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70' With mere seconds to go, BEL win the ball and make a desperate last attempt to break through but cannot. The match ends with JPN taking victory, thus ending up in 5th place while hosts BEL are confined to last place.

70' The ball is deep in the BEL half and JPN play smartly, trying to hold on to possession to see the clock wind down.

**** Goal: Yoshihiro ANAI (FG) ****

68' On the furious counter attack, JPN get all the way into the BEL circle, and ANAI hits the ball home to give JPN the lead again with less than two minutes to go.

68' The PC is misstopped, JPN have the ball.

67' The flick from GUCASOFF is run down by BITO but goes high off his stick. Another PC for BEL.

66' Great shot on goal from TRUYENS from the right side. NAGAOKA saves but a PC is given. PC for BEL.

64' And immediately, an opportunity for BEL to win back the lead in this match. TRUYENS gets the ball on the right side of the circle and scoops it diagonally across but it is slightly wide.

**** Goal: Amaury de COCK (FG) ****

62' Poor defending from JPN allows BEL to pull level again as a pass from the middle out to the left finds de COCK alone at the edge of the circle, and he hits the ball into the far top corner of the goal.

61' Yellow card for Kei KAWAKAMI for a tackle on Max LUYCX.

60' Simon GOUGNARD weaves his way into the circle but cannot find a team mate to help, the ball goes out over the back line.

59' BEL are attacking frantically now but JPN are currently the stronger team.

**** Goal: Kazuo YOSHIDA (PS) ****

57' YOSHIDA makes good use of the opportunity and converts the stroke with a well tempered ball to the right side of the goal. JPN are in the lead for the first time in this match.

57' A flat hit towards the center of the goal is deflected up by a JPN stick to hit van den BALCK's body on the line. PS for JPN.

56' FURUSATO wins a PC for JPN.

53' The BEL defense is under considerable pressure now and are struggling to so much as leave their half of the field.

51' Back to the direct flick by YAMABORI. Runner TRUYENS deflects the ball high and wide with his stick.

51' PC for JPN.

50' A new routine for JPN, MIZAWA pretending a hit with the ball laid off to YAMABORI on the left. YAMABORI hits towards the far post but the ball is wide.

50' Ball across the face of the goal from the far right for JPN. Akira ITO dives in but DEGREVE gets to the ball before him. PC for JPN.

46' Max LUYCX is back for BEL, BEL is back at full strength.

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- 44' BEL are working hard in this match but cannot make it past the JPN lines of defense.
- 40' Yellow card for Max LUYCX. As LUYCX sets off on the long walk across, players from both teams gather at the top of the BEL circle and engage in a heated exchange of opinions but the umpires quickly dissolve the discussion and play resumes, with BEL one man down at a rather inopportune point in the match.
- 39' Free hit for BEL near the circle on the far right. GOLDBERG's hit goes through everyone and out the other side.
- 37' YAMABORI's flick to the right top corner is not very hard and saved by DEGREVE.
- 37' PC for JPN.
- 36' JPN get the ball rolling in this second half where anything seems possible. BEL looked stronger through most of the first half, but JPN have proved that being a goal or two down only spurs them on.
- 35' After some initial indecision, it looked like BEL were going to run away with this match. A double hit within less than two minutes got JPN back into the game, and it is open battle now.
- 34' Good shot from GOUGNARD from a narrow angle from the right but the ball hits only the outside of the net.
- 33' Green card for Yoshihiro ANAI.
- 31' JPN have a great opportunity down the other end of the field. It is 3 on 2 but the BEL defense is quick to regroup and when A. ITO can finally get his shot in, it is high and wide.
- 29' The ball is not stopped properly and BEL cannot get a shot. JPN win the ball.
- 29' Akira ITO puts on CHAKI's protective gear to replace him as runner.
- 29' DEKEYSER's flick is blocked by CHAKI. Another PC for BEL follows. At first CHAKI walks back towards the goal seemingly unhurt but then he drops to his knees. Time is stopped and CHAKI has to come off.
- 28' PC for BEL.
- ** Goal: Takahiko YAMABORI (PC) ****
- 27' YAMABORI gets out his showpiece to level the score, a hard flick towards the top right corner of the goal doing the deed.
- 26' PC for JPN. It is JPN's first of the game.
- ** Goal: Katsuyoshi NAGASAWA (FG) ****
- 25' JPN shoot on goal from a narrow angle from the right but DEGREVE saves well. However, the ball falls to NAGASAWA standing near the left post and he tips it in.
- ** Goal: Jerome DEKEYSER (PC) ****
- 22' DEKEYSER slots the ball in between the post man and the right post.
- 21' Silly mistake in the JPN defense as BITO hacks away a ball at a BEL free hit. PC for BEL.
- 19' BEL are now on a roll, JPN seem to have lost the plot a little. Another BEL attack but de COCK gets stuck in midfield.
- ** Goal: Jerome DEKEYSER (PC) ****
- 17' DEKEYSER's flick is deflected by runner Yuji CHAKI but still ends up in the net. 1-0 for BEL, and time is stopped for CHAKI who is on the ground in pain.
- 17' The shot is blocked early but another PC follows.
- 16' C. VANDEWEGHE gets to the back line and finds the foot, PC for BEL.
- 16' BEL finally manage to break through, but Mitsuru ITO intercepts Charles VANDEWEGHE's pass. JPN launch a counter attack but get caught early and BEL set off on a counter of their own.
- 13' Play has been stuck deep in the BEL half for the last few minutes. JPN are putting considerable pressure on the BEL defense. Great opportunity for JPN but two

excellent saves from Cedric DEGREVE deny them.

- 10' JPN have lodged themselves in the BEL circle now, and BEL have their hands full preventing them from scoring. Nice defensive work from Thomas van den BALCK, his experience giving him the confidence and calm to clear.
- 7' GUCASOFF's flick is blocked by runner CHAKI. BEL have two more shots on the rebound but eventually the JPN defense clears.
- 6' Lovely solo run from Jerome TRUYENS, he finds the foot, PC for BEL.
- 5' JPN have been the more aggressive team so far, but it is BEL who have a good opportunity now. A free hit across goes through the circle and almost finds DOHMEN but he cannot get to it.
- 3' Thomas BRIELS has apparently twisted his ankle and limps off in what appears to be a great amount of pain. He is replaced by the team baby, 16 year old Simon Gougnard.
- 1' BEL finished the pool phase on 4 points with a win against finalists Argentina and a draw against the other finalists NZL, while JPN only managed one win - against today's opponents BEL.
- 1' Welcome to the last day of the BDO Champions Challenge 2007 in Boom. The tournament's final day is cloudy but intermittently sunny and warmer than the last few days. In this match for 5th and 6th place, the hosts Belgium take on Japan.
- 0' The umpires in this match are Simon TAYLOR (NZL) and Dekang CHEN (CHN).