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Spain 3

Netherlands 3

- 70 End of the Match. A surprisingly good match from ESP who had an abysmal start into the tournament, drawing with KOR and losing to PAK, only to come close to defeating one of the tournament favorites today. NED are still at the top of the table but.
- 70 A corner variation. RIBAS steps over the ball, laid off to the left for ENRIQUE who passes it straight forward for R. ALEGRE but ALEGRE cannot control it and it goes out the back.
- 69 Santi FREIXA wins a PC for ESP.
- 67 The game travels up and down the field fast now, as both teams push for the elusive winning goal.
- 65 Time is stopped for Ronald BROUWER who has run into a hit and receive a blow to the forehead that leave him bleeding profusely. He leaves the field.
- 65 Another free hit near the circle for NED but DELMEE 's hit is intercepted by D. ALEGRE.
- 63 ESP are putting a lot of pressure on the NED now, pushing for the winning goal but are finding it difficult to capitalize on the opportunities they have.
- 62 Free hit for ESP near the circle but they cannot make anything of it. Time is briefly stopped for Jordi CLAPES, on the ground after a hit to the face, but he does not require treatment and play resumes.
- 60 Free hit for NED near the circle just inside the baseline. DELMEE hits the ball in for RECKERS but his deflection is wide and the ball goes to ESP.
- 57 Free hit for ESP from near the circle. GARZA drills it in but it goes high but NED win the ball.
- 54 GOAL for NED. But once more in this match, the tables suddenly turn as in a seemingly innocuous attack, the ball across from the far right finds Ronald BROUWER unmarked, and he hammers it past CORTES. CORTES still gets to it, but it deflects off his body into the roof of the goal.
- 52 NED seem to have hit a slump that they cannot quite find a way to get themselves out of. ESP are the stronger team now.
- 48 GOAL for ESP. Fantastic goal for ESP as David ALEGRE dives in for a brilliant forward pass from TUBAU at the top of the circle, touching it just inside and tipping it past VOGELS.
- 46 The ESP forward line is now pressuring the NED defense very deep in the NED half. This puts NED under pressure, but also opens up space for the long ball through.
- 44 ESP are at the NED circle now but cannot quite find a way through. Eventually, the ball

hits ARBOS' foot and is awarded to NED. Time is stopped for Thomas BOERMA, on the ground after a clash. He has to leave the field.

42 GOAL for NED. After a free hit into the crowded circle, the ball falls to Rob RECKERS at the left post who hits it home for his 4th goal of the tournament. 2-2.

40 Great opportunity for ARBOS as a long pass through the middle finds him unmarked. He runs into the circle through the top and loops the ball over the sliding VOGELS but it is slightly wide to the left.

36 The second half takes off with NED attacking more determinedly again, obviously keen to claim back the match. The ESP defense holds well however. In the forward line, FREIXA is now on the field.

35 A surprising half-time result in this match with ESP in the lead after NED dominating the beginning. ESP have improved significantly after a very weak beginning, and will hope to retain the momentum after the break. As the team goes into the changing room, Santi FREIXA enters the pitch to warm up. Not having played in this first half, this suggests he will be in action in the second 35 minutes.

35 Free hit for NED near the circle. DELMEE's hit is deflected high by SALA. Long corner but ESP intercept the ball. A quick attack in the dying seconds follows. TUBAU gets into the circle but cannot win the PC and the hooter ends the first half.

32 GOAL for ESP. And in a surprising turn of events, ESP immediately score the second to take the lead in this match as TUBAU weaves past several NED players to find an open spot on the edge of the circle, and hammers a reverse stick shot into the bottom left corner of the goal. 2-1 for ESP.

30 GOAL for ESP. Free hit for ESP from near the circle on the far left. The ball goes in and is saved by VOGELS, but SOJO is there to scoop the rebound past the NED goalkeeper. 1-1. This is the second goal in Champions Trophy history for SOJO, his first also scored against the NED in 2004.

30 ESP are playing around the back to find a way through, and NED are pressuring up high.

28 Great shot from Jeroen HERTZBERGER, well saved by CORTES.

23 ESP are getting stronger now and are better at keeping NED at bay, after looking somewhat overwhelmed during much of the first 15 minutes.

22 Good attack from ESP. A ball across from the far right finds ARBOS unmarked in the circle but he cannot control it.

20 Free hit for NED. DELMEE takes it, and the ball crosses the circle but EVERS cannot get to it and it is out the back.

20 Green card for Sergi ENRIQUE after a stick tackle on DELMEE.

18 In the immediate counter-attack, NED get into the circle and have a shot on the ESP goal. CORTES saves and the ESP defense clears.

17 Shot on goal for ESP. A pass back from the base line finds a ESP forward in a prime position to shoot but VOGELS saves well.

13 This PC has been ESP's first opportunity to get dangerous. So far, they have been having considerable trouble to get past the NED ranks, and their attacks mostly falter far from the circle.

13 RIBAS' low flick is deflected and slightly wide to the left.

- 12 Edi TUBAU wins a PC for ESP.
- 8 NED are substituting their forward line, bringing in Ronald BROUWER, Matthijs BROUWER, and Quirijn CASPERS.
- 7 NED are dominating the opening minutes of this match, The ESP defense is under constant pressure, and ESP have not gotten near the NED circle yet.
- 6 GOAL for NED by Teun de NOOIJER.
- 5 GARZA saves a nice flick.
- 4 PC for NED.
- 4 First circle penetration for NED, ENRIQUE gets to it but a free hit is awarded to NED. DELMEE hits in a hard ball that is deflected and hits the post with a loud bang.
- 2 ESP are starting with FREIXA on the bench, and a forward line of Edi TUBAU in the middle between Roc OLIVA and Edu ARBOS. A big surprise is that Maurits HENDRIKS is in the stands, leaving his spot in the dugout to assistant Dani MARTIN.
- 1 NED are starting with a rather unexperienced forward line, pairing Rob RECKERS with Jeroen HERTZBERGER and Rogier HOFMANN.
- 1 The match has started. ESP and NED are fierce rivals, and it is going to be an exciting match.
- 0 The Netherlands are leaving Rob DERICKX and Jaap STOCKMANN in the stands today.
- 0 The Spaniards are a little younger on average, at 24.7 years, and carry an average 98.5 caps. While Pol AMAT is still out with an injury, not yet having played in this tournament, Santi FREIXA is on the bench today after being rested on Friday, because Franc DINARES, injured in the match against Pakistan, is out of the tournament and will be travelling home in the coming days.
- 0 The Netherlands present a squad with an average age of 25.4 years and an average 114 caps per head, relying on veterans Jeroen DELMEE (373 caps), Teun de NOOIJER (362) and Guus VOGELS (219) to drive up the average number of caps of a lineup that includes two players uncapped before the event as well as 6 more with fewer than 50 caps.
- 0 Rob RECKERS has scored three goals so far this tournament and leads the top scorer list. Midfielder Teun de NOOIJER, who scored the Dutch opening goal against Great Britain on day 1, has now scored at least once in each of the last 12 Champions Trophy editions. Santi FREIXA who is still suffering from knee problems and has played little in the first match of his team and not at all in the second, has scored 21 Champions Trophy goals since his Champions Trophy debut in 2004.
- 0 The Netherlands are making their 27th Champions Trophy appearance. They made their competition debut in 1980, and only missed out on the 1988 tournament. They are also defending champions. They have won the Champions Trophy a record equalling eight times: 1981, 1982, 1996, 1998, 2000, 2002, 2003 and 2006, while Spain have only won the event once, in 2004.
- 0 Champions Trophy Head-to-head: Spain have taken on the Netherlands on 17 occasions, recording 3 wins, 2 draws and 12 defeats. At the 2006 Champions Trophy, the Netherlands beat Spain 4-3. The Dutch team have won 7 of the last 8 Champions Trophy encounters with Spain. Spain's last victory over the Netherlands came in the gold medal match of the 2004 Champions Trophy (4-2).