



BDO Hockey World Cup - Men
Friday 8 September
20:15

Spain 1

Argentina 1

- 70' After yesterday's supreme performance against Australia, ESP must be disappointed to not have taken three points today. ARG will be very happy to have taken a point of the much favored Spanish. Today's two draws certainly make pool A interesting.
- 70' In a frantic counter attack, ESP get into the circle but TUBAU loses the ball over the back line. An ARG player has touched it though and ESP run for the long corner, but time is running fast, and the hooter goes.
- 69' With little over a minute to go, ARG win a free hit near the circle. HOURQUEBIE's hit is dangerous, ESP get the ball.
- 68' ESP have a free hit from just outside the circle. Kiko FABREGAS takes it, TUBAU receives and turns to find space for a reverse stick shot but doesn't. ARG get the ball.
- 66' S. FREIXA plays a good ball across from the right but it finds no takers and the ball goes out. S. FREIXA seems to think it hit a foot and starts protesting and gets into a little push and shove with OROZCO but umpire ten CATE separates the two and play continues.
- 65' S. FREIXA pushes the ball towards the left bottom corner of the goal and VIVALDI saves well.
- 64' TUBAU wins a PC for ESP.
- 63' At the other end, ARG have a good opportunity after a quickly executed free hit. ALMADA takes a shot on goal but it is high and wide.
- 62' The ARG defense is under pressure now, ESP moving up with all ten field players.
- 58' ESP play a variation with a lay-off to the left but it doesn't work and the ARG defenders chase the ball down. Long corner for ESP. S. FREIXA gets the ball on the right side of the circle and takes a powerful shot but it is too high.
- 58' Pol AMAT wins a PC for ESP.
- 56' HOURQUEBIE takes a free hit for ARG near the circle. The ball crashes into the back board but has not been touched by an ARG player in the circle.
- 55' ARG are attacking now and are able to create some problems for the ESP defense. R. ALEGRE has to clear a dangerous situation.
- 54' S. FREIXA receives a lobbed ball from GARZA near the circle and goes in but an ARG defender takes the ball off him cleanly.

**** Goal: Lucas CAMMARERI (ARG) ****

- 49' ARG goal. ARG get into a crowded circle, and are struggling to get a shot. M. VILA takes a shot, and finally it is CAMMARERI who pushes the ball past CORTES on the rebound.
- 49' ESP are coming on in rolling waves of attack now, make the ARG defense's life pretty difficult.
- 49' Another ESP attack. Kiko FABREGAS' ball into the circle hits Uri FREIXA's foot, free hit

for ARG.

- 48' AMAT takes the ball off a sloppy LOPEZ plays it to TUBAU and gets it back for a shot on goal from the left. The ball is high and wide.
 - 46' The game is getting decidedly more physical now, with both teams nervous and starting to think about the end. When Pol AMAT is fouled and goes down, but play resumes quickly.
 - 44' Good attack from ARG. Mati VILA is felled near the edge of the circle but the ball goes to PAREDES who takes a shot from the middle of the circle but is unlucky: the ball hits the crossbar.
 - 42' Green card for Santi FREIXA.
- ** Goal: Edi TUBAU (ESP) ****
- 40' ESP goal. RIBAS plays a flat ball that is saved by VIVALDI. TUBAU takes a shot from the far right that goes into the left side of the goal. R. ALEGRE is at the post to tip it in but that isn't necessary, it is perfectly placed.
 - 39' PC for ESP.
 - 36' The second half starts off with ESP on the attack but no shot on goal is possible.
 - 35' An entertaining match so far. ESP have advantages but ARG are holding them, a situation that is a little unexpected after the two teams' first appearances. ESP are suffering their old big event problem - after a great performance, there always is a mediocre one.
 - 35' ARG look like they are just trying to get through time now, playing long balls up front and destroying the ESP game rather than actually trying to acquire the ball.
 - 34' In the counter attack S. FREIXA hits a fast ball into the circle for SALA but the ball goes wide.
 - 33' IBARRA hits a powerful ball in the direction of the ESP goal. The ball crashes into the back board but no ARG player has touched it.
 - 31' Fantastic ball diagonally across from R. ALEGRE all the way up to AMAT who uses S. FREIXA to outplay the ARG defenders but the ball is deflected out. Long corner for ESP, and eventually they lose the ball.
 - 30' Time is stopped for TUBAU who has twisted his knee trying to receive a slightly off pass from ENRIQUE. He is ok and play continues.
 - 30' Mati VILA's flick to the left is wide.
 - 29' OROZCO smoothly intercepts a ball and outplays two ESP players. He passes the ball to ARGENTO who wins a PC for ARG.
 - 27' Excellent solo run from SALA. He passes the ball back for TUBAU who instead of laying it off to one side passes it right back. It catches SALA on the wrong foot and goes out.
 - 26' S. FREIXA plays a flat ball to the middle of the goal that is easily saved by VIVALDI.
 - 25' PC for ESP.
 - 25' Great opportunity for ARG with Mati PAREDES running down the left. His pass into the circle finds no takers.
 - 23' ESP are the better team here but lack the finishing touch. They hold a much greater percentage in ball possession but are rarely dangerous.
 - 20' Great long high ball from the back all the way to the front for Uri FREIXA. But the ball is too fast and it goes out.
 - 18' Excellent reverse stick pass across from SOJO for Uri FREIXA in front of the goal but FREIXA is hit on the foot.
 - 17' SOJO outplays two ARG defenders at the top of the circle then tries for a reverse stick

shot that is only slightly wide.

- 15' S. FREIXA finally limps off the field and is replaced by SOJO.
- 14' S. FREIXA runs into a LOPEZ hit and is hit hard on the shin from close range. He is limping but play continues.
- 14' Green card for Ramon ALEGRE.
- 13' Free hit from the side line for ESP. S. FREIXA gets the ball and outplays the ARG defenders but his ball across finds no takers.
- 12' OROZCO takes a free hit for ARG near the ESP circle. It is a good ball across and deflected off a stick but is wide.
- 11' FREIXA's flick is deflected off VIVALDI's pads and hits the post, then goes out.
- 10' S. FREIXA wins a PC for ESP.
- 8' Trying to forward a ball from the midfield straight into the circle, S. FREIXA hits LOPEZ in the face. Time is briefly stopped but LOPEZ does not need treatment and play continues.
- 6' RAG are having a hard time to so much as penetrate the ESP half of the field.
- 5' ESP are pushing up high and attacking the ARG defense early.
- 3' Kiko FABREGAS intercepts a bad pass from OROZCO and plays it in for S. FREIXA who plays it on to TUBAU who is well positioned near the far post. TUBAU misses though and the ball goes out.
- 1' ESP have somewhat unexpectedly left Pau QUEMADA in the stands. QUEMADA, a forward and expert dragflicker, is usually Santi FREIXA's replacement when FREIXA needs to come off.
- 0' Welcome to the last match of day 3. In today's second pool A clash, Spain meet Argentina. Spain are of course on three points after yesterday's victory over Australia, while Argentina lost their first encounter with New Zealand on day one.
- 0' The umpires for this Pool A match are David GENTLES (AUS) and Rob TEN CATE (NED). The video umpire is John WRIGHT (RSA)