



3rd Place Playoff – Saturday 6 May
09:30

USA 1

Japan 4

- 70'** FULL TIME: JPN win comprehensively and finish third in the tournament after having to withstand USA pressure throughout the second half
- 68'** Late chance for USA with a pass from the left finding LOY inside the circle but her shot travels wide of the right post
- 67'** JPN win possession and take ball quickly to other end
- 66'** USA free hit into the circle is touched over the backline by JPN
- 64'** Great PC defence from JPN as USA look likely to score twice after the first shot was blocked
- 64'** USA PC
- 63'** USA GK makes a good save from Miyuki NAGAKAWA's shot as JPN split USA defence through the centre
- 61'** USA continue to hold play in JPN half but they can't take the ball into the circle
- 59'** The strong JPN defence is not giving USA any openings
- 55'** USA close down option to the left and deflect flick from TSUKUI wide of the left post
- 55'** JPN PC
- ** Goal: Kaori CHIBA (JPN) ****
- 54'** JPN Goal. Kaori CHIBA scores with a neat deflection close to goal after free hit from the top of the circle
- 52'** The last JPN goal was scored against the run of play and came about because USA are unable to clear the ball from the defensive area without making errors
- ** Goal: Toshie TSUKUI (JPN) ****
- 51'** JPN Goal. Toshie TSUKUI scored after her shot takes a deflection and flied high into the net
- 51'** JPN PC. USA unable to clear ball in their circle
- 49'** Good chance for USA breaks down across the top of the circle
- 49'** Another USA defensive turnover give JPN ball deep in attack but they recover and move upfield
- 48'** USA still hold ball in JPN half
- 46'** A pair of USA turnovers gives JPN attacking possession but BARBER takes control and drives USA upfield
- 44'** The USA press is working well with JPN given no easy options coming out of defence
- 43'** USA aren't precise enough with their passing to keep the pressure on JPN although they are having a lot better of the play in the second half
- 41'** USA work way into good attacking position on the left but a loose pass across

	the circle gives JPN the ball
41'	Lauren POWLEY becoming more involved in the play in central midfield for USA
39'	Strong work again from BARBER inside the circle but JPN just manage to survive a contest for possession near the goal line
38'	DAWSON makes a good interception after a poor turnover from USA in defence gave IWAO the ball near the edge of the circle
37'	USA trying to force the pace but JPN are able to match them
36'	Second half underway
35'	HALF TIME: JPN with narrow lead after making better use of a first half featuring limited opportunities
33'	Hit by DOTON is cleared by KATO at the feet of the JPN GK
33'	USA PC
31'	JPN recover possession and take ball into midfield
31'	USA into attack again with free hit on right side of the circle
** Goal: Carrie LINGO (USA) **	
29'	USA Goal. USA respond with Carrie LINGO's good finish from the top of the circle
** Goal: Toshie TSUKUI (JPN) **	
27'	JPN Goal. Ball is rolled to the left to Toshie TSUKUI who flicks powerfully low into the left corner despite the USA GK getting a touch on the ball
27'	JPN PC
25'	Pace of the match has lifted but there are minimal scoring chances being created by either team
22'	USA winning more possession in attack but JPN have a lot of numbers in defence which is making it difficult to overcome
19'	Tight defence from JPN denies USA a clean shot at goal on two separate occasions as USA apply pressure
18'	Kelly DOTON hit is saved by JOPN GK Ikuko OKAMURA and cleared to the sideline by Akemi KATO
18'	USA PC. Free hit from long corner on the right hits foot of JPN defender just inside the circle
17'	USA able to regain possession and hold ball in JPN territory on the right
17'	Entry in JPN circle by USA is cleared by Yukari YAMAMOTO
15'	Crisp ball movement from JOPN down the right gives Kaori CHIBA a chance to shoot from the top of the circle but her reverse stick is mis-struck and USA clear easily
14'	Play mostly in USA defensive half
12'	Pass to the variation on the right to sent to the wrong side of the JPN striker zooming in on the net
11'	JPN PC. JPN take ball from long corner on the right and win their first PC
11'	USA under pressure which is causing some basic errors in defence
** Goal: Sachmimi IWAO (JPN) **	
9'	JPN Goal. Fantastic finish from Sachmimi IWAO after she receives the ball near the top of the circle, creates space to shoot and places her shot perfectly inside the right post

- 9' JPN getting good flow through the midfield
- 8' USA making it tough for JPN to enter their circle
- 5' JPN pressure early has made it tough for USA to maintain possession
- 3' Rachel DAWSON dispossessed inside her own circle but shot from JPN is covered by USA GK Barbara WEINBERG
- 2' Raised free hit gives JPN possession for first time in the match
- 2' USA into attack with deep in JPN half on the right
- 1' Match underway
- 0' Angie LOY (USA) is playing her 50th match today
- 0' Umpire's for today's 3rd/4th place game are Jean DUNCAN (SCO) and Caroline BRUNEKREEF (NED)