match with a lack of composure and loose marking

**** Goal: Liana NURIYEVA (AZE) ****

59 AZE Goal. Absolutely woeful defending by USA allows Liana NURIYEVA to shoot from the top right of the circle after the ball was taken down the left wing and cross into their scoring circle

**** Goal: Zeynab NURIYEVA (AZE) ****

58 AZE Goal. USA pay for their defensive lapses with Zeynab NURIYEVA scoring for AZE

57 Bad error from USA inside their circle gives Zeynab NURIYEVA time to shoot but her effort is kicked away by the USA GK

55 Shot by Nataliya SIDOROVA is covered by the USA GK and then the backstick rebound from ZEYNALOVA sails high over the cross bar

54 AZE PC

54 Scrappy play from both teams has disrupted the flow of the match

52 USA lacking control and giving AZE possession

50 Open space in the midfield is helping the ball to travel from one end to the other very easily

48 PC breaks down and the improvisation by AZE is easily covered by USA defence

48 AZE PC. AZE win another PC for an infringement outside the circle

46 April FRONZONI can't control the ball in good position at the top of the circle

	but USA win back possession and hold play inside AZE half
45	AZE under siege with USA passes into their circle creating constant danger
43	Angie LOY's shot saved by the AZE GK after a turnover on the edge of the AZE circle gives them the scoring chance
42	AZE GK makes a double save as DOTON and then POWLEY are denied
41	USA PC. USA keep the pressure on AZE defence and win PC
41	SNOW released into space by a good pass but she doesn't expect the ball to get through and isn't ready to trap the ball
39	Space again down the wings for USA but AZE win possession
38	AZE win first chance for second half but ball is cleared from the circle by Kelly DOTON
37	Green Card Lauren POWLEY (USA)
36	Second half underway
35	HALF TIME: An impressive first half from USA, who were sharp and confident to dismantle the AZE defence
** Goal: Dina RIZZO (USA) **	
33	USA Goal. Dina RIZZO receives the ball from the right and slots the ball low into the left corner. Well-taken chance for USA
33	Danger for AZE again but a cross from the right just evades the stick of Robyn KENNEY
31	AZE unable to take ball out of their half as USA press
29	Errors by USA giving AZE attacking position
27	BARBER with another chance from the top left of the circle but she can't get her feet into the correct position and pulls the ball wide of the left post
26	Counter attack from USA down the right sideline ends with BARBER's missed diving reverse stick deflection
26	USA absorbing more pressure from AZE
25	Variation to the right and flick by Zeynab NURIYEVA strikes one of her team mates in front of goal
24	AZE PC. Turnover deep in defence by USA gives AZE another chance
24	AZE able to keep ball in USA half for past three minutes by causing turnovers
23	USA look to control the play as AZE begin to press more in USA territory
22	Variation wide to the right is kicked away by USA GK Amy TRAN
21	AZE PC. Zarifahon ZEYNALOVA receives a heavy stick obstruction just inside the 25 year area on the right
21	A missed trap by USA at the top of their defensive circle gives Dilfuza MIRZALIYEVA a reverse stick shot but her effort is well wide of the left post
19	USA maintain pressure in attack deep on the right
19	Reverse stick deflection attempt from BARBER flies over the cross bar from near the top of the circle as USA allowed to stream forward through the centre
17	A pair of attacking movements down the right wing amount to nothing for AZE with the USA covering with numbers around the ball
15	When they have a rare chance to attack, AZE don't have enough numbers forward of the ball to take advantage
** Goal: Tiffany SNOW (USA) **	

13 USA Goal. Another goal for USA as they stretch the AZE defence before SNOW converts from near the penalty spot

**** Goal: April FRONZONI (USA) ****

12 USA Goal. Sweeping movement down the left with Tiffany SNOW taking the ball to the edge of the circle before crossing to Kate BARBER who then off loads to FRONZONI to score from close range

10 The space created by USA down each wing (especially on the right) is giving them good penetration in attack

9 Good interchange of passes down the left wing take USA to the edge of the circle but AZE make a timely tackle to win possession

6 AZE is giving USA too much space to receive the ball until the possession is taken to the edge of their defensive circle

5 USA work ball into attacking position on the left but a pass across the circle goes untouched

3 USA with most of the possession as AZE zones off and falls back when USA has the ball

2 Possession for both teams in the opening minutes as they try to establish their rhythm

1 Match underway

0 An important match for USA with a victory taking them to the brink of qualification. A win, combined with a loss or draw for NZL in the late match at 20:30, would ensure their participation at the World Cup. This is the first meeting between USA and AZE

0 Umpires for today's match are Hyun Young KANG (KOR) and MIAO Lin (CHN)