



2007 Samsung Champions Trophy - Men
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Netherlands 3

Malaysia 1

- 70' Final score 3-1 for The Netherlands. They won their second game of the competition but were challenged by a surprising Malaysian team. It appeared at first that the young Malaysians were still feeling the effort of their excellent game against Australia the day before, but they managed to open the scoring before the Dutch took control of the game.
- 69' The last few minutes are played at full speed from one end to the other. But no really dangerous opportunities are created.
- 66' The Malaysian team is certainly making the game entertaining for the crowd, but they leave wide gaps in their defense for the Dutch to run into.
- 63' A hard free hit in the circle finds Mohd Shahrin Nabil Abdullah alone at the far post with the keeper beaten, but his deflection is just wide.
- 60' The Dutch team is controlling well the end of the game, stopping without much problem the now desperate runs of the MAS forwards.
- 54' On another PC for MAS, the flick had the keeper beaten but hit the right post, much to the deception of the home fans.
- 50' With 20 minutes to go, the pace has slowed down considerably. The Dutch have long sessions of passes in the back field. But the Malaysians are still very much alive and earn another PC after a situation that had the Dutch keeper in difficulty on the ground. The shot is blocked by the runner and the rebound sent high.
- 47' It is the turn of NED to earn PC, but they cannot control it.
- 46' A good flick by Baljit Singh Sarjap Singh is narrowly deflected by the NED keeper, forced to an acrobatic save.
- 45' MAS earn a PC after a good combination in the circles forces a defender to lift the ball.
- 38' The play is now mostly in the MAS defensive half and often in their circle. The Dutch have picked up the pace and create good opportunities.

***** GOAL NETHERLANDS: RONALD BROUWER *****

- 36' Just after restart, a quick NED attack leads to Ronald Brouwer penetrating the circle and cleanly beating the MAS keeper with a reverse shot.
- 35' Halftime. The Netherlands have taken a late lead in this game, but Malaysia are again playing a gritty game, defending hard and grabbing their chances.
- 34' On the same play, Rob Derikx nearly scores another deflection goal but the ball is inches wide.

***** GOAL NETHERLANDS: ROB RECKERS *****

32' On a free hit driven hard in the circle, Rob Reckers deflects the ball just in front of the MAS keeper and scores.

29' The Netherlands have taken control of the game again. The game is mostly in the MAS defensive half but there is always a MAS defender to spoil the Dutch attacks.

***** GOAL NETHERLANDS: TAEKE TAEKEMA *****

25' PC for NED after a lifted ball in the circle by the MAS defense. Taeke Taekema drives a low flick to tie the score at 1-1.

22' The goal has lifted the MAS spirit. They create another hot situation in the NED circle, but cannot shoot on goal.

***** GOAL MALAYSIA: KEVINDER SINGH *****

19' Incredible twist! For their first incursion close to the NED circle, Malaysia earn a free hit. They play it fast and, after a good combination of passes, Kevinder Singh pushes the ball past Jaap Stockmann. The crowd is ecstatic!

17' Another PC for NED. This time Wouter Hermkens is on target, but Kumar Subramiam saves well and the rebound is not picked up.

14' Malaysia need to rely on aerial balls to try and penetrate the NED 25, as they cannot beat the compact orange defensive wall.

12' Another PC for NED after a MAS sloppy defensive error. Wouter Hermkens flick is fast, but too high.

10' Malaysia don't seem to have the legs they had yesterday. They might have left a lot of energy in their opening game against Australia...

6' The NED direct hit on PC is too high and Malaysia clear temporarily their circle. So far, we have mostly seen direct hits on PCs, very few variations or combinations.

5' Teun de Nooijer plays quickly a free hit close to the circle and earns the first PC of the game.

3' Malaysia are playing back, and let The Netherlands develop their game in midfield unopposed.

1' The game is under way, The Netherlands in their traditional orange and Malaysia in dark and yellow shirts. It is still around 30C and very humid in Kuala Lumpur.

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