



**BDO Hockey World Cup - Men**  
**Sunday 10 September**  
**19:00**

**Australia 3**

**Japan 1**

- 70' AUS win easily but with a lacklustre performance. AUS thus lodge themselves in second place in the table behind Germany, while JPN stay at the bottom of the ranking, still waiting for their first points.
- 70' TOBITA's hit is stopped by MOWLAM. The corner ends, and with it, the match.
- 70' With 36 seconds on the clock, ANAI wins a PC for JPN.
- 66' Fantastic solo run from DWYER through the middle. He gets to the circle and sends a fierce hit towards the goal but it is high over the crossbar.
- 63' Great long pass for McCANN on the right who makes a run into the circle. TOBITA is able to stall and deny him a shot on goal, the ball goes out the back.
- 62' CHAKI runs down DOERNER's flick, JPN have the ball.
- 61' FORD wins a PC for AUS.
- 59' The game moves up and down the field a lot now, neither team able to add a finishing touch to their attacks.
- \*\* Goal: Russel FORD (AUS) \*\***
- 55' AUS goal. AUS get into the circle from the left, BROOKS taking a shot, MIYOSHI saving but falling, as does a JPN defender. While they are still on the ground sorting their limbs, the ball falls to FORD at the top of the circle who faces an open goal and wastes no time in hitting it in.
- 53' Great pass across almost the entire width of the pitch for ELDER on the right but his hit into the circle is high and dangerous, and JPN are awarded the ball.
- 52' ELDER flicks but the ball is deflected high over the crossbar off a JPN stick. Long corner for AUS but the ball goes through and out the other side.
- 51' HOPKINS takes a hard hit towards the goal. MIYOSHI stops it but another PC.
- 50' The ball is played around the right but execution is not ideal. A weak shot hits a JPN foot. PC for AUS.
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- 48' Just when they could reel this match in easily, AUS are making their own lives hard with bad passing and a lack of coordination that allows JPN to disrupt their game again and again.
- 45' DWYER makes it past several JPN defenders who do not look good in this situation but he can't get a clean shot in the crowded circle and despite several Aussies trying to tip the ball in, it goes out over the back line.
- 44' Good run into the circle from KATAYAMA but with a clean tackle, GEORGE takes the ball off him.
- 41' DWYER's flat ball to the left side of the goal is deflected wide by MIYOSHI.
- 40' PC for AUS.
- 39' Green card for Yutaka BITO.

- 38' SAKAMOTO gets into the circle from the right but HOPKINS tips the ball over the back line. Long corner but nothing comes off it.
- 36' BROOKS tries to lob from close range but once more, MIYOSHI saves.
- 35' JPN have worked hard to keep this match open until now. It will be interesting to see if they can hold this level over the second half, and if they can keep up when the Aussies shift up a gear which they seem certain to do after halftime.
- 34' Shot from the top of the circle from ELDER, another good save from MIYOSHI. MIYOSHI has certainly done his bit to keep his team in this match.
- 31' Shot on goal by EGLINGTON but the JPN defense holds. This is the first shot on goal by AUS in a while.
- 28' The game now goes up and down the field, both teams having their shares in play. JPN appear a little less well-organized than the Aussies but are still able to put together nice attacks.
- 24' JPN seem to have overcome the initial shock of facing the Olympic champions and are holding up quite well. AUS controls much of the game but hasn't had a shot on goal in a bit.
- 21' YOSHIDA lays the ball off to the left where TSUBOUCHI and FUKUDA are standing but neither can reach the ball.
- 21' PC for JPN.

**\*\* Goal: Toshiaki FUKUDA (JPN) \*\***

- 16' JPN goal. First goal for JPN in this tournament. Classic piece of play with a diagonal pass for FUKUDA on the left who has a shot on an open goal.
- 15' FUKUDA plays out to the far left for NISHIMURA who takes a shot from a narrow angle but it is deflected wide by an AUS defender.
- 13' Two more shots on goal from AUS in quick succession. This is a one-sided match at the moment! But MIYOSHI pulls two more excellent saves, the Aussies keeping him quite busy but he is really doing a great job in this match.
- 12' Reverse stick shot from the top of the circle from DWYER, another good save MIYOSHI.
- 11' Excellent shot in turning from McCANN, good save from MIYOSHI. The ball bounces off to his right where DWYER is waiting and takes a shot on the rebound, but MIYOSHI pulls an excellent save. Great reaction.

**\*\* Goal: Troy ELDER (AUS) \*\***

- 8' AUS goal. Troy ELDER flicks to the right side of the goal.
- 8' DWYER passes to McCANN who wins a PC for AUS.

**\*\* Goal: Michael McCANN (AUS) \*\***

- 6' AUS goal. Pass from BUTLER for McCANN at the far post who has no difficulty putting the ball into the goal.
- 5' Another AUS attack, ELDER for McCANN back to ELDER, pass into the circle for EGLINGTON but Mitsuru ITO intervenes and clears out to the left.
- 4' Shot on goal by BROOKS from close range but the ball is wide.
- 0' Welcome to the final match of day five of the BDO Hockey World Cup. Australia meet Japan who are without a point after opening match defeats by Pakistan and New Zealand. Australia lost their opener to Spain before rebounding with a 4-0 win over Argentina yesterday.
- 0' The umpires in this match are Amarjit SINGH (MAS) and Rob ten CATE (NED). The video umpire is Hamish JAMSON (ENG).

