



5th Place Playoff – Saturday 6 May
12:15

China 3

France 1

70' FULL TIME: CHN win and qualify for the Samsung Hockey World Cup. A great tournament for FRA with an unexpected 6th place finish

**** Goal: Alicia MINET (FRA) ****

70' FRA Goal. Alicia MINET scores a consolation goal for FRA with less than 15 seconds remaining

69' Another shot by BERGERE saved on the goal line

69' Repeat PC. Sho by Peggy BERGERE saved but FRA get another chance

68' FRA PC

68' Match nearing full time with FRA trying to find a way into the CHN defensive circle

65' CHN attack and FRA defend

62' FU Bao Rong almost gets a goal of her own but the shot is well saved by the FRA GK

**** Goal: REN Ye (CHN) ****

61' CHN Goal. REN Ye scores her second deflection goal after FU Bao Rong provided the service from the left

60' MA's flick sails high over the crossbar

60' CHN PC

58' There is no way through for CHN with the FRA defence heavily stacked

55' Pace of play has slowed to a crawl with a succession of free hits awarded

54' CHN still pressing inside FRA territory

53' MA's flick is saved by the FRA GK and rolls over the backline

52' CHN PC

52' Scrappy passages of play with CHN trying to blast long balls through the FRA wall of defenders

49' No options available for FRA in attack

46' Stick obstruction ruled against CHN as they battled to score near the left post

45' CHN PC

45' WANG Yan Hui works herself into position to shoot a reverse stick but the FRA GK makes the save despite being unsighted due to players being in her line of sight

**** Goal: REN Ye (CHN) ****

42' CHN Goal. REN Ye scores with a deflection near the right post after a pass from the left

41' Shot from GAO just misses the left post

- 40'** ZHOU shoots after the ball is rolled to right but FRA GK makes the save and FRA clear
- 39'** CHN PC. Free hit from the right strikes foot of FRA defener inside the circle
- 38'** Flick from MA towards the right post is covered by the FRA GK
- 38'** CHN PC
- 36'** Second half underway
- 35'** HALF TIME: An early goal from CHN is all that separates the teams. FRA have defended very well but they will need to produce more in attack to win the match
- 33'** Good skills from GOA Lu Hua wasted when she throws a loose pass to support players on the left inside the circle
- 32'** Even possession share in last few minutes with FRA now trying to break down the CHN defensive structure
- 28'** The FRA defensive line is playing well with their workrate a factor in helping to keep CHN under control
- 27'** Two chances for FRA a warning to CHN that they can't become complacent at the back despite their dominance
- 25'** BERLY's shot hits the pads of CHN GK ZHANG Yi Meng
- 25'** FRA PC. FRA work ball slowly upfield and Philippine BERLY threatens with a reverse stick shot before FRA win PC
- 23'** FRA's problem is that when they win possession after a period defending, they do not have players upfield that can receive the ball
- 22'** CHN dominating but they can't find a way past the FRA defence
- 21'** Another save from FRA GK after low shot from ZHOU towards the left corner
- 20'** Repeat PC. Flick from MA strikes body of FRA runner
- 20'** CHN PC. CHN into attack again and FRA can't clear their circle despite winning possession
- 18'** Flick from MA Yi Bo is easily covered by FRA GK
- 18'** Repeat PC. First shot is blocked but ball again is raide dby FRA
- 17'** Repeat PC. Deflection from ZHOU hits FRA GK and rises dangerously
- 16'** CHN PC. Ball rises off FRA stick into danger
- 16'** Shot from REN Ye travels wide of the left post but she appeared outside the circle
- 15'** CHN setting the tempo though FRA are hanging on gamely
- 12'** Angled ball from CHEN Zhao Xia sets up CHN at the top of the circle but FRA defence again makes a timely interception
- 10'** First attacking chance for FRA but a lack of numbers allows CHN to cover
- 8'** FRA are under siege and have not been able to take the ball into CHN half
- 8'** Reverse stick shot from FU Bao Rong hits the side netting
- 5'** CHN in control and only a good interception by FRA at the top of the circle prevents a shot
- ** Goal: ZHOU Wan Feng (CHN) ****
- 3'** CHN Goal. Very loose defence from FRA with ZHOU Wan Feng allowed to receive the ball at the top of the circle and shoot a reverse stick shot low into the right corner

1' Early scoring chance for CHN but FU Bao Rong's reverse stick saved by FRA GK Marion REHBY

1' Match underway

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0' The winner of this 5th place playoff will claim the final remaining spot at this year's Samsung Hockey World Cup in Madrid

0' The umpires for this match are Soledad IPARRAGUIRRE (ARG) and Marelize de KLERK (RSA)