

**AtaHolding Champions Challenge – Women**  
**Thursday 14 June 2007**  
**18:00**

## England 1

## Azerbaijan 0

**70'** FULL TIME: ENG 1:0 AZE

**69'** Joanne ELLIS holds onto the ball deep in the AZE half, aiming to run the clock down, but AZE eventually get the ball and head forward

**68'** AZE free hit just right of circle is fired in, but umpire LEE gives a free hit to ENG

**66'** ENG block out the second attempt and close in on victor. However, AZE are doing everything they can to get a goal in these last few minutes

**65'** AZE win a PC for a deliberate foot outside the circle. The first corner is blocked, but another is awarded

**63'** AZE are desperately looking for the equaliser, and win a PC which infuriates the ENG players. However, the umpires consult and the decision is reversed

**\*\* Goal: Rachel WALKER \*\***

**61'** Rachel WALKER picks up the ball right of the circle in space before smashing a shot at the near post that Viktoriya SHAHBAZOVA cannot keep out, giving England a vital goal

**59'** AZE - PC: The routine sees the ball go right, but out of play for an ENG ball

**58'** Play resumes: AZE have a free hit just outside the circle, but any threat is comfortably dealt with by the ENG defenders

**58'** Play is stopped as England keeper Katy ROBERTS changes a strap on one of her kickers. ENG and AZE move into to groups, discussing tactics for the last 12 minutes

**57'** ENG are really pressuring, winning plenty of free hits around the circle, but AZE are still looking very solid. ENG might need to watch for the counter-attack as they commit players forward

**55'** Crista CULLEN smashes a free hit from the right towards goal, and Alex DANSON just fails to get the all important touch

**53'** Umpire MIAO is not happy with the constant stick clashes and physical play, telling both teams to calm down

**51'** Jo ELLIS sends a good ball down the right for Alex SCOTT, but Emine MUZAFFAROVA puts in a good tackle and comes away with the ball. AZE are on the attack down the right, but ENG defend well

**48'** Hayley BROWN and Mel CLEWLOW exchange passes approaching the AZE circle, but the ball runs out of play harmlessly

**46'** Hannah MACLEOD does really well down the left, but AZE defenders are still doing a great job keeping the England attack at bay

**41'** ENG still looking dangerous, and AZE are not closing down players as quickly as they were in the first half, and maybe suffering from weary legs.

**39'** Crista CULLEN drag-flicks, but it is brilliantly deflected over the bar by AZE. A good start by ENG

- 38'** Alex DANSON wins a PC for ENG after a great run down the right
- 36'** Second Half underway
- 35'** HALF TIME - ENG 0:0 AZE
- 34'** The AZE PC is too high, and ENG clear
- 32'** PC - ENG: CULLEN flicks for goal, but AZE clear and win a PC down the other end. CULLEN is furious about something - possibly an infringement on the line?
- 29'** Dilfuza MIRZALIYEVA receives a GREEN CARD for a stick tackle on Sally WALTON. ENG surge into the circle, but AZE are defending impressively
- 27'** Crista CULLEN is back on the field of play. It seems that it will take a lot to keep her out of the action
- 26'** Inoyathon JAFAROVA puts in a bad stick challenge on Alex DANSON, but as DANSON keeps possession the umpire plays the advantage. JAFAROVA is lucky to escape a green card
- 25'** ENG - PC: CLEWLOW strikes, but Viktoriya SHAHBAZOVA saves well again. AZE come forward, with Liana NURIYEVA forcing a long corner, but ENG defend well
- 20'** It is a hugely entertaining game. Both teams are putting everything into it to get the first goal. Jo ELLIS strikes for goal on her reverse, but it is kicked to safety by Viktoriya SHAHBAZOVA
- 17'** ENG look to make something happen down the right hand side of the pitch, but nothing comes of it. Meanwhile, Helen RICHARDSON is dumped to the ground by an AZE player in typically physical fashion. This match is really starting to heat up
- 13'** AZE - PC: AZE strike from the top, and Crista CULLEN takes a fierce blow to the body. She leaves the field of play. A key player for ENG - Danny KERRY will hope that she is not off the field for long
- 11'** ENG - PC: The ball comes out to the top, but it is badly controlled at the top of the circle and AZE clear
- 10'** Ten minutes played, and AZE have undoubtedly had the better of the opening exchanges, with Katy ROBERTS in the ENG goal having a good game
- 7'** Yet another PC is awarded. AZE strike for goal, well blocked by ENG keeper Katy ROBERTS and there is a frantic goalmouth scramble, but ENG clear
- 6'** AZE - PC: First attempt blocked, but another PC is awarded. This is also blocked, but ANOTHER PC is awarded. Great stuff from AZE, pleasing the large numbers of supporters in the stadium
- 5'** AZE throw a high aerial ball towards ENG defender Mel CLEWLOW, who takes the ball down comfortably and distributes well. The pace is currently far slower than the last match.
- 2'** ENG start the game with intent, playing a high pressing game hoping to force an early AZE error
- 1'** Match underway
- 0'** The umpires for this match are MIAO Lin (CHN) and Keum Ju LEE (KOR)
- 0'** Welcome to the last game of Day 4 here at the Champions Challenge in Baku, where England take on home favourites Azerbaijan