



BDO Hockey World Cup - Men
Saturday 9 September
13:00

South Africa 1

India 1

- 70' A high energy match despite few scoring opportunities, the final few minutes frantic. IND will be devastated to have given victory away in a match they should have won. This draw will slide them further down the standings.
- 70' HALAPPA manages a last shot on goal for IND with 32 seconds on the clock but it hits the outside of the goal only.
- 67' Another RSA attack sees NORRIS-JONES get through the middle. The ball is a little too fast and he only just manages to push it out to the right with a reverse stick but DOLLEY has not come up far enough and the ball is lost.
- 66' The equalizer has clearly motivated RSA, they are frantically attacking and have several opportunities in quick succession with a reverse stick shot from NORRIS-JONES warded off by D'SOUZA and McDADE getting the ball on the penalty stroke spot but failing to control it.

**** Goal: Ian SYMONS ****

- 64' SYMONS flicks to the bottom left corner. D'SOUZA has come out of the goal two or three steps and in falling gets to the ball with his stick. The ball is deflected high but ends up in the net.
- 63' PC for RSA.
- 61' RSA attack down their right side a lot now but can rarely find a way through. Just this moment, they get into the circle but NORRIS-JONES stumbles and the ball goes to IND.
- 59' Shots on goal have been a rare commodity in this second half, just as in the first. Just now, IND are going through on the left side and reach the circle but once more get cut short early.
- 55' Free hit for RSA from the right from just outside the circle. The execution is good, the ball goes straight through the circle. NORRIS-JONES slides in to deflect it but the ball misses the goal narrowly.
- 52' RSA still try to build around the back but lack determination and forward drive. Their attacks are set up ok but fizzle early.
- 49' VAKKALIGA's hit is saved by HIBBERT and was high so the ball is awarded to RSA.
- 48' On the counter attack, IND run straight through and win a PC at the other end.
- 47' RSA take two shots on goal, one direct, one on the rebound, but both are saved by D'SOUZA. Umpire BLASCH awards another PC but reverses his decision after consulting with his colleague JAMSON.
- 46' PC for RSA.
- 43' Green card for Marvin BAM.
- 43' Prabodh TIRKEY plays a hard ball into the circle for VS Vinaya who takes a reverse stick shot on goal but it is high and wide.

- 39' The second half starts off much like the first ended, with too many mistakes on both sides and inefficient skirmishes. The most dangerous situation in this second half so far has been a free hit for RSA near the circle but the IND defense saved easily.
- 35' IND have been the better team so far but not by much. Their attacks are more dangerous, the RSA trying hard but mostly failing to penetrate the circle - their only shots on goal has been the short corner at the end of the first half. IND have the advantage but will have to be careful to not give away the game in the second half - the RSA look more motivated in this encounter.
- 35' SYMONS's flick to the middle of the goal is saved by D'SOUZA. RSA have another shot on goal on the rebound but umpire JAMSON has spotted the foot and ends the corner and thus the first half.
- 35' PC for RSA. With 14 seconds on the clock in this first half, RSA win a penalty corner.
- 33' The game is suffering a severe lack of dangerous situations. RSA play around the back a lot looking for an opening but find it nearly impossible to get past the IND midfield. IND in comparison are able to get farther down the field in their attacks but also fail to finish off with a shot on goal.
- 28' A rare promising attack for RSA as DOLLEY makes a run down the right. He gets to the edge of the circle but falls and cannot take a shot.
- 27' SYMONS takes a hit near the center line. The ball goes up high and hits Dilip TIRKEY on the hand from close range. TIRKEY can continue and play resumes.
- 25' IND have a free hit from about 6m from the circle. The ball goes stright towards the goal but is deflected off a RSA stick. Long corner for IND but they are unable to use it. RSA go on attack.
- 21' RSA show promising efforts in attack but have not yet had a shot on goal. They mostly get stopped between the 23 meter line and the circle, suffering from individual mistakes, making life easy for the IND defense.
- 19' Gagan Ajit SINGH tries a reverse stick shot from the edge of the circle but it hits the outside of the goal only.
- ** Goal: Ignace TIRKEY (IND) ****
- 14' IND goal. KHANDKER tries a pass across along the back line that is deflected by HIBBERT and looks like it will go out the circle. I. TIRKEY retrieves the ball though and takes a shot from the top of the circle on an open goal with HIBBERT still down on the left.
- 12' IND try a fast attack down the right but TSOLEKILE stops them short and forces them to play the ball around the back again.
- 11' Nice ball across along the back line from Shivendra SINGH for KHANDKER. KHANDKER deflects the ball up high but it is wide.
- 8' Time is briefly stopped for FORBES who is on the ground in the RSA circle but he does not require treatment and play resumes.
- 7' IND have the first shot on goal in this match with Shivendra SINGH lobbing the ball towards the goal. Jumping up, HIBBERT is just able to deflect the ball up over the crossbar.
- 4' So far, the game lacks any urgency, both teams building around the back slowly and waiting for the other's mistake. South Africa look a little more aggressive and on the edge but lack the finishing touch to put their plans into practice.
- 1' IND have the first attack of the game and win a free hit from near the circle on the left but the ball goes through and out the other side.
- 0' Welcome to day four of the BDO Hockey World Cup here in Monchengladbach. The day

starts off with India meeting South Africa. IND are of course desperate to make points here after two defeats in as many matches while South Africa have only had one match in which they looked quite good despite eventually having to give in to the Netherlands.

- 0' The umpires for this Pool B clash are Christian BLASCH (GER) and Hamish JAMSON (ENG). The video umpire is Sumesh PUTRA (CAN)