



BDO Hockey World Cup - Men
Thursday 7 September
18:00

Australia 1

Spain 3

70' Three points for ESP, a bit of a disappointing start for AUS. The scoreline suggests a clearer game than it actually was - the two teams could well have drawn as well. AUS were a little unlucky not to be able to take advantage of any but one of their many chances, including about a dozen short corners.

69' The quality of the match has gone down in this second half, but the match still provides good hockey. AUS attack relentlessly but seem to be lacking ideas to get around ESP. ESP are more or less contenting themselves with defending their lead at this point.

68' Good chance for AUS when McCANN deflects a long ball into the circle. It catches HERRERA on the wrong foot but is wide.

67' Another great attempt from ESP, D. ALEGRE passing the ball to TUBAU who makes his way into the circle but can't get a shot in and eventually loses the ball.

65' DOERNER lays the ball off to the left for ELDER whose shot is saved by the ESP defense.

65' PC for AUS.

63' Long corner for ESP. TUBAU tries to weave his way into the circle along the back line but the ball goes out.

61' Very nice ball diagonally across from the left. BROOKS dives in but can't reach it.

59' Green card for FREIXA.

58' After a spell with only two forwards, ESP are now back to their usual three man forward line with FREIXA, AMAT, and TUBAU.

57' A flat shot is again run down by the ESP defense and deflected wide.

55' PC for AUS.

55' PC for AUS after ENRIQUE tried to clear and was deemed to be shielding the ball.

53' ESP are struggling again now with AUS having stepped up their game considerably. The ESP defense is very much under pressure again.

**** Goal: Troy ELDER ****

47' ELDER flicks to the middle of the goal.

47' A flat hit to the right side of the goal hits GARZA's foot. Another PC for AUS.

46' De YOUNG wins yet another PC for AUS.

44' A complicated variation has KNOWLES pretend to hit with the ball played off to the left for ELDER but execution is slow, and the ball hits an AUS foot before there is any shot on goal.

44' PC for AUS.

42' RIBAS runs down ELDER's flick, deflecting it out of the circle.

42' PC for AUS.

**** Goal: Xavi RIBAS ****

- 41'** RIBAS flicks the ball to the right side of the goal, perfectly slotting it in just inside the post.
- 41'** The ball goes to the right of two corner batteries. RIBAS lays it off to the left for FREIXA but the ball is stopped. A second PC for ESP.
- 40'** PC for ESP.
- 35'** A great game just as expected. Spain are somewhat lucky to be two up, having had to defend for large stretches of time with AUS taking some shots on goal that definitely deserved more.
- 34'** Green card for Ramon ALEGRE.
- 32'** Fantastic defending by the ESP, first HERRERA warding off a valiant shot from NAYLOR, then EGLINGTON taking a shot from the left with R. ALEGRE diving in for an awesome save.
- 31'** Free hit for AUS near the circle. LIVERMORE's ball is deflected high into the air but recovered by DWYER. The ESP defense is too close though and he has to resort to playing it back to rebuild.
- 29'** A low flick from FREIXA to the left side of the goal is deflected wide.
- 28'** AMAT wins a PC for ESP.
- 27'** Ball across from FREIXA on the far left for AMAT near the top of the circle but AMAT cannot reach the ball.
- 24'** The shots on goal from AUS are now coming in quick succession. Here's another one that hits the post, creating some controversy as some people think it has been in.
- 24'** A good reverse stick shot from HAMMOND from the left but HERRERA saves.

**** Goal: Pol AMAT ****

- 23'** GARZA takes a free hit near the circle for ESP, playing the ball to AMAT at the top of the circle. AMAT deflects the ball into the goal.
- 20'** AUS are doing most of the work now, play taking place almost exclusively in the ESP half. The ESP defense have got their hands full trying to prevent the equalizer.
- 19'** Good long pass into the circle for NAYLOR who is near the far post but R. ALEGRE gets to the ball first and deflects it out.
- 17'** McCANN has a great opportunity for AUS with a shot from close range but the ball hits the post. It falls to DWYER but he can't get a shot on goal.
- 14'** Superb effort from KNOWLES who makes a solo run into and across the circle. He goes for a reverse stick shot that is saved by HERRERA.
- 11'** Fantastic pass from BUTLER near the center line into the circle for McCANN who is on the left side of the goal. McCANN plays a flat ball across from a narrow angle but it just misses the far post.

**** Goal: Edi TUBAU ****

- 8'** Great effort from TUBAU! He outplays a number of AUS players spinning and dodging into the circle, then finding space on the right side of the goal and hitting a flat ball into the far side of the goal.
- 7'** AUS have a slight advantage now. They attack ESP very early and hardly ever allow them to pass the centre line.
- 6'** ELDER passes into the circle for DWYER on the left. DWYER's flat reverse stick shot from a narrow angle is saved by HERRERA.
- 4'** AUS get into the ESP circle for the first time with BUTLER passing to ELDER but the ESP defense stops the attack.

- 1'** A first attack from ESP, AMAT making his way down the left then passing across for S. FREIXA in the middle but FREIXA can't reach the ball.
- 0'** Welcome to the third match of day 2 in which current Olympic champions Australia meet with current European champions Spain. Both teams are expected to be in the top four in this World Cup, so a great game seems guaranteed.
- 0'** The umpires for this match are Christian BLASCH (GER) and John WRIGHT (RSA). The video umpire is David LEIPER (SCO).