

Belgium 1 India 4

- 70' IND take an important win with a good performance, while hosts BEL look crushed at this defeat after the motivating victory against ARG on Sunday.
- 69' GUCASOFF's flick is deflected high and wide off a defender's stick.
- 68' PC for BEL.
- 68' Time is stopped for the umpires to confer on whether TIRKEY's hit was indeed not too high, but the goal stands. 4-1 for IND.
- ** Goal: Dilip TIRKEY (PC) ****
- 68' Dilip TIRKEY hits the ball at goal. It is slightly elevated but not too high and only goes up from DEGREVE's guards.
- 67' Shot on goal from IND. The ball goes up in the air off DEGREVE's guards, PC for IND.
- 66' A run down the right by BRIELS but he is stopped by Prabodh TIRKEY.
- 65' BEL are attacking frantically now, desperate to salvage points from this encounter. Their attacks time after time hit an impenetrable wall in the IND defense.
- 63' GUCASOFF plays into the circle for BOURDEAUD'HUI who tries to find a foot. William XALXO intervenes and clears.
- 62' Yellow card for Sunil YADAV for a foul on John-John DOHMEN.
- 60' BEL are still struggling to get an attack together. IND are less aggressive but do enough to keep BEL in check.
- 56' Green card for Benjamin van HOVE.
- 56' Great run from Charles VANDEWEGHE down the left. He is stopped but at the cost of a free hit near the circle. BEL take it quickly, too quickly perhaps, and ball possession is lost.
- 55' IND is back in the BEL circle and has back to back chances but DEGREVE saves.
- 54' BEL now look much better, their game getting increasingly more compact and coordinated. They cannot quite create serious danger for IND yet however.
- 52' BEL play around the back a lot, looking for openings in the IND ranks but they can't get through.
- 48' Free hit for IND deep inside their half. The ball is high and hits Fabrice BOURDEAUD'HUI on the thigh from close range. Time is stopped as BOURDEAUD'HUI runs in circles in pain, but play quickly resumes and BOURDEAUD'HUI continues on the field.
- 44' IND are now pushing towards the BEL goal more aggressively but for the moment, BEL are holding up.
- 39' Opportunity for BEL with BRIELS getting in a shot on goal but the ball is wide.
- 37' Free hit for BEL about 8m from the circle. Max LUYCX takes it but nothing comes off the opportunity.
- 37' Green card for Dilip TIRKEY.
- 35' IND have clearly been the better team in this first half and boast a well deserved lead. They are playing the kind of hockey that their fans have missed for a long time. BEL will need to step their game up considerably if they want to catch up here in the second half.
- 33' A great game by IND who show supreme individual skills and fantastic energy.

Hosts Belgium currently look a bit overwhelmed by their dynamic and highly motivated opponents.

**** Goal: Shivendra SINGH (PC) ****

31' Gurbaj SINGH goes down the right and hits the ball across. An IND stick deflects it towards the goal but it hits the post, bouncing back to Shivendra SINGH who scoops it past DEGREVE.

27' BEL have woken up with a start it seems and are now the attacking side. A hit into the circle is narrowly missed by GOLDBERG near the left post.

**** Goal: Gregory GUCASOFF (PC) ****

26' A flick to the right gives BEL's new penalty corner ace GUCASOFF his third goal in the tournament, BEL's first of the match.

25' PC for BEL.

22' IND are the dominating team in this encounter. BEL fight tooth and nail but at the moment cannot string together more than a few passes.

**** Goal: Prabjhot SINGH (FG) ****

18' A mistake by van den BALCK in the circle, taking a ball across but unable to control it, gives the ball to Prabjhot SINGH standing beside him. SINGH hits it into an empty goal from close range.

17' Great opportunity for IND as Prabjhot SINGH receives the ball on the edge of the circle on the right side. He launches a hard hit diagonally across that goes just wide of the far post.

**** Goal: Sandeep SINGH (PC) ****

13' Sandeep SINGH places a cracking flick just under the crossbar to give IND the lead in this match.

12' Free hit for IND from just outside the circle. The ball is deflected off a stick in the first row of defenders and leaves HOUSSEIN without a chance to avoid it hitting his foot. PC for IND.

9' IND are still the stronger team in this encounter, BEL looking a bit unbalanced, the various parts of their team not quite clicking.

5' Long corner for BEL. DOHMEN hits across through the circle but there's no one there.

4' Free hit for BEL about 3m from the circle. Max LUYCX takes it but it goes directly onto an IND stick.

2' IND lead the way in this encounter, building carefully around the back but at present, they cannot find a way through the ranks of BEL.

1' The rain has finally stopped here in Belgium but it is still rather windy and quite cold.

1' Welcome to the final match of day 3 of the BDO Champions Challenge here in Boom, where hosts Belgium take on India. Both teams booked surprise wins yesterday, so this encounter promises to be interesting.

0' The umpires in this match are James PILGRIM (ENG) and Simon TAYLOR (NZL).