



Samsung Hockey World Cup - Women
Saturday 30 September
16:00

USA 0

Japan 0

- 70'** FULL TIME: Scoreless draw which doesn't help either team. Both USA and JPN had chances but were unable to find that finally touch that would have made the difference. An entertaining match however with attacking play throughout
- 69'** SILVETTI forces obstruction on KOMORI inside the circle and USA clear the ball down the pitch
- 68'** DOTON mis-hits the shot but grabs the rebound and shoots again. SMITH gets her stick to the ball but the deflection sails high over the net
- 67'** Repeat PC. Variation at the top of the circle hits the foot of JPN runner
- 67'** USA PC. Good lead up work from Keli SMITH and BASHORE before USA earn PC after ball rolls onto the foot of a JPN defender
- 65'** JPN clear but only to half way with USA back in possession
- 64'** USA counter attack down the left with Angie LOY and win free hit near the circle
- 63'** JPN free hit at the top of the circle is wasted by a raised ball into the circle
- 62'** JPN finishing strongly with USA trying to hang on
- 61'** TRAN stands tall and gloves the flick from TSUKUI wide of the left post
- 60'** JPN PC. Shot from MORIMOTOI rebounds off USA GK Amy TRAN into the body of a prone USA defender
- 58'** While JPN look more dangerous than USA on the counter attack, they don't appear to have the touch inside the circle to score
- 57'** Rika KOMOZAWA misses an open goal with the goalkeeper beaten from an acute angle on the right after JPN causes a turnover in the midfield and left the USA defenders in their wake. The bets chance of the match for JPN
- 54'** Good defence by DAWSON for USA with her team in a weak position as JPN entered the circle from the right
- 51'** Reverse stick shot from Sakae MORIMOTO is raised dangerously in a crowded circle as another JPN circle entry amounts to nothing
- 49'** USA under pressure inside the circle but Sara SILVETTI and then BASHORE combine to clear the ball after JPN found space around the back of the USA defence on the right
- 45'** Neither team is able to create effective scoring chances as play is tending to break down before reaching either circle
- 41'** Variation towards the right post is well read by Toshie TSUKUI and cleared to the sideline
- 41'** USA PC. Counter attack from USA and they should have scored after a deflection in front somehow didn't roll over the line
- 40'** Desperation for USA with a JPN free hit flashing across the face of goal. CHIBA was in position but couldn't get a stick to the ball under pressure from Rachel DAWSON

- 39'** Shot from DOTON is ruled to have been raised after it strikes to JPN runner
- 38'** USA PC. BARBER's wins USA PC after a shot from the top of the circle in heavy traffic strikes the foot of JPN defender
- 37'** First chance of the 2nd half falls to USA with BARBER's slight touch to a pass into the circle from the left kicked away by the JPN GK
- 36'** 2nd half underway
- 35'** HALF TIME: An entertaining first half with JPN getting on top in the last 10 minutes. USA had their chances with three PCs
- 35'** Poor turnover from USA but JPN can't capitalise with a three-pronged attack eventually shooting the ball weakly wide of the right post
- 32'** The speed of JPN's attack down each sideline has started to cause USA more and more problems as the half has progressed
- 30'** A narrow miss for JPN with a long overhead releasing CHIBA down the left. She passes across towards goal and Misaki OZAWA's full-stretch deflection attempt is saved and her subsequent rebound slides wide
- 28'** From the left this time JPN attacks through CHIBA with USA lucky to escape after a pass across the circle is picked up by Lauren POWLEY and cleared
- 27'** JPN press keeping the ball deep in USA territory
- 26'** USA again clear a dangerous JPN entry into their circle from the right
- 24'** JPN turnover gives USA free hit on the edge of the circle but JPN win possession and take ball into the midfield
- 24'** DOTON's first shot again hits the GK's pads and the rebounding ball strikes FRONZONI on the foot
- 23'** USA PC. April FRONZONI earns USA the PC after finding the foot of a JPN defender inside the circle
- 22'** Rika KOMOZAWA tries to manufacture a PC for her team by finding the foot of a USA defender but Kate BARBER is awake to the tactic and pushes the JPN striker outside the circle
- 20'** JPN having slight the better of play now with a greater ability to take possession deep into their attacking half. However the defence of the USA around the fringe of their circle is holding firm
- 19'** High tempo of play from both teams with an eagerness to play on quickly from free hits and turnovers of possession
- 17'** Strong defence by USA inside their circle as Tomomi KOMORI tried to create space to shoot from the right. Kayla BASHORE eventually gained possession and won a free hit for her team
- 16'** JPN attack down the right is starting to cause problems for the USA defence. USA are allowing JPN to carry the ball on the outside and down to the backline
- 13'** JPN this time with the scoring chance as Misaki OZAWA runs into the circle from the right and sends a pass towards the opposite post which just evades the stick of a diving Kaori CHIBA
- 12'** Good chance for USA with Angie LOY shooting from the top of the circle after play travelled down the right. LOY's shot was blocked and the April FRONZONI's rebound also saved. Positive signs for USA
- 10'** USA creating turnovers but haven't been able to capitalise and control the ball inside their attacking circle
- 8'** Like the opening match of the day, this clash has settled into an attacking rhythm

with quick ball movement from end to end

- 6'** DOTON sends the variation towards the left post but Kieko MIURA intercepts and sends the ball to the sideline
- 6'** Repeat PC. Shot by Kelly DOTN clatters into the pads of JPN GK Rie TERAZONO and USA win another PC
- 5'** USA PC. Neat skills from Kate BARBER around the right edge of the JPN defence earns USA their first PC
- 5'** Good period for USA with quick ball movement forcing JPN onto the back foot
- 2'** USA with a chance now with the ball in JPN territory but the defence emerges on top
- 2'** JPN controlling the match early in USA half
- 1'** An extremely important match for both teams with the loser likely to be relegated to the 9-12 playoffs
- 1'** Match underway
- 0'** The umpires for this match are Soledad IPARRAGUIRRE (ARG) and Caroline BRUNEKREEF (NED). The video umpire is Anne McRAE (SCO)