



**Pool B – Monday 1 May**  
**16:00**

**Ireland 2**

**Italy 1**

FULL TIME: A lucky win for IRL after ITA controlled much of the match. A lack of intensity from ITA late in the contest enabled IRL back into the match and they punished them with time almost up

**\*\* Goal: Catriona CAREY (IRL) \*\***

70 IRL Goal. Catriona CAREY scores an amazing goal with 12 seconds left on the clock after the long corner was allowed to travel into the middle of the circle by the wall of ITA defenders

70 IRL long corner with 22 seconds remaining

69 IRL GK saves the hit from GIROTTI with her glove

68 ITA PC. Another PC for ITA after an infringement by IRL outside their circle

67 Flick from SYMMONS on the variation to the left is easily cleared by ITA

67 IRL PC. Catriona CAREY wins a PC for IRL with strength off the ball

66 ITA free hit from the right flashes across the circle and IRL counter attack

64 IRL have had control for most of the past 10 minutes

63 Green Card Matilde CANAVOSIO (ITA) for rough play

63 Matilde CANAVOSIO blocks the shot

63 IRL PC. Free hit from ORBINSON is kicked away dangerously high by the ITA GK

62 IRL take ball deep into ITA half on the right

61 IRL now letting the ball do the work for them as they gain more possession inside ITA half

**\*\* Goal: Eimear CREGAN (IRL) \*\***

58 IRL Goal. Quick movement of the ball from the right makes its way to Eimear CREGAN in mid circle for an easy conversion. Much better use of the ball by IRL

57 Better build up from IRL with movement off the ball creating options moving forward

55 Another chance for FAUSTINI but after eliminating an opponent inside the circle, she sprays a reverse stick wildly off target

54 FAUSTINI dominant even in defence with her ability to read the play better than the IRL players

53 ITA in control with IRL not looking capable of constructing a scoring play

51 ITA are ensuring that IRL have limited options coming out of defence

**\*\* Goal: Francesca FAUSTINI (ITA) \*\***

48 ITA Goal. Brilliant goal from Francesca FAUSTINI. She took possession outside the 25 yard line and weaved her way through the packed IRL defence with pace and crisp stick work before sliding the ball underneath the advancing IRL GK. A great individual effort

46	IRL finally get ball into attacking zone
43	Play breaks down for ITA and IRL GK eventually clears after the shot by Stella GIROTTI
42	ITA PC. IRL GK Angela PLATT tries to clear but the ball is raised
42	ITA penetrate the IRL circle and Francesca FAUSTINI forces IRL GK to save with her right pad
41	IRL captain Linda CAULFIELD is being given no time in central midfield to set up play for her team
39	Long ball from Jill ORBINSON falls to SYMMONS inside the circle but her open shot from top of the circle slides wide of the right post. She should have at least forced a save from the ITA GK
37	ITA forcing their opponents to make errors coming out of defence
36	Second half underway
35	HALF TIME: Scoreless first half with ITA on top. IRL need a victory to stop ITA pulling clear in the race for a place in the 5-8 classification matches
33	IRL mount a rare attack with Nikki SYMMONS forcing a save by the ITA GK from close range
32	Only a lack of finishing touch from the ITA strike line has prevented the breakthrough goal
32	Another desperate defensive performance being produced by IRL
31	Tatiana NICOLETTI misses a great chance on the left post. ITA should have scored
30	ITA PC. Free hit rebounds high off a IRL stick
30	All IRL players are inside the circle with a free hit to ITA at the top of the circle Francesca FAUSTINI breaks through the centre of the pitch for ITA but a timely tackle by Clare PARKHILL ensures her progress is stopped near the top of the circle
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27	IRL struggling with turnovers and ITA applying the pressure on the IRL deep defence
25	IRL pinned inside their own half
23	Possession is mostly being fought in ITA attacking half
22	ITA take ball quickly to other end of the pitch and make IRL scramble back
21	Near miss for IRL with McKEAN lurking around the pads of the ITA GK and almost scoring from an acute angle on the right
19	ITA edge their way into attack but their play doesn't have any flow and they have to scrap for every possession
17	IRL look good moving forward but for the moment their control deep in attack is lacking
14	IRL waste a great chance with Cathy McKEAN sneaking in behind the ITA defence but she can't get a shot away as the ITA GK closes in
11	It's been an even contest in the opening 10 minutes with both teams still trying to gain the ascendancy
10	Play is halted while Matilde CANAVOSIO (ITA) is carried from the pitch with a leg injury
10	ITA GK Angela PLATT makes a good block after ITA work ball into the circle from the right

- 7 IRL is making it hard for ITA to get the ball out of their defensive half
- 6 ITA break down the right and take ball into the circle but lose control and IRL clear
- 3 ITA relieve pressure but the IRL defence is tight and they cause a turnover
- 3 IRL still with ball deep in attack on the right
- 1 An early turnover by ITA gives IRL possession deep in attacking territory
- 1 Match underway
- 0 CAULFIELD dribbles too far and NICOLETTI makes an easy tackle for ITA
- 0 Ciara O'BRIEN (IRL) is playing her 100th match today
- 0 The umpires for this match are Peri BUCKLEY (AUS) and Carolina de la FUENTE (ARG)