



Samsung Hockey World Cup - Women

Friday 6 October

16:30

Netherlands 3

Argentina 1

- 70'** FULL TIME: NED make the most of their chances to advance to a third straight World Cup final. ARG will rue their ineffectiveness from PCs after they had been a significant weapon for them until this match
- 69'** NED in possession and in no hurry to move play along. An overhead down field exposes the ARG defence and Eefke MULDER narrowly fails to get to the ball before the ARG GK makes a clearance from the top of the circle
- 68'** NED control the ball in midfield but ARG win possession and move into attack
- 67'** VAN GEENHUIZEN wins important possession for NED as AICEGA looked to win a free hit by rolling the ball onto the NED midfielder's foot
- 66'** Another poor option from the PC with ARG unable to get at shot away from the top of the circle once again
- 66'** ARG PC. AYMAR felled near the edge of the circle and KARRES receives a yellow card for the poor challenge
- 65'** A good goal from ARG but it's likely to be too late to make a difference despite their surge back into attack
- ** Goal: Maria DeLa Paz HERNANDEZ (ARG) ****
- 64'** ARG Goal. ARG finally crack the NED defence with a sweeping movement down the centre of the pitch that Maria DeLa Paz HERNANDEZ completes with a low slap into the net
- ** Goal: Kim LAMMERS (NED) ****
- 60'** NED Goal. Kim LAMMERS finishes superbly to put the exclamation point on a great goal for NED. A loose ball near half way on the right sideline fell to KARRES and she combined with MULDER before LAMMERS received the ball near the penalty spot. The NED striker, with her back towards goal, deflected the ball between her legs to surely seal the NED victory
- 59'** The tempo has slowed slightly with NED being put under little pressure
- 55'** Apart from AYMAR, ARG appear to have a lack of creativity on the ball. They have had attacking possession in past two or three minutes but have not been able to get the ball into the circle
- 54'** The midfield defence of ARG is far too loose at the moment which is allowing NED easily transfer out of their defensive zone
- 53'** ARG enter the NED circle on the right but loose play and good positioning by BOOIJ gives the NED captain possession
- 52'** Untidy passages of play with both teams desperate for the advantage
- 49'** NED have been understandably boosted by their second goal and have regained a measure of control on proceedings

**** Goal: Miek VAN GEENHUIZEN (NED) ****

- 45'** NED Goal. Miek VAN GEENHUIZEN loses her marker near the top left of the circle from a free hit and fires a low reverse stick into the opposite corner of ARG GK Mariela ANTONISKA's net
- 44'** Better start to this half for ARG but they must keep composed after being very upset at being denied what they felt was a penalty stroke
- 43'** A huge scare for NED after they are unable to clear from the goal mouth. After ARG won the ball it fell to Alejandra GULLA but she watched as her shot shaved the left post after being deflected wide by NED. ARG call for a PS but it is denied
- 43'** Fatima MOREIRA DE MELO has made two important defensive intercepts for NED in the second half with ARG in dangerous position on the right
- 40'** Error from ARG allows NED to attack from the half way but Eefke MULDER's pass across the circle can't be met by KARRES
- 38'** Determined play by Marine RUSSO gives her the ball inside the NED circle but a gang of three defenders surround her and win possession
- 37'** NED begin the half well but ARG are able to hang on and win possession deep in defence
- 36'** Second half underway
- 35'** HALF TIME: NED lead after controlling much of the first half, however the class of Luciana AYMAR has started to become a very unflinching factor in the match
- 35'** ARG again spoil the PC chance with a missed trap at the top of the circle. NED are able to win possession this time to end the half
- 35'** Repeat PC. Play breaks down at the top of the circle but ARG recover to force another PC
- 34'** ARG PC. AYMAR starting to show her class, setting up another chance for ARG
- 33'** Lightning counter attack from ARG with AYMAR feeding GARCIA before she eliminated BOOIJ and races into the circle. The NED cover defence is equal to the challenge and arrives just in time to stop the ARG striker
- 32'** Loose marking by ARG gives Kim LAMMERS possession inside the circle on then left after a cross-field pass. Luckily for the ARG defenders, LAMMERS' pass is ruled too high
- 31'** AICEGA's second effort is too high and misses the backboard by a considerable margin
- 30'** Repeat PC. Shot from Magdalena AICEGA hits the stick of BOOIJ and then deflects onto their arm
- 29'** ARG PC. Clever skills by AYMAR forces an error from NED inside the defensive circle
- 28'** Minke SMABERS getting a lot of ball in central midfield which is allowing her to set up the NED attack
- 26'** Some good tackling by Rosario LUCHETTI and Mercedes MARGALOT has prevented NED from entering scoring range in the past two minutes. ARG still unable to control possession as they travel into their attacking half
- 24'** NED cause a turnover and take ball back into midfield
- 23'** NED now having to defend inside their circle with an ARG free hit deep on the right
- 21'** Neat interchange of passes between Naomi VAN AS and Ellen HOOG on the left almost creates an opening but a loose pass allows ARG to relieve the pressure
- 19'** Better signs for ARG with the NED defenders having to scramble after a loose turnover gave Maria De La Paz HERNANDEZ possession inside the circle. NED

arrived in time to prevent the shot

18' A wild swing and miss from Soledad GARCIA inside the circle after AYMAR created the chance down the inside left channel

17' Danger again for ARG with Miek VAN GEENHUIZEN weaving into the circle on the left before being unable to find a support player with her pass

15' NED in control of the play. ARG are not being allowed to string passes together and establish any rhythm

**** Goal: Sylvia KARRES (NED) ****

13' NED Goal. With her back towards goal near the penalty spot, Sylvia KARRES turns in the free hit from Janneke SCHOPMAN to give NED the lead

12' NED pressure causes another turnover and they set up again with a free hit on the edge of the circle

9' Quick play from ARG gets the ball into their scoring zone but Minke BOOIJ makes an important trap and clears to the sideline

9' Some early midfield turnovers with inaccurate passing being cut off by each team

8' NED win a free hit close to the circle on the left but a loose pass into the circle travels over the backline

7' Luciana AYMAR's first touch takes play from half way to the edge of the circle but nothing comes of it and NED quickly reply with a counter attack to the other end

6' ARG now able to get play into the midfield but quickly give NED possession

4' NED effectively holding ARG inside their own territory

2' Tight start with a lot of players milling around the ball. Play so far concentrated in NED attacking half

1' Match underway

0' Welcome to the first semi final between NED and ARG at the Samsung Hockey World Cup. This clash is a rematch of the final in 2002 when ARG emerged victorious after a penalty stroke shootout. These teams have produced highly exciting, tense encounters in previous years and this match is expected to deliver once again

0' The umpires for this match are Julie ASHTON-LUCY (AUS) and Ute COHEN (GERE). The video umpire is Marelize de KLERK (RSA)