



**BDO Hockey World Cup - Men**  
**Wednesday 13 September**  
**14:00**

**Japan 2**

**Spain 4**

70' FULL TIME: ESP move into the semi finals with a stuttering display, but finally came good courtesy of a Santi FREIXA hat-trick. JPN put up a brave display, but eventually they were overpowered.

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

66' FREIXA completes his hat trick and looks to have secured ESP's place in the semi finals.

64' PC - JPN: The ESP players are annoyed by the decision, and make their feelings known to umpire GENTLES. ESP clear the danger

62' PC - JPN: the shot is blocked on the line and another PC is awarded. This time ESP clear

61' Akira ITO runs threateningly along the ESP back line with the ball, but runs it out of play jusy before he can get his pass away

60' Toshiaki FUKUDA gets a touch on a free hit into the circle, but it flys up into the face of Kenichi KATAYAMA who is stretchered off the field.

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

57' A wonderful ESP move carves open the JPN defence, with FREIXA finishing the move off by diving full legnth to deflect the ball into inside the right post

55' ESP are working hard to get a third goal, but JPN are proving to be tough opposition to break down. They are defending in numbers, but you feel the goal is coming for ESP

51' The PC is saved, and JPN are continuing to frustrate their more illustrious opposition. ESP are contesting many of the umpires decisions, but are beginning to look threatening in attack

51' ESP win a PC but it is charged down. ESP players and coach Maurits HENDRIKS lose control, with HENDRIKS coming onto the field in complaint. the umpires confer, and a penalty corner is given, whilst HENDRIKS is escorted back to the dugout.

**\*\* Goal: Kenichi KATAYAMA \*\***

48' After a long wait, the video umpire decides that Kenichi KATAYAMA got a touch on the ball and JPN are level

48' JPN win a free hit and crack a ball into the circle which flies into the net. JPN jump into the air in celebration, but the goal is not given. Umpire Gentles calls the video umpire

47' Santi FREIXA receives a blow to his had on collision with a JPN player. He seems ok though and does not need to leave the field for treatment

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

44' A brilliant reverse stick shot from a tight angle beats MIYOSHI at his near post, flying into the roof of the net.

- 43' Eduard TUBAU has two chances in 10 seconds, but fails to get it right
- 41' ESP are looking to make the extra man count and win a free hit to the right of the JPN circle. The cross is not picked up by anyone and JPN clear
- 39' YELLOW CARD: Kazuhiro TSUBOUCHI for holding back an ESP player
- 37' GREEN CARD: Victor SOJO (ESP), blocking a quick JPN free hit whilst not retreating the full distance
- 36' PC - ESP: A few good blocks JPN players stop ESP taking the lead. Yuji CHAKI has taken a blow to the hand and leaves the field for treatment
- 36' second half underway
- 35' HALF TIME: ESP really haven't got going in this match so far, and JPN have been well worth the score-line.
- 35' Santi FREIXA's overtime PC is well blocked by Hirofumi MIYOSHI, and cleared by JPN
- 34' PC - ESP: Kazuo YOSHIDA concedes it with a poor challenge. First one is blocked, but another is awarded
- 32' Kazuo YOSHIDA seems to have an age to launch his drag flick, but it is tipped over the bar by HERRERA.
- 30' PC - JPN: Strike blocked by HERRERA (ESP GK), but another PC is awarded
- 28' ESP look much more relaxed. HERRERA loses his cool at the JPN players who fail to knock the ball out of play when an ESP player is lying injured on the ground
- 26' Bernardino HERRERA (GK) is shouting constantly at his defenders, telling them where to move and who is available for the pass
- 25' Alex FABREGAS' pass to Eduard TUBAU in the danger area is miss-controlled, and JPN clear

**\*\* Goal: Pol AMAT \*\***

- 22' Santiago FREIXA finds more space than he needs in the circle, and his cross shot from the left is easily tapped in by AMAT to calm the Spanish nerves
- 20' ESP are creating chances, but JPN are looking strong in defence, with Naohiko TOBITA making important tackles
- 17' ESP are desperately trying to find their rhythm, and players are trying to do more than they need to. Oriol FREIXA tries to beat one man too many and loses possession just outside the JPN circle

**\*\* Goal: Kenichi KATAYAMA \*\***

- 15' Kenichi KATAYAMA gets ahead of his man to score, picking up a pass from the right giving JPN a deserved 1-0 lead
- 14' Ramon ALEGRE sends a penetrating pass down the right, but Oriol FREIXA fails to control, and JPN are back in possession
- 12' JPN are causing ESP more problems than expected, and ESP are looking uncomfortable
- 11' JPN's attempted PC variation falls apart, and ESP clear
- 10' PC - JPN: drag flick from Kazuo YOSHIDA is blocked, and another PC is awarded
- 9' JPN on the attack again, but Sergi ENRIQUE intercepts a dangerous ball from the left
- 6' PC - JPN: The first attempt is blocked, but the second pc is a variation right but Xavier RIBAS clears for ESP
- 5' JPN have their first attack of the game, courtesy of a 50 metre Mitsuru ITO overhead pass, by the ESP defence cope easily
- 4' Xavier RIBAS moves through midfield and picks up an overhead pass just outside

the circle, and hits a JPN foot for a PC. The effort sails wide of the right post

2' ESP immediately on the attack, but the ball travels over the back line for a JPN hit

1' Match underway

0' ESP need just one point to secure their spot in the semi-finals

0' The umpires for this match are David GENTLES (AUS) & Andy MAIR (SCO) with David LEIPER (SCO) as the video umpire