



5-8 Classification – Thursday 4 May
13:00

China 6

Ireland 0

70' FULL TIME: CHN with a comprehensive victory against an outclassed IRL team. CHN remains in the hunt for a World Cup spot and will contest the fifth place playoff on Saturday

69' Ciara O'BRIEN sets up the play to the left post, but there is no support play from IRL and the ball rolls across the backline

69' IRL PC. IRL take ball the length of the pitch and win a PC

69' Good cover defence from Linda CAULFIELD saves IRL after SONG Qing Ling received ball on the left

67' CHN press again but IRL make important tackle

65' Match drawing to a close with scrappy passages of play

62' IRL are being run off their feet by CHN in the final 10 minutes. They are struggling to keep pace with the speed of the CHN movement

60' Green Card HUANG Xue Jiao (CHN)

59' More alert defence inside their circle from IRL as TANG Chun Ling tried to find room to shoot after receiving possession

**** Goal: SONG Qing Ling (CHN) ****

57' CHN Goal. SONG Qing Ling follows the lead of GOA and shoots a reverse stick high into the net after loose IRL defence on the right allowed her to create space inside the circle

55' IRL continue to try and reduce the margin but they cannot get any flow in their play. The stop-start tempo allows to get defenders into position

53' Angled pass from right to left into the circle from Clare PARKHILL is missed by Bridget McKEEVER standing near the left post. A good chance wasted by IRL

53' Change of goalkeepers for IRL with Mary GOODE replacing Angela PLATT

52' CHN in complete control and are able to take the ball into the IRL circle with ease. A pair of near misses at the right post allows IRL to clear up the pitch

**** Goal: GAO Li Hua (CHN) ****

50' CHN Goal. Great finish from GAO Li Hua. CHN found a lot of space down the right and the ball was passed to GAO Li Hua at the top of the circle and she fired a reverse stick high into the net

48' CHN read the play to the left and clear

48' IRL PC

**** Goal: CHEN Zhao Xia (CHN) ****

47' CHEN Zhao Xia strieks takes a deflection off an IRL defender and bobbles into the net

45' CHN PC

43' CHN TANG Chun Ling pass in the circle can't be converted

40' CHN back on attack

**** Goal: MA Yi Bo ****

39' MA Yi Bo drag flick sails into the upper right corner of the IRL goal

38' PC CHN

37' CHN picking up where it left off in the first half with pressure on the IRL end

36' Second half underway

35' CHN with control throughout the first half, able to break the IRL defence for two first half goals

35' Ball cleared from outside CHN circle to end the first half

34' IRL unable to keep possession in the final minutes of the half

33' CHN continuing to work on IRL end

30' CHN pressure keeping IRL pinned in own end

**** Goal: CHEN Zhao Xia ****

26' CHEN Zhao Xia direct shot goes off IRL defender Jill ORBINSON for CHN second goal of the match

26' CHN PC

25' IRL Zanya DAHL long pass goes untouched through circle

**** Goal: ZHOU Wan Feng (CHN) ****

24' ZHOU Wan Feng shot from the middle of the circle goes off and over diving GK PLATT

21' IRL attack cleared by CHN

20' IRL defending hard on own end

18' PC trap mishandled and shot saved by PLATT

18' CHN PC

17' FU Bao Rong shot deflected high over goal

17' CHN setting up outside IRL circle

15' FU Bao Rong run into circle but pass turned over to IRL

14' FU Bao Rong PC attempt saved by PLATT

13' CHN PC

12' CHN break stopped by IRL defence

11' IRL Linda CAULFIELD run into circle but shot saved by CHN

9' CHEN Zhao Xia drag flick saved by IRL keeper Angela PLATT

9' PC CHN

8' CHN still trying to penetrate a IRL defence that allowed only 2 goals in pool play

7' CHN move into circle cleared by IRL

6' CHN applying pressure on IRL end

5' CHEN Zhao Xia shot high and wide

5' PC CHN

4' Shot whiffed by IRL CHN on counter attack

4' PC IRL

4' IRL setting up outside CHN circle

- 3' CHN mounting early pressure outside IRL circle
- 2' ZHOU Wan Feng shot blocked and cleared by IRL
- 1' CHN early into IRL circle
- 1' Match underway. CHN wearing red strips, Ireland in green and blue.
- 0'
- 0' CHN enters the match with a 3-2 record and has yet to demonstrate the form that earned them the bronze medal at the 2002 World Cup
- 0' IRL has yet to drop a match at the qualifier with 1 win and 4 draws, but has had difficulties scoring goals with only three goals in 5 matches.
- 0' Crucial match to decide who will play for the final remaining World Cup qualifying berth.
- 0' Umpires for today's match are Lisa ROACH (AUS) and Soledad IPARRAGUIRRE (ARG)