



BDO Hockey World Cup - Men
Friday 15 September
20:20

Germany 2

Spain 2 (5-3 APS)

- 87' FULL TIME: GER are through to the final of the world cup on Penalty flicks. The noise in the stadium is incredible. ESP are beaten in the cruellest of fashions.
- 87' Pol AMAT is next.... if he doesn't score GER are through. **SAVED!!!** GER 3 ESP 1. GER are through to the final
- 87' GER's Philipp ZELLER scores bottom left! GER 3 ESP 1
- 87' ESP's TUBAU's flick goes in. GER 2 ESP 1
- 87' GER's Moritz FUERSTE's high flick is saved! GER 2 ESP 0
- 87' ESP's Pau QUEMADA sees his effort saved! GER 2 ESP 0
- 86' Timo WESS scores for GER! GER 2 ESP 0
- 86' Santi FREIXA is first for ESP: Great save from BUBOLZ: GER 1 ESP 0
- 86' Christopher ZELLER is up first: He scores, top left: GER 1 ESP 0
- 86' The Penalty Stroke competition is about to begin, with ESP sending in their reserve goalkeeper Quico CORTES.
- 85' FULL TIME - EXTRA TIME. We have the drama of penalty strokes to decide which team grabs the place in the final
- 84' ESP are trying to get forward, but GER defending in well numbers
- 82' Eduard TUBAU does well on the right for ESP, but lifts the ball into the GER defender
- 80' GER come forward and Eike DUCKWITZ sees his reverse sweep attempt hit the side of the goal
- 79' ESP look like they want to win it this period, with GER looking a little nervous
- 78' EXTRA TIME PERIOD 2 underway
- 77' EXTRA TIME - HALF TIME:
- 76' WITTHAUS goes down injured but recovers quickly, staying on the field of play
- 75' End to end stuff currently. Both teams want to win it. Christopher ZELLER races through again and reverse stick flicks the ball at goal, but HERRERA does well again
- 73' Pol AMAT tries a reverse stick shot on the variation PC but misses the ball completely. The pressure seems to be getting to some players
- 73' The crowd erupts as Christopher ZELLER races towards the ESP defenders, but ESP make the tackle and go down the other end and win a PC
- 71' EXTRA TIME PERIOD 1 underway
- 70' After seventy minutes the scores are tied, and extra time follows. two periods of 7 1/2 minutes
- 69' ESP attack breaks down and Extra Time beckons....
- 67' PC - ESP: RIBAS drag flicks as Santi FREIXA is not on the field, but his shot is wide
- 66' Christopher ZELLER breaks forward but is tackled well by ESP defenders

- 65' Tibor WEISSENBORN infuriates the ESP players by blocking a quick free hit. He escapes unpunished
- 64' Oliver HENTSCHEL returns to the field, bringing GER back up to full strength.
- 63' Philipp CRONE does well to keep Santi FREIXA under wraps, shadowing him until he puts the ball out of play under pressure from the big GER defender
- 60' Santi FREIXA's flick is well saved by BUBOLZ and GER attack
- 59' PC - ESP: Pol AMAT with some silky skills down the left to find a GER foot in the circle
- 58' GER are on the back foot with ESP starting to look dangerous. Will they make the extra man count and take the lead?
- 55' Oli HENTSCHEL receives a deserved YELLOW CARD for diving in FEET first into a tackle, although the GER crowd disagree
- 53' Christopher ZELLER's drag flick is straight at HERRERA and ESP clear
- 53' PC - GER: A brilliant turn at the top of the circle by WITTHAUS leads to a foul.
- 48' WITTHAUS charges down the right, but scuffs his shot and ESP have possession. They counter but do not quite get it right

**** Goal: Alex FABREGAS ****

- 46' An immediate reply from FABREGAS. GER fail to clear and FABREGAS slaps the ball into the roof of the net. What a match!

**** Goal: Moritz FUERSTE ****

- 45' Brilliant deflection from FUERSTE, but no-one was marking him
- 44' Oliver HENTSCHEL goes down injured and leaves the field, with WITTHAUS taking his place after only the briefest of rest time
- 42' Christopher ZELLER shows yet more brilliance to beat two defenders, but his diving flick shot from the right is just wide.
- 41' Rodrigo GARZA nearly makes the same error as RIBAS just before half time. GER have two shots in a minute with Carlos NEVADO and Matthias WITTHAUS both going close. It is very much GER on top at this stage
- 38' Much GER pressure at the start of this second half, with Christopher ZELLER looking fast and dangerous.
- 36' Second half underway
- 35' HALF TIME:
- 33' A huge error from Xavier RIBAS lets in WITTHAUS, whose shot hits the side of the goal. ESP were lucky not to go behind
- 32' Christopher ZELLER shows just why he is one of the best young players in the world beating three players on the right and sending a cross that is agonisingly close to a GER player
- 30' Matthias WITTHAUS moves down the right and fires across goal, but no GER players are anywhere near the goal.
- 29' ESP pushing forward, but Philipp CRONE and GER solid in defence this time

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

- 27' Santi FREIXA does not let the booing get to him, and flicks low for an equaliser
- 26' the flick is well saved by BUBOLZ, and GER race forward. Moritz FUERSTE has a chance but ESP clear and win a pc at the other end of the pitch
- 24' PC - ESP: Eduard TUBAU charges into the circle and is fouled. Home crowd are jeering once again, trying to put off ESP

24' ESP players are starting to lose their cool in an intense atmosphere, questioning umpire decisions. They will need to collect themselves if they are going to get back into this match

22' GER creating another chance, but Mattias WITTHAUS fails to control in the circle

20' ESP - PC: The home crowd are jeering the ESP penalty corner takers. The flick is again cleared by GER

**** Goal: Bjoern EMMERLING ****

19' Carlos NEVADO deflects a shot goalwards, and EMMERLING gets another touch to completely confuse HERRERA

17' GER 16 awarded as the ball did not cross the line and hit Eduard TUBAU's foot.

17' VIDEO UMPIRE DECISION for ESP

15' The drag flick from Santi FREIXA is low, intended for a player on the post, but Philipp CRONE clears the danger

14' PC - ESP: A tough call on GER, with the home crowd making the umpire aware of how they feel about the decision

13' Another unforced error by GER, as Sebastian DRAGUHN fails to control a pass. ESP are looking far more composed than GER, who may be feeling the pressure of expectation from the massive home crowd

10' GER have a free hit wide right of the ESP circle, but play safe by going back into the their own half.

7' Eduard TUBAU wins a free hit for ESP deep right, but GER get their act together in defence and cope with the danger

5' GER are looking suspect at the back, and the quick ESP forwards are looking dangerous. The atmosphere in the stadium is electric, with the sell-out home crowd hoping to cheer their side to victory

2' A vicious cross from the right by Tibor WEISSENBORN is raised, and this time ESP clear

1' ESP immediately on the attack and move into the circle, but cleared by GER

1' Match underway:

0' Welcome to the second semi-final of the day. Germany and Spain will fight it out for the chance to play Australia in Sunday's final. The umpires in this match are David GENTLES (AUS) and John WRIGHT (RSA). The video umpire is Rob ten CATE (NED).