



2007 Samsung Champions Trophy - Men
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20:05

Malaysia 0

Australia 2

70' Australia got the win but met a hard challenge from the host team Malaysia, well prepared for the event and not impressed by the status and reputation of their opponent.

68' MAS is pushing hard to score a goal and a deflection by Ismail ABU is just wide.

68' Mark KNOWLES receives a yellow card for another rough tackle.

67' Grant SCHUBERT obliges the MAS keeper to a difficult save with a quick shot from close range.

66' The Malaysians are now showing signs of tiredness, leaving more space and time to the Australians.

65' Boon Huat CHUA shoots on goal from a difficult angle.

64' Eddie OCKENDEN receives a good ball in the circle but his powerful shot is well saved by the MAS keeper.

***** GOAL AUS: Travis BROOKS *****

63' Goal for Australia by Travis BROOKS with a shot from the top of the circle.

62' Green card to Luke DOERNER (AUS) for a rough tackle in midfield.

60' Robert HAMMOND is under pressure in front of his goal but manages to escape to pressing Malaysian attackers.

58' AUS is trying hard to increase their lead, but are constantly under pressure their opponents.

55' The pace of the game is still high and the Malaysians don't show any sign of tiring. They have obviously prepared very well for this event.

52' Eddie OCKENDEN receives a good ball in the circle, but it bounces just when he was adjusting a reverse shot with the GK out of position.

50' An excellent high ball on the right wing gives a chance to Selveraju SANDRAKASI, but he cannot control it properly.

48' The Australians are now speeding up their game, but still cannot shake the Malaysian defense.

47' deep run by Russell FORD well countered by a Malaysian defender

44' PC for AUS. They try a combination but misunderstand each other.

42' Low shot well saved by Stephen LAMBERT who has replaced Daniel McPHERSON in the Australian goal.

- 42' PC for MAS for an Australian foot in the circle.
- 41' Direct shot again hits a Malaysian defender too high. So far, we have only seen direct hits on PC.
- 40' Direct shot again kicked high the keeper for another PC
- 40' PC for AUS
- 37' MAS immediately put pressure on the AUS circle, but still cannot create a shooting opportunity.
- 36' Play is under way for the second half
- 35' They cannot control the ball and the half finishes with the small margin of one goal for AUS.
- 35' PC for AUS.
- 34' A quick run on the left wing by Kevinder Singh MAKBUL SINGH penetrates the circle but his last pass is high.
- 32' The ball possession is fairly equal, with AUS building patiently in midfield while MAS uses quick runs to try and unsettle the Australian defense.
- 29' Excellent work by Ismail ABU, who runs the ball in the circle, beats a defender and is tackled when he was adjusting his shot on goal.
- 25' Malaysia maintains a high tempo and besiege the Australian circle, but cannot create a clear opportunity to shoot on goal
- 23' They earn another PC on the retake, and the GK Kumar SUBRAMANIAM saves the third attempt.
- 22' Another PC for AUS. They bubble the injection but get a second chance as the MAS defense ran too early.
- *** GOAL AUS: Russell FORD *****
- 20' Fast combination between three Australian forwards that leaves Russell FORD alone in front of the GK to open the scoring.
- 18' Excellent defensive work by the Malaysians who don't leave any space or time to the Australian attackers.
- 16' The Malaysians are controlling the ball in the AUS half and put strong pressure on their defense.
- 14' Direct hit on the PC is well saved by Daniel McPHERSON in the AUS goal
- 12' Another speedy run to counter the AUS shot. On the fast counter-attack, MAS earns a PC of their own, much to the delight of the crowd.
- 11' The Malaysian defense runs out fast and spoil the shot, but concede another PC
- 11' First PC of the game for AUS
- 9' The Malaysians are not impressed by their mighty opponents and build some strong attacks. The AUS defense counters them well but cannot grab the ball.
- 5' A large crowd is on hand to cheer the Malaysian.
- 1' The game starts about one hour late because of earlier rain.
- 0' Australia has a far more experienced team, with an average of 114 International

Caps, while Malaysia has only 69. The two teams have only met once in the Champions trophy, the only time Malaysia participated in 1993. Australia won 4-2.

- 0' Australia is currently #1 in the world, while host Malaysia is 15th. Australia has won the Champions trophy 8 times (same as Germany and The Netherlands), with the last one in 2005.
- 0' The match has started.