



2007 Samsung Champions Trophy - Men
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18:35

Great Britain 0

Germany 4

70 End of Match. GBR have not been able to seriously challenge the World Champions today, and have been unable to score in their second match in a row. GER have thus recorded two wins in this tournament, as have the NED.

70 GOAL for GER. Using the Brits' fading energy, WITTHAUS puts away a last minute goal to take the total tally to four. GBR have now lost both their first two matches by this scoreline.

67 GBR pressure the GER circle now and have several shots on goal. The always strong GER defense however keeps them at bay, unwilling to concede a goal in this match.

66 Reverse stick attempt from S. MANTELL, but SCHULTE saves well.

65 Free hit for GBR high up in the GER half. A good ball from R. MANTELL is deflected up towards the roof of the goal but goes high over the crossbar.

65 Yellow card for Florian KELLER after a tackle in midfield.

63 The flick hits ALEXANDER square on the knee from close range. Time is stopped and he leaves the field. GBR are awarded the ball.

62 KORN wins a PC for GER.

61 Now three goals down, the Brits look deflated. While still playing to get at least one goal, a lot of their earlier enthusiasm has vanished.

58 GOAL for GER. Keller lays off for MONTAG, McGREGOR saves a first try and a rebound, but cannot ward off NEVADO's hit from the edge of the circle. 3-0 for GER.

57 Another low ball from KELLER. It is deflected and wide. A second PC is awarded.

57 PC for GER.

56 GER are playing an easy game now, not exhausting themselves too much but doing the necessary. GBR do a lot of running but lack effectiveness.

53 Free hit for GBR just outside the circle. R. MANTELL's hit is deflected high. SCHULTE saves, but accidentally more than anything else.

51 The game is getting increasingly physical now. No cards have been shown in the last few minutes, but there have been a number of harsh tackles and clashes.

47 GER are really taking control now. GBR find it harder and harder to challenge the GERs.

42 Richard MANTELL's flick is wide to the left.

42 PC for GBR.

- 39 Green card for Rob MOORE after a harsh tackle on Moritz FÜRSTE. FÜRSTE leaves the field shortly after.
- 38 GOAL for GER. After an interception in midfield, GER get into the circle. Matthias WITTHAUS uses the opportunity wisely, and GER are two goals up.
- 36 Play resumes in this match between GER and GBR. GBR once more go for slow buildups but still find it hard to find a way past the GER.
- 35 Half-time. GER have been the better team but have not been as superior as one might have expected. Markus WEISE 's team have had the better chances but have eventually been lucky to get a late goal in after many missed chances.
- 34 GBR try to carefully build around the back but find no way through the tight GER ranks.
- 32 GOAL for GER. The flick from Sebastian DRAGUHN finds the back of the net, reached by McGREGOR but only to be deflected, and GER are in the lead.
- 31 PC for GER.
- 29 Free hit for GBR just outside the circle. The ball goes in and is deflected high, ending up in the net. A large group of school children in the stands to support GBR erupts in cheers, but umpire SINGH deems it no goal as the ball has come off a GER stick.
- 27 A variation with flickers KELLER and MONTAG stepping over the ball for Timo WESS to push it towards the right post where KORN is waiting. KORN misses it narrowly and the ball is wide.
- 26 FÜRSTE wins a PC for GER.
- 23 GER are still dominating this match but cannot score. GBR on the other hand have find it much harder to get close to the GER circle but look more dangerous when they do.
- 20 A sloppy pass from JACKSON in midfield gives the ball to GER, and they set off on a fast counter, but on the back line, WITTHAUS eventually loses the ball.
- 18 And there it is as Jonty CLARKE breaks through but the GER defense intervenes before he get in a shot on goal.
- 15 GBR are consolidating their efforts now and are starting to offer better resistance to their World Champion opponent. They have yet to record the first circle penetration however.
- 12 Another attack from GER. KELLER runs down the left, gets into the circle, but the reverse stick scoop is wide.
- 11 KELLER goes for a low ball to the left side of the goal but it is slightly wide.
- 10 Oliver KORN wins a PC for GER.
- 8 Great ball across the GBR circle after a free hit on the far left. NEVADO, standing close to the right post, misses it narrowly.
- 7 GER also perform their first substitutions, on come KELLER, KORN, HAUKE, and EMMERLING.
- 5 GBR are the first to substitute, with CLARKE, DALY and DICK coming in as a new forward line for S. MANTELL, TINDALL, and MOORE.
- 4 GER get into the circle, and MONTAG 's hit towards is deflected but wide.
- 2 GER pressure high up early playing their usual structured and well coordinated game.

- 0 In yesterday's first round of play, Germany recorded a 5-2 win over Pakistan, while Great Britain could not avoid defeat by the Netherlands (0-4).
- 0 Germany's debutant Oliver Korn scored twice for Germany to help them secure a 5-2 victory over Pakistan on matchday 1. Korn became the first player since New Zealand's Bevan Hari in 2004 to score two goals in his Champions Trophy debut match. Korn also became the first German player since Christopher Zeller in 2005 to score at least once on his Champions Trophy debut.
- 0 Germany have collected 8 overall Champions Trophy victories. Last year Germany claimed the silver medal at the Champions Trophy.
- 0 This is Great Britain's first CT participation since 2000, when they finished sixth and last. Britain's best ranking at a Champions Trophy tournament is second in 1985.
- 0 Today's pitch 2 match is between Germany and Great Britain. Germany are unbeaten against Great Britain in 11 previous Champions Trophy encounters - they recorded 8 wins and 3 draws. Their last Champions Trophy encounter came in 2000, when the Germans recorded a 4-0 victory over Great Britain. The last time Germany failed to beat Great Britain was in 1986 when the match ended 1-1.