



**BDO Hockey World Cup - Men**  
**Thursday 7 September**  
**16:00**

**Pakistan 4**

**Japan 0**

**70'** FULL TIME. Comprehensive win for PAK with two goals in each half. However they will need to produce a better performance to worry the top ranked teams. JPN had chances but didn't quite have the class in attack to take maximum advantage

**\*\* Goal: Shakeel ABBASI (PAK) \*\***

**68'** PAK Goal. Akhtar ALI provides the lead up work for Shakeel ABBASI to score from mid circle

**65'** PAK have lifted their intensity in the past few minutes and are starting to re-create the chances they enjoyed early in the match

**\*\* Goal: Sohail ABBAS (PAK) \*\***

**64'** PAK Goal. Sohail ABBAS scores his second with a high flick into the top left corner

**63'** PAK PC. JPN unable to clear balls from the pads of their GK and PAK swoop

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**59'** Akira ITO dives to left post but his stick arrives a fraction of a second too late to deflect a pass across the baseline

**59'** Kazuo YOSHIDA's flick is easily saved by the PAK GK and gloved to safety

**58'** JPN PC. Ball into the circle from the right strikes the foot of a PAK player

**56'** Another great save from JPN GK Hirofumi MIYOSHI from Waseem AHMAD's reverse stick after ABBAS's effort was blocked by the JPN runner

**55'** PAK PC. PAK quickly take ball back into circle and win another PC

**55'** Good save by the JPN GK from ABBAS's high flick

**54'** PAK PC.

**52'** Hiroki SAKAMOTO wakes the crowd from their slumber with a run into the circle that makes the PAK GK leave his line to make an important block

**50'** No continuity to either team's play at the moment

**48'** Play was stopped for two injuries but has now resumed

**48'** PAK in control but the deep JPN defenders are making good dispossessing tackles at regular intervals to keep them in check

**43'** A long, weaving run by Adnan ZAKIR down the right wing and into the circle only ends when JPN win a free hit in front of their goal. A nice piece of individual skill by the PAK striker to eliminate a number of JPN defenders

**42'** JPN unable to carry ball into attack with the PAK defence impossible to penetrate

**41'** PAK set up with free hit on edge of circle but a deflection attempt can't controlled and JPN win possession

**39'** PAK have spent all of the 2nd half in JPN territory

**38'** Another chance for PAK but Yutaka BITO manages to get his stick onto the ball as it

passes from the right across the circle in front of goal

- 37' Early chance for PAK with Akhtar ALI shooting over the crossbar after a poor turnover in defence by JPN
- 36' 2nd half underway
- 35' HALF TIME: After a shaky start, JPN settled and worked their way into the match. PAK still look the better team but they will have to continue their hard work in the 2nd half to secure victory
- 33' JPN controlling most of the possession with PAK having to defend
- 31' Encouraging period of play for JPN but they just lack the scoring touches to threaten PAK
- 31' PAK GK Salman AKBAR clears after interception by JPN almost results in the opening goal
- 29' Variation to the left is intercepted by PAK and they counter attack before losing control of possession
- 29' JPN PC. From the long corner, JPN take ball into circle and earn another PC
- 28' YAMABORI's repeat effort is touched over the crossbar
- 28' Repeat PC. Takahiko YAMABORI's flick saved by PAK GK but bounces into danger
- 27' JPN PC. JPN win 2nd PC
- 27' Timely tackle by Muhammad IMRAN stops Akira ITO in dangerous position
- 25' Flick from Kazuo YOSHIDA is easily saved by the PAK defender standing on the right post
- 24' JPN PC. Free hit from edge of the circle hits a PAK defender on the foot
- 22' Near miss for PAK but they are unable to take possession from a rebound off the JPN GK's pads in the goal mouth with Waseem AHMAD almost finding a way through
- 22' The match is still lacking the tempo of the tournament's earlier contests
- 19' Good passage of play by JPN ends with a loose pass across the backline
- 16' Good interception by Kenichi KATAYAMA at the top of his own circle gives JPN possession as PAK threaten again
- 14' Shakeel ABBASI works his way into space at the top of the circle but the shot is just wide of the right post
- 13' PAK dominance clear now with JPN forced to defend inside the circle
- \*\* Goal: Rehan BUTT (PAK) \*\***
- 12' PAK Goal. Ominous signs for JPN with BUTT scoring with a reverse stick from the top right of the circle after a good pass by Muhammad SAQLAIN
- 11' PAK on the attack again down the right but a good tackle by Mitsuru ITO dispossesses BUTT as he looks to enter the circle
- \*\* Goal: Sohail ABBAS (PAK) \*\***
- 9' PAK Goal. Sohail ABBAS finds his range immediately with a 117km/h drag flick to the right of the JPN GK
- 8' PAK PC. PAK with their first chance after another circle entry
- 8' PAK gaining more possession and a pass from Sohail ABBAS finds Rehan BUTT but his reverse stick scoop is wide of the goal
- 5' Defensive turnover from PAK gives JPN entry into scoring range but a pass across the circle is lifted dangerously and PAL clears
- 4' Little action to report. Both teams with equal possession

- 2'** Neither team has started the match with any great intensity which is surprising given its their first match of the tournament for both
- 1'** Match underway
- 0'** The umpires for this Pool A clash are Xavier ADELL (ESP) and Hamish JAMSON (ENG)