



Samsung Hockey World Cup - Women

Saturday 7 October

16:30

Japan 1

USA 0

- 70' Japan grabs the 5th place after a game where neither team could take control of the proceedings. USA could never find the key to the regrouped Japanese defense. The difference came from an individual action from striker Kaori Chiba
- 70' PC is saved by the USA defense but there is no time for a last attack.
- 69' Long run by Tomomi KOMORI to bring the game in the USA end, and earn a PC that could be the end of the game.
- 68' Time is running out for the USA. each time they have the ball, they seem surrounded by 3 or 4 red sweaters
- 66' Kayla Bashore loses the ball to emblematic JAP Captain Akemi Kato, who counter-attacks but loses the ball before the circle
- 65' Free hit for USA. Wasted with a high ball.
- 64' Long ball for Tomomi KOMORI on the left wing, but it runs away from her.
- 63' 16 hit for USA and there is not a single JAP player in the USA half of the field.
- 61' USA have to take some risk with their passes now, allowing JAP to intercept them and push away the danger
- 60' Toshie TSUKUI intercepts a ball and runs for 50 meters before been caught back by the USA defense
- 59' JAP are now happy to step back and wait for the game to come to them
- 58' USA have stepped up the speed of their ball circulation and passes
- 57' Another deep ball from Kelly Doton to Kate Barber, but she cannot control
- 55' A ball from the right by Dina Rizzo brings the danger in the JAP circle, but Keli Smith is tackled just when she was shooting
- 54' Carrie Lingo tries a shot on her knees, but it is blocked by a defender
- 52' USA are showing more urgency now to come back in the game, but the JAP don't leave them much room or time
- 50' PC is replayed. Kelly Doton's direct shot is deflected in long corner
- 49' Dina Rizzo unleashes a quick shot with her back to the goal and earns a PC
- 48' Dangerous situation in the JAP circle with a bouncing ball that nobody can control.
- 47' The USA work the ball patiently up field, but the JAP regain the ground with quick counter-attacks and aerial balls.
- 46' Carrie Lingo carries the ball for 40 meters but bounces against the regrouped JAP defense.
- 44' The goal seems to have renewed the JAP energy; they besiege the USA circle, but USA is absorbing well the pressure.
- 43' Mayumi ONO earns a free hit just outside the USA circle

41' Kaori Chiba was the top scorer at the WC Qualifier; she is the most dangerous JAP forward here in Madrid with now 4 goals

**** Goal: Kaori CHIBA ****

40' Excellent work from Kaori CHIBA to carry the ball in the D, elude a couple defenders, turn around and slot the ball away from Amy Tran

38' Kelly Doton loses the ball in her end, but JAP cannot exploit it.

36' Angie Loy steals a ball and progresses to just outside the JAP circle where she is fouled

36' Second half under way

35' Neither team can take control of the play, even for a period of time, resulting in a half without pattern or even much intensity.

34' Kaori Chiba runs down the right wing, then down the back line, but cannot adjust her pass to a waiting striker

33' Kate Barber tries to penetrate the circle on the right but is tackled

28' Angie Loy carries the ball in the JAP end for the first time in a few minutes; she is tackled but the ball is picked up by Kate Barber who earns a long corner

26' JAP is maintaining the game in the USA end but cannot penetrate the circle

25' Rush by Sakae MORIMOTO, but JAP loses the ball

23' JAP PC for a mishandled ball in the circle - Keiko Miura's direct shot is blocked by the USA runner

22' There is not much pattern to the game so far...

20' Good steal by Sarah Dawson leads to a quick USA action with Kate Barber and Carrie Lingo, but the final shot is wide.

19' Angie Loy progresses well in the JAP defense to earn a free hit just outside the D, but with no result.

18' A lot of passes are still going astray on both sides

16' Kate Barber receives the ball in the circle but cannot control it.

15' Repeat PC - Japan tries a variant on the right but cannot produce a shot

15' PC - Hard shot by Keiko Miura hits a US foot

14' Kaori Chiba again carries the ball in the USA defensive zone and earns a PC

12' This was the first serious chance of the game for either team

12' PC - Direct shot from Kelly Doton cannot be redirected in goal by a diving USA player

11' Long corner for USA; they earn a PC

10' USA work the ball patiently laterally, while Japan progresses by quick counter-attacks and through balls

8' Kaori Chiba receives the ball behind the USA defense and carries it for 30 m; excellent defense from Kelly Doton who steals the ball before the shot

7' Both team struggle to find their momentum, with giveaways and mishandled balls

6' Free hit for Japan outside the USA circle goes through the whole circle without anybody able to put a stick on it.

4' Good work by Kate Barber to penetrate the circle. Tiffany Snow's hard and high shot is deflected by the keeper

3' Carrie Lingo carries the ball in the circle and earns a long corner

2' First USA incursion in Japanese territory by Angie Loy

1' Japan still controlling play on the right

- 1' Immediate attack for Japan on the right wing.
- 1' Play is under way, Japan in red and USA in blue.
- 0' Overcast weather this afternoon in Madrid, but still hot.
- 0' At stake in this game is also a coveted invitation to the next Champions Trophy (January in Argentina) for the team finishing in 5th place.
- 0' Both teams will finish higher than at the 2002 WC (USA 9th, Japan 10th), as well as higher than their current World Ranking (Japan 8th, USA 12th).
- 0' Umpires for today's 5th/6th place match are Ute CONEN (GER) and Gina SPITALERI (ITA). The video umpire is Marelize de KLERK (RSA)