

AtaHolding Champions Challenge – Women
Sunday 17 June 2007
13:00

New Zealand 3 Azerbaijan 3 (4-3 After Extra Time)

**** Goal: Kate SAUNDERS ****

80' Kate SAUNDERS scores her third goal of the game with a thumping penalty corner strike, giving NZL the golden goal victory

80' PC - NZL:

79' Gulnara MIKAYILOVA receives a YELLOW CARD from umpire HENNING

78' EXTRA TIME - SECOND HALF UNDERWAY

77' EXTRA TIME - HALF TIME

76' AZE - PC: A flicked effort from AZE is tipped over the bar by WAWATAI

75' Feruza MAKAYEVA concedes a penalty corner when she deliberately kicks the ball outside the circle

74' Caryn PAEWAI goes agonisingly close for NZL with a deflected effort

72' Dilfuza MIRZALIYEVA almost seals a golden goal victory when she bursts through on goal, but she is put under pressure by an NZL defender and misses her chance

71' EXTRA TIME UNDERWAY

70' FULL TIME: NZL 3:3 AZE - Extra time to follow

69' NZL - PC: Well blocked by AZE defenders, and it seems that we are heading for extra time

67' PC - AZE: First attempt blocked, but another is awarded. The second corner is also well blocked, and NZL head forward

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65' An incredible few minutes of play sees SAUNDERS score another penalty corner to levels the scores

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63' Kate SAUNDERS slaps a penalty corner into the bottom corner to makes the last 7 minutes very interesting indeed

60' The temperamental Zeynab NURIYEVA is well tackled as she threatens to make progress into the circle, but feels she is fouled and looks upset by the umpires decision not to give her a free hit

58' The play is going from one end of the pitch to the other in quick succession, as NZL chase the two goals they need to draw level, and AZE counter-attack

57' PC - AZE: NZL defend it well and set off towards the other end at high speed, and have possession down in the right hand corner of the pitch

**** Goal: Caryn PAEWAI ****

54' The corner routine is eventually put over the line by Caryn PAEWAI to give NZL

a lifeline. NZL players race back to the half way line with the ball, desperate for a quick re-start

54' Charlotte HARRISON picks up the ball in the circle to the right of goal, but sees her shot deflected over the bar. In the next attack, NZL win a PC

51' Marina ALIYEVA finds space and time to shoot on her reverse stick, but it is well saved by WAWATAI

47' NZL are in danger of conceding another goal, as Khatira ALIYEVA does some good work down the left.

44' Charlotte HARRISON plays a defence-splitting pass to Krystal FORGESSON, whose first time reverse stick deflection is saved well by the stick of keeper Seda KEIROVA

**** Goal: Zarifahon ZEYNALOVA ****

43' Just when a NZL fight-back looked possible, AZE have surely put the game out of reach. Zeynab NURIYEVA does brilliantly down the right before setting up ZEYNALOVA for an easy finish

39' AZE are still looking like they can score more in this game, but NZL are starting to get a bit more possession now. Maybe the ageing legs of the AZE team are starting to feel the effects of tiredness

36' AZE immediately win a PC. Zeynab NURIYEVA puts her shot just over the bar

36' Second half underway

35' HALF TIME: NEW ZEALAND 0:2 AZERBAIJAN

33' What a difference a couple of goals make. AZE are playing with so much confidence, and look completely on top as the first half nears its end

31' NZL win a penalty corner, but cannot put it in the back of the net. Marina ALIYEVA nearly puts AZE into a 3:0 lead, but misses a wonderful chance with only the keeper to beat. NZL are looking very uncomfortable at the back

**** Goal: Liana NURIYEVA ****

29' A truly Bizarre goal. WAWATAI kicks the ball onto the foot of one of her defenders, but the ball bounces off and into the goal. NURIYEVA looks to have got the last AZE touch

27' AZE - PC: The routine goes wrong, and the eventual shot is lifted giving NZL a free hit. It is still AZE who are dominant though

24' Dilfuza MIRZALIYEVA strikes a free hit into the danger area, with Lyubov DRUJININA almost making it 2:0. It is a solid save from Anita WAWATAI

22' AZE still looking threatening, making NZL play very deep. They are struggling to get out of their own half at the moment

20' AZE - PC:Dilfuza MIRZALIYEVA strikes for goal, but hits the foot of one of her own players for an NZL free hit

19' Frances KREFT wastes a good free hit just left of the AZE circle, lifting it into a player

17' AZE having a good spell of pressure at the moment

14' Jaimee CLAXTON has a good opportunity to score, but misses the ball completely after setting herself up for the volley

13' NZL - PC: HARRISON almost deflects into the goal from Kate SAUNDERS, but it is just wide

10' Honor DILLON picks up the ball in midfield and tries to play a through ball to the NZL forwards, but it runs off the field for an AZE ball

8' NZL are aiming to bounce straight back, with Charlotte HARRISON doing some good work down the left

**** Goal: Marina ALIYEVA ****

- 6'** The routine goes right, with a slap-hit into the middle, deflected into the net excellently by ALIYEVA to give AZE the lead
- 5'** AZE - PC:
- 4'** A good opening spell from AZE, who have won another PC. The first attempt is blocked well, again by KREFT, but another PC is awarded. This time NZL clear
- 2'** AZE win a penalty corner, which is struck by Dilfuza MIRZALIYEVA but well blocked by Frances KREFT
- 1'** Match underway
- 0'** Welcome to the 5th/6th place play-off between New Zealand (NZL) and Azerbaijan (AZE). The umpires for this match are Dawn HENNING (ENG) and Keum Ju LEE (KOR)