



2007 Samsung Champions Trophy - Men
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16:05

Great Britain 0

Netherlands 4

70' A good start into the tournament for title holder NED, dispatching the world's number 9 with four goals for nil. GBR are a bit unlucky to have had to take so many goals, as they have kept up nicely with the much higher ranked NED throughout a big part of the game, only fading towards the end. A goal early in each half got the Brits on the road to defeat, with a pair of goals from RECKERS in the second half taking the scoreline to four.

70' GBR try for the same variation a third time in a row, but fail again. The match ends 4-0 for NED.

70' The hooter has signalled the end of time, all GBR players race up to the circle. In a repeat of the previous PC, MOORE hits towards the middle, VOGELS stops, another PC.

70' MOORE hits the ball hard towards the middle of the goal, VOGELS stops it, but a second PC is awarded as it hits a NED foot.

69' PC for GBR.

67' After a brief recession, the rain is now coming down harder than ever before.

**** Goal: Rob RECKERS (FG) ****

64' HOFMAN gets into the circle from the right and gets the ball to RECKERS alone near the top of the circle. He turns for the reverse stick and hits the ball into the top of the net for his second goal of the tournament.

63' NED are back to full strength.

60' The rain that has been constant throughout the second half has now picked up another notch and is coming down in sheets.

59' Rogier HOFMAN gets into the circle for NED. He has difficulty controlling a bouncy ball, but is unlucky to not be able to get a shot in. He eventually passes back but MOORE clears.

58' Yellow card for Ronald BROUWER for a hard tackle deep in the Dutch half.

55' GBR are increasingly worn out and find it more and more difficult to handle the NED's attacks. The NED on the other side seem to just wake up now, and are getting a better grip on the match by the minute.

53' Shot on goal for GBR but it is cleared out to the far right by a NED defender.

**** Goal: Rob RECKERS (FG) ****

51' Another cracking goal for NED. RECKERS finds himself alone near the top of the circle and launches a superb reverse stick hit. 3-0 for NED.

50' NED maintain pressure on the GBR circle but cannot get a shot.

49' Ball into the circle from TAEKEMA but HAWES stops and passes out where S. MANTELL clears.

- 48' It is still raining heavily, which has brought the temperatures down further, which seems to help the etams and make the game more attractive.
- 47' Free hit for GBR 5m outside the circle. R. MANTELL hits it in, and it is deflected off a GBR stick but ends up slightly wide.
- 46' Circle penetration from GBR but a sloppy pass back from the base line is intercepted by a NED defender.
- 44' Another shot on goal from Jeroen HERTZBERGER, reverse stick from the left, but the ball is high and wide.
- 43' GBR seem to be getting a bit desperate, and their efforts are more and more erratic, against a Dutch side that is now continuously growing stronger. NED maintain a slow but steady pace and make it harder and harder for the increasingly exhausted Brits to keep up.

**** Goal: Ronald BROUWER (FG) ****

- 39' Magnificent goal from Ronald BROUWER from a situation that did not even seem dangerous. A bouncy ball comes into the circle and BROUWER hits it into the roof of the goal with a reverse stick swing, leaving FAIR without any chance to react.
- 36' The rain has started now, and is coming down hard.
- 36' GBR are anxious to get playing again. They are in the huddle already, as the Dutch only just come off the bench.
- 35' The teams enter half-time at 0-1 for NED. The Dutch are a bit lucky to be up one goal however, as GBR have been the more active side so far, and have had more shots on goal. NED appear sluggish and not very convincing. It will be interesting to see if OLTMANS' side can step up their game to the usual level in the second half, while GBR will hope to be able to keep up the pace and get the elusive equalizer.
- 35' MOORE enters the ball, GARRARD stops, MARSDEN steps over the ball as it is laid off to the left but doesn't get far. GARRARD tries to salvage the opportunity and passes into the circle. A shot on goal follows, and after a number of touches from both sides, the ball ends up in the net. Umpire TAYLOR judges it hit MIDDLETON's leg before crossing the line however, and it is no goal.
- 35' Regulation time has ended as the whole GBR team gather around the circle.
- 35' PC for GBR. First PC of the match.
- 34' GBR pressure for a first half equalizer but cannot get through the NED defense. A hard hit into the circle from the far left almost finds TINDALL diving in but he cannot quite get to it.
- 33' Nice reverse stick shot from Jeroen HERTZBERGER from the middle of the circle, but FAIR saves well.
- 31' Free hit for NED from the edge of the circle but a GBR defender stops the hit and sets off on a run into midfield. He does not get further than that however, turning the ball over to NED again.
- 30' Shot on goal from the middle of the circle for NED. The ball is slightly wide.
- 29' Clouds are moving in now and the temperature has dropped noticeably. Thunder claps herald an impending cloudburst.
- 28' GBR definitely look the more energetic side now, as NED appear sluggish and make a lot of mistakes on basic stopping and passing.
- 26' GBR are on a roll. MOORE gets into the circle again and tries to find an opening for the reverse stick hit but BOERMA intervenes and the ball goes out to the far side.
- 25' Long corner for GBR. MOORE and MIDDLETON pass the ball back and forth until they find TINDALL in the middle of the circle. He launches a direct shot at knee height but

VOGELS saves well.

- 23' Free hit for GBR near the circle. MOORE passes the ball back to midfield, and on a second attack attempt, the ball is lost to NED. A counter-attack follows, but it also falters far from the circle.
- 22' James TINDALL reaches the circle but is stopped by Geert-Jan DERICKX. GBR have a free hit but nothing comes off it.
- 18' Both teams substitute on a rolling basis, bringing on new players every couple of minutes. This at the moment hinders the game from developing momentum, with confused play and a lack of coordinated actions.
- 17' The game is now mostly stuck in midfield, with the ball going back and forth a lot, but neither team can create danger.
- 14' Green card for Richard ALEXANDER after a bad tackle in midfield.
- 9' First substitutions for NED, bringing on Floris EVERS, Rob DERICKX, and Timme HOYNG.
- 8' GBR are doing the bigger part of the work in this match so far. The Brits do a lot of running, while the NED seem to still be finding their feet. It remains to be seen whether GBR can keep up the hefty pace they have been going at.
- 6' Some early substitutions for GBR, bringing on a new forward line with Richard ALEXANDER, Matt DALY and Niall STOTT.
- 4' Ashley JACKSON wins a free hit for GBR from the edge of the circle. HAWES gives him the ball with a short pass, and JACKSON tries to weave his way through - or at least find the foot. Neither happens, and NED win the ball.

**** Goal: Teun de NOOIJER (FG) ****

- 2' But NED are unimpressed - after a nice run down the far right, de NOOIJER hits a flat ball from a narrow angle, and the ball finds the net behind James FAIR.
- 1' GBR have the first circle penetration. Guus VOGELS parries a a long hit into the circle, Barry MIDDLETON goes for the rebound but it is high and wide.
- 0' Despite the cloudy sky, the temperature is around 30 degrees. Combined with extreme humidity, the conditions will be a real challenge for the players. For this reason, FIH has allowed each team a contingent of 18 players for each match, so that there are seven substitutes on either bench.
- 0' Welcome to the first match of the Samsung Champions Trophy, where Great Britain take on the current CT title holders Netherlands. The umpires for this match are Gary SIMMONDS (RSA) and Simon TAYLOR (NZL).