

New Zealand 3 Belgium 3

- 70' A good match that could have been won by either side. NZL have dropped their first points in this tournament but have still secured their berth in the final with this tie.
- 70' A last attack from NZL wins them a free hit on the far right. NZL take it slow, trying to get through the last few seconds of the match. BEL attack and are awarded the ball but run out of time.
- 69' BEL are attacking high now, trying to win the ball in a good position to score the elusive winning goal.
- 68' Free hit for NZL near the top of the circle. H. SHAW drills it in and Phillip BURROWS deflects it up but the ball is wide.
- 67' Hayden SHAW flicks to right side of the goal but a great save from DEGREVE avoids the goal.
- 66' PC for NZL.
- 66' Lloyd STEPHENSON is injured after a clash and has to leave the field.
- 62' Jerome TRUYENS has a great opportunity for BEL from close range but is denied by a good reaction from WOOLFORD.
- 61' SHAW goes low and DEGREVE saves.
- 60' DEGREVE fouls KOSOOF for another PC for NZL.
- 57' The pace of the game is now picking up again, play flowing back and forth in quick turns.
- 56' Free hit for NZL near the top of the circle. Hayden SHAW plays in for Phillip BURROWS who goes for a reverse stick shot from a narrow angle but DEGREVE deflects it away from the goal.
- 54' The ball is misstopped and Hayden SHAW cannot get a shot.
- 53' Great attack by NZL. Simon CHILD launches a powerful hit from the right that is warded off by DEGREVE. It falls on Thomas van den BALCK's foot however who has no chance of avoiding it. PC for NZL.
- 52' BEL currently have more influence on the game and the bigger percentage in ball possession.
- 47' The tempo of the game has now decreased somewhat, and scoring opportunities have become few.
- 44' Charles VANDEWEGHE outplays Casey HENWOOD at the edge of the circle and lays the ball off to the right where RECKINGER is alone. The ball is too fast however and RECKINGER cannot reach it.
- 43' Shot from the right from KOSOOF but it is picked off the line by Patrice HOUSSEIN. NZL keep attacking but BEL defend well in this stage.
- ** Goal: Charles VANDEWEGHE (FG) ****
- 38' A high aerial ball comes down near the NZL circle but Dean COUNZINS misses it. Charles VANDEWEGHE takes advantage of his mistake and outplays him to hit the ball past WOOLFORD for the equalizer.
- 36' The two teams reclaim the field and action restarts.
- 35' An unexpectedly attractive match is taking place here between the home team and table leaders NZL. The two teams are equal, and play is an open battle. There is no favorite for the second half, anything seems possible. As the teams are inside the tents for their half time talks, Ryan ARCHIBALD runs up and down slowly but it

does not look like he is ready to come back onto the field.

35' The horn sounds to signal for half time. Cracking flick from Gregory GUCASOFF but Woolford saves.

35' Free hit for BEL on the far right. Van den BALCK takes it quickly to find a foot in the circle. PC for BEL.

33' As the minutes tick down towards half time, the game has become a little less frantic but no less fast.

29' Free hit for NZL near the circle. Hayden SHAW drills it in and it is deflected but goes out the circle on the otehr side. NZL request the PC, but the ball is awarded to BEL.

28' BEL have a great opportunity for the equalizer, Charles VANDEWEGHE launching a shot from close range but WOOLFORD makes another good save.

**** Goal: Simon CHILD (FG) ****

27' Another lovely goal by young star Simon CHILD. He picks up the ball and goes to the top of the circle, hesitating for a fraction to see DEGREVE on the wrong foot, then hits the ball past the BEL goalkeeper into an open goal.

26' John-John DOHMEN bangs a shot on goal from the edge of the circle on the right but WOOLFORD saves.

23' Green card for Xavier RECKINGER.

22' Great open play in this fast-paced match between two currently equal opponents. BEL, whose performance in this tournament seems characterized by a steady up and down, are having a good day and hold their own against a NZL side that is not in top form here.

21' Jérôme TRUYENS has a shot on goal for BEL but WOOLFORD saves.

19' NZL are back to 11 players, Phillip BURROWS now showing a bandage on his arm.

**** Goal: Dean COUZINS (PS) ****

19' COUZINS goes for his usual flick to the left side of the goal, DEGREVE going to that side but not quite fast enough to avoid the goal.

19' Attack down the right for NZL. Simon CHILD gets the ball on the right, then makes his way across, trying to outplay Cedric DEGREVE, but he waits a little too long to shoot and the ball is taken away from him by John-John DOHMEN. DOHMEN's hand on CHILD's back however, pushing while challenging him, spells a penalty stroke for NZL.

**** Goal: Xavier RECKINGER (FG) ****

17' A free hit from the far right is taken by Thomas van den BALCK. Xavier RECKINGER deflects it close to the goal, leaving Paul WOOLFORD without a chance. BEL have taken the lead again.

14' Yellow card for Phillip BURROWS after a tackle in midfield. He comes off with his left hand bleeding quite a bit.

**** Goal: Simon CHILD (FG) ****

14' A pass across gives the ball to Simon CHILD at the top of the circle. He hits it into the net for the equalizer.

12' BEL currently look the more motivated and lively side in this match, the Kiwis a little listless and sluggish.

10' And the next opportunity for BEL already. Fantastically paced aerial ball from Charles VANDEWEGHE for Thomas BRIELS. BRIELS gets to the edge of the circle, plays the ball between H. SHAW's feet, picks it up the other side and launches a shot on goal. Nice save from WOOLFORD.

**** Goal: Thomas BRIELS (FG) ****

7' Excellent attacking from BEL. Charles VANDEWGHE gets into the circle on the right but lays off for BRIELS who has been left alone in the middle. BRIELS hits the ball into the bottom left corner, out of reach for Paul WOOLFORD who is standing at the left post.

- 6' Free hit for NZL in midfield. It is taken by Dean COUZINS who is now wearing the captain's armband for the Balcksticks.
- 4' Free hit for NZL from the right side. A good hit diagonally across, but noone can get to it.
- 4' Time is stopped for Ryan ARCHIBALD who is on the ground, clutching his side after a collision. He is taken off the field and replaced by Ben COLLIER.
- 3' The ball is misstopped and GUCASOFF is forced to laid it off to the right as he cannot get a shot on goal. Loic VANDEWEGHE launches a hit straight onto DEGREVE's chest, and Max LUYCX has an opportunity on the rebound but the ball is wide.
- 2' PC for BEL.
- 1' The day ends with the match between hosts Belgium and the heavily favored Kiwis who sport a perfect record in this event with 3 wins from as many matches. The day is still sunny and slightly windy but no rain is in sight.
- 0' The umpires in this match are Hong Lae KIM (KOR) and Eduardo LIZANA (ESP).