



BDO Hockey World Cup - Men
Monday 11 September
14:00

Spain 3

New Zealand 1

- 70' FULL TIME - A deserved victory for Spain, but NZL had their chances to get back in it. Spain now move to the top of the group
- 68' ESP PC - Santi FREIXA's flick is saved well by WOOLFORD
- 67' ESP break forward, and would have scored had it not been for an outstanding interception from NZL's Shea McALEESE on his own penalty spot
- 65' Phillip BURROWS misses from point blank range, and is kicking himself for it. Had he scored it would have made a very exciting last 5 minutes
- 64' Eduard TUBAU sees his shot from the top of the circle fly high over the NZL bar
- 62' Simon CHILD's produces a shot out of nowhere, reverse-stick volleying towards goal, but it saved bravely by HERRERA
- 57' NZL PC - won by Gareth BROOKS. Hayden SHAW's drag flick is saved brilliantly by Bernardino HERRERA, diving low to his right
- 55' A mistake by NZL's James NATION lets in Santi FREIXA, but again WOOLFORD comes to the rescue
- 52' Santi FREIXA this time brings another good block from WOOLFORD after outpacing the NZL defenders and shooting on his reverse
- 49' Oriol FREIXA forces a good save by Paul WOOLFORD on the left of the circle after a terrific move.
- 48' More good play from NZL sees two more shots towards the target, but they are comfortably handled by ESP defence
- 45' Simon CHILD produces a wonderful bit of skill to create space to shoot on his reverse, but it is over the bar. NZL are putting pressure on ESP currently
- ** Goal: Hayden SHAW ****
- 40' A typically powerful drag flick from Hayden SHAW gives the defenders on the goal line very little chance to react, with the ball deflecting into the roof of the net. Could this be the lifeline that NZL need?
- 39' NZL PC
- 38' NZL have tried to respond immediately, and threaten the circle many times. Simon CHILD deflects a ball in the circle but it is watched wide by the ESP defenders
- ** Goal: Eduard TUBAU ****
- 36' Less than 30 seconds into the second half, and ESP move into a 3-0 lead, thanks to a clinical Eduard TUBAU's finish from the left of the circle
- 36' Second Half underway
- 35' HALF TIME - after a good start by NZL, ESP got the first goal and took control from that moment onwards. NZL will need a quick goal at the start of the second half if they are to put any doubts in the minds of the confident Spanish players
- 34' Blair HOPPING (NZL) receives a green card for what looked like a body check.

- 33' SHAW's drag flick is just over the bar, and ESP break forward. Victor SOJO receives a pass in the circle but his reverse stick shot is marginally wide.
- 32' NZL PC - a chance for Hayden SHAW to shine?
- 29' ESP have another two clear cut opportunities to extend the lead, but cannot find the final touch to finish of their breathtaking build-up play
- 27' NZL break forward, but solid defending from ESP sees them regain possession and control of the game.
- 24' More great hockey from ESP as they continue to cause the NZL defence problems. They seem to be camped in the NZL half currently.
- 23' Pol AMAT picks up a sensational pass from defence and finds himself through on goal. He beats the keeper, but fires into the side netting. It should have been three

**** Goal: Santi FREIXA ****

- 18' Santi FREIXA drag flicks Spain's second of the day, firing to the keeper's left just inside the post
- 14' The goal has rocked NZL, and ESP look likely to add to their lead, keeping the current pool leaders firmly on the back foot.
- 12' Eduard TUBAU fires in a shot from an impossibly tight angle, kicked away for a corner by Paul WOOLFORD in the NZL goal

**** Goal: David ALEGRE ****

- 9' Spain take the lead with their first real attack. A great pass from Santi FREIXA eventually comes to David ALRGRE who finishes clinically.
- 4' NZL are certainly having the better of the opening exchanges, and are keeping Spain's fast and flowing game under wraps
- 3' NZL apply pressure on ESP by winning a free hit just outside the circle, but the following play hits a NZL foot and ESP regain possession
- 2' Rodrigo GARZA escapes a green card after a tackle from behind, but Alex FABREGAS is not so lucky thanks to a bad stick tackle.
- 1' Match underway
- 0' Welcome to this Group A clash between Spain (ESP) and New Zealand (NZL). The umpires for this match are Murray GRIME (AUS) and Christian BLASCH (GER), with John WRIGHT (RSA) as the Video Umpire