



BDO Hockey World Cup - Men
Saturday 9 September
17:30

Japan 0

New Zealand 1

- 70' The game ends with a 1-0 win for NZL. These three points come in handy to NZL in their bid for the semis, while Japan will be disappointed not to have taken a point from this encounter.
- 67' BROOKS is reprimanded for delaying the game at a JPN free hit near the center line but no card is given.
- 65' The ball isn't stopped properly and as YOSHIDA struggles to control it, BROOKS has dashed up and takes the ball off him. He plays the ball forward, starting a NZL attack but it falls short.
- 64' Free hit for JPN on the far right about 5m from the circle. The ball goes into the circle and KATAYAMA wins a PC for JPN.
- 62' At the other end, FUKUDA makes a good run down the right and passes back and across through the circle when he has almost reached the back line. KATAYAMA is in the circle but not close enough and the ball goes through and out the other side.
- 61' The first shot on goal in a long time. BURROWS gets into the circle from the left and goes for a reverse stick shot but MIYOSHI saves rather easily.
- 55' The match continues mostly as a midfield check-mate, neither team able to find an opening in the other's ranks. There is a certain lack of coordination in both teams, with passes going into open space and too many free hits disrupting play.
- 51' Good attempt from NZL with a hard shot from HOPPING from the edge of the circle on the right side. MIYOSHI saves and the JPN defense clear.
- 49' The ball goes back and forth between the two teams with play mostly confined to the midfield. As predicted earlier, it looks much like the lone goal might be the decider.

**** Goal: Simon CHILD (NZL) ****

- 43' NZL goal. Good pass back from the back line by BURROWS to CHILD who doesn't have to do more than tip it in.
- 39' The second half gets underway with more of the same: lots of midfield squabbles but hardly any dangerous situations. Whoever scores a goal first in this match is probably the winner.
- 35' It has been a hard-fought match that suffers a certain lack in scoring opportunities. JPN look more active next to a hesitant NZL side but all is possible in the second half.
- 35' In the dying seconds of the first half, NZL complete a good attack giving the ball to BROOKS near the right post. Just as he steps aside where he would have a clear shot the hooter goes. BROOKS shoots but it is too late.
- 34' Free hit for NZL from the right about 5m from the circle. COUZINS takes it, aiming for the far post, where BROOKS comes diving in but misses.
- 32' NZL are on the attack a little more often now but their offensive game is ineffective and they struggle with unforced mistakes, sloppy passes and slow positioning. Time and again they make their own lives difficult with passes that are too weak or too

imprecise that the agile JPN dash to intercept.

- 30' TOBITA hits towards the right side of the goal but WOOLFORD saves.
- 29' TOBITA wins a PC for JPN.
- 24' JPN get into the circle again. The NZL defense is really being put to a test in this match.
- 23' SAKAMOTO plays the ball into the circle for KATAYAMA but it is deflected off a NZL stick and goes out.
- 19' NZL are still struggling to penetrate the JPN half, much less the JPN circle. Every once in a while they make it up to the circle but have yet to take a shot on goal.
- 16' JPN are making a very good impression here so far. They are fast and determined, relentlessly on the attack, seriously troubling the Kiwis. The NZL defense is working hard to deny them, especially the left side with the two SHAW brothers.
- 13' Almost a deadly mistake from McALEESE who tries to take a high ball from the JPN defense but misjudges it, thus lengthening it, unaware that SAKAMOTO is behind him. Luckily for NZL, SAKAMOTO doesn't reach the ball.
- 9' Another flick from YOSHIDA, again the NZL defense holds and clears with a high ball out to the right.
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- 8' A variation with a layoff to the left but the NZL defense saves. Another PC.
- 8' YOSHIDA's flick is saved by WOOLFORD but a second PC is given.
- 7' PC for JPN.
- 6' So far, JPN are the more team with more forward drive, having penetrated the NZL circle a handful of times while all NZL have to their credit is a long ball across the JPN circle that went out the other side.
- 2' NZL have surprisingly left Bevan HARI in the stands - surprisingly because HARI played well in their first two encounters.
- 1' Welcome to the third match of the day where New Zealand take on Japan. The Kiwis are on four points after comfortably defeating Argentina and drawing with Pakistan yesterday, while Japan have only been onstage once here in Monchengladbach, going down to Pakistan 0-4.
- 0' The umpires in this game are John WRIGHT (RSA) and Hong Lae KIM (KOR).