



5-8 Classification – Thursday 4 May

13:00

New Zealand 0

France 1

- 70' FULL TIME: FRA cause a major upset, knocking the world number six out of World Cup contention. NZL had their chances but weren't good enough to break down the FRA defence
- 70' FRA enter final minute with possession
- 69' NZL free hit on edge of circle but FRA get all players behind the ball to deny NZL
- 69' NZL win ball on right sideline near half way but turn it over and FRA move upfield
- 69' FRA control possession with less than two minutes remaining
- 68' KREFT takes ball to edge of circle on left but FRA make a tackle and clear
- 67' Ball with NZL on half way line
- 66' FRA counter attack ends when the ball rolls over the backline. Ball deep in NZL territory
- 66' FRA blocking NZL's passage up the pitch
- 65' FRA turnover gives NZL more attacking possession but the free hit is wasted
- 64' Dummy to the left is hit by Niniwa ROBERTS but her shot takes a deflection and FRA win possession
- 64' NZL PC
- 64' NZL press again deep in attack
- 63' Variation to MUIRHEAD on the left post is well-read by FRA GK Marion REHBY
- 62' NZL PC. NZL force turnover and win PC
- 62' Frances KREFT takes ball from half way into the circle for NZL but loses possession
- 59' FRA looks in control, with their defence able to shut down NZL's efforts
- 58' NZL has sent two strikers high although FRA have the ball in attack
- 56' FRA defence is too good after Clarissa ESHUIS looked to have found some space at the top right of the circle
- 56' Suzie MUIRHEAD withstands a pair of heavy tackles and takes ball to edge of circle
- 53' Each team has an even share of possession but play is breaking down inside each 25 yard area
- 50' The FRA defence is anticipating the NZL play and getting into position to accept possession
- 49' NZL try a long angled ball into the circle but Emilie BEGUE tips it wide of Charlotte HARRISSON
- 48' FRA are having to defend as NZL continue to press

- 45' Emily NAYLOR tries to spark NZL but FRA defence intercepts her attempted pass into the circle
- 44' NZL keeping the pressure on FRA and not allowing their opponent to get ball over the half way line
- 42' Variation to the right breaks down and NZL deflect the eventual shot over the backline
- 42' FRA PC. Free hit from the right edge strikes foot of NZL defender
- 40' Peggy BERGERE makes a tackle on Stacey CARR to win ball for FRA
- 39' NZL trap ball deep in FRA half
- 38' NZL tries to respond immediately but FRA defence is strong enough to win possession

**** Goal: Muriel LAZENNEC (FRA) ****

- 37' FRA Goal. A free hit from the left is allowed to pass through a wall of NZL players inside the circle to Muriel LAZENNEC, who swoops at the right post to score with a diving conversion. Poor defending by NZL but a great effort by LAZENNEC to keep her eye on the ball and not give up on the play
- 36' Second half underway
- 35' HALF TIME: A half of limited chances. NZL had the better of possession but were unable to use it to their advantage
- 32' Teams still trying to find a way through the defences - a lack of control with the ball is not helping their cause
- 29' NZL free hit into circle turned over to FRA
- 29' Krystal FORGESSON leads NZL counterattack down right side
- 28' FRA building attack on NZL end
- 26' Play has slowed somewhat from the initial excitement of this crucial match
- 25' NZL threat outside circle ends with a turnover
- 22' NZL pass across the FRA circle tipped away by GK Marion REHBY
- 21' Errors on the NZL end hampering both teams
- 20' FRA pass into circle cleared by NZL
- 18' NZL working back outside FRA circle
- 16' Noehie ROGEAU shot saved and cleared by NZL
- 15' PC FRA
- 14' FRA with a few opportunities on breakaways, but NZL defence quick to react
- 12' FRA holding its own in the early going against the world's No. 6 ranked team
- 9' Shot blocked and cleared by FRA
- 8' Diana WEAVERS shot and rebound both blocked by France - New PC awarded
- 7' Diana WEAVERS shot saved by FRA but new PC awarded
- 7' NZL PC
- 6' FRA trip into the NZL circle turned away by NZL
- 5' FRA Philippine BERLY with a steal and run down the left side but pass goes harmlessly over endline
- 4' NZL with possession outside FRA circle but free hit goes high into circle
- 1' NZL with early possession looking to build against the FA defence
- 1' Match underway

- 0'** The winner of this match will play CHN on Saturday for the final remaining berth at this year's World Cup
- 0'** The umpires for this match are Marelize de KLERK (RSA) and Carolina de la FUENTE (ARG)