



Samsung Hockey World Cup - Women
Saturday 30 September
18:00

South Africa 2

Argentina 2

70' FULL TIME: A great match and a deserved draw for RSA after they almost managed to hang on for a great victory. Worrying signs for ARG with a lack of imagination in attack

69' ARG clear after GULLA gets into good position to block the deflection effort of WILSON near the right post

69' RSA PC. RUSSELL races down the right wing and wins a PC after entering the ARG circle

68' ARG surge again but RSA continue their stout defending and counter attack after winning possession

**** Goal: Rosario LUCHETTI (ARG) ****

67' Rosario LUCHETTI scored from the rebound after the first shot was saved

67' ARG PC. From the long corner, ARG finds a shot at the top of the cricle and the ball rebounds high into danger

66' RSA GK stands tall and deflects ball over the backline

66' ARG PC. Desperate RSA defending can't prevent another ARG opportunity from the set piece

65' ARG possession near the RSA circle is repelled again

63' RSA slowly down the play and gradually working the ball down the pitch

60' ARG under intense pressure again but RUSSELL's weak pass to WEHMEYER is intercepted by AICEGA. ARG being caught out of position in their last line of defence

58' RSA break free down the centre and miss an open goal with Shelley RUSSELL chipping a reverse stick over the net after rounding the ARG GK. A great chance for RSA to end ARG's chances

58' MARESCIA blocks the shot and RSA win a win hit and counter attack

58' Repeat PC. MARGALOT again tries to steer the ball inside the left post but RSA GK remains upright and ball rebounds off her pads into the foot of a team mate

57' ARG PC. Pressure causes a turnover close to goal for ARG and they convert it into a PC

56' Mis-hit from GARCIA in mid circle after the ball pin-balled around before falling loose for the strike. RSA clear and look to push ARG and the play out into the midfield

54' AYMAR is the sole creative force with all possession travelling through her inside ARG's attacking third of the pitch

54' RSA struggling to take possession into the midfield and away from their danger zone

53' ARG are pressing the RSA defence but they don;'t have the ability to create clear goal shots

51' Standing on the right post, Kate HECTOR gets her stick to the flick from AYMAR and the ball deflects over the back line

- 50'** ARG PC. Free hit from AYMAR enters the circle and hits the foot of a RSA player
- 48'** Good trap by WILSON under pressure in mid circle disposes an ARG circle entry. RSA showing no signs of wilting
- 47'** Carla REBECCHI flashes a shot across the face of goal after the ball fell in her favour at the top right of the circle

**** Goal: Tarryn BRIGHT (RSA) ****

- 45'** RSA Goal. Tarryn BRIGHT slots the stroke low into the left corner
- 45'** RSA PS. Penalty stroke to RSA after WILSON's flick near the left post hits the body of Alejandra GULLA on the goal line. Another good PC variation by RSA - they had the ARG defenders fooled
- 44'** RSA PC. Play down the right and the ball hits an ARG foot inside the circle
- 44'** The free hit is blasted over the back line. RSA have had a good start to this half and are really putting the ARG defence under pressure
- 43'** RSA again deep in attack with a free hit on the edge of the circle
- 42'** Buoyed by the goal, RSA race down the right wing but AICEGA gets her stick to the ball to end the movement

**** Goal: Jen WILSON (RSA) ****

- 40'** RSA Goal. Jen WILSON dives to deflect the ball inside the right post after the pass from BRIGHT at the top of the circle
- 39'** RSA PC. Tarryn BRIGHT earns RSA their first PC after her team took the ball the length of the pitch
- 38'** ARG cross into the circle from the right is intercepted by Leslie-Ann GEORGE and carried out of danger for RSA
- 37'** ARG keep ball in attack and looked to work it around to draw RSA out of position but a poor pass gives their opponents possession
- 36'** 2nd half underway
- 35'** HALF TIME: ARG lead by a goal at the break but RSA have produced an excellent opening 35 minutes
- 33'** Nice elimination skills by Soledad GARCIA to enter the circle but Jen WILSON arrives in time to make a good tackle
- 30'** A touch unlucky for RSA to concede the goal to MARGALOT after they have played exceptionally well so far

**** Goal: Mercedes MARGALOT (ARG) ****

- 29'** ARG Goal. Mercedes MARGALOT flicks low into the left corner
- 28'** ARG PC. From the long corner, ARG win another PC
- 28'** Marsha MARESCIA tips the shot from ARG over the cross bar
- 28'** ARG PC. This time a pass into the circle from the right strikes a RSA stick and rises into danger
- 26'** ARG free hit into the RSA defensive circle is easily cleared by BUTLER
- 25'** Pass into the circle is kicked away by ARG GK Paola VUKOJICIC
- 24'** RSA moves into good position close to the top of their circle with a free hit
- 23'** ARG don't appear have any urgency in their play as the RSA defence and midfield starts to create more attacking play
- 20'** Stick save from RSA GK Caroline JACK deflects the ball shot from Claudia BURKART wide of the left post

- 20'** ARG PC. Bad luck for RSA with a seemingly harmless cross into the circle hitting the foot of a RSA defender
- 18'** Good composure from BUTLER under huge pressure from the ARG defence near her circle releases RSA down the left sideline
- 16'** Midway through the half, the RSA defence has easily handled almost everything ARG has offered
- 14'** RSA deep-set, stacked defence makes it almost impossible for them to attack after winning possession near their own circle
- 13'** Good positioning from BUTLER on the left as she intercepts a dangerous cross after ARG broke down the left with AYMAR the instigator
- 12'** Fiona BUTLER makes amends inside the circle for RSA after giving away easy ball to Marine RUSSO
- 11'** The variation at the top of the circle falls to AYMAR but the first shot at the PC is too high
- 10'** ARG PC. Marsha MARESCIA ruled to have played the ball deliberately over the backline on the right
- 8'** First attack from RSA ends with a tackle from MARGALOT on Henna DU BUISSON
- 7'** ARG still holding the ball deep in RSA half but there are little avenues into the circle at this stage as RSA employ an 11-player defence
- 5'** First ARG entry into the RSA defensive circle ends with a raised pass from Luciana AYMAR
- 4'** Compared to the opening two matches today, this game has started at a leisurely pace
- 2'** RSA stick inside their defensive half in the early stages but have so far prevented ARG from entering their scoring zone
- 1'** Match underway. ARG can virtually assure themselves a semi final berth with a victory
- 0'** The pace of Kathleen TAYLOR surprises ARG and she dribbles close to goal along the left back line before ARG knock ball out of play
- 0'** Breakaway from Sharne WEHMEYER down the left is cut off by a timely tackle from Magdalena AICEGA at the top of the RSA scoring zone
- 0'** Mercedes MARGALOT (ARG) is playing her 200th international match this afternoon
- 0'** The umpires for this match are Jean DUNCAN (SCO) and Sarah GARNETT (NZL). The video umpire is Ute CONEN (GER)