



2007 Samsung Champions Trophy - Men
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Australia 1

Great Britain 0

- 70' The game is over. Eddie OCKENDEN's goal in the 25' was enough for Australia to pick up their third win of this Champions Trophy, but the Olympic Champions have been less than impressive so far.
- 66' The minutes are ticking down, and the AUS siege of the GBR circle remains fruitless, with a lot of incomplete passes spoiling their plays. They are still leading by only one single goal...
- 63' A long run from Matthew NAYLOR earns AUS a free hit at the top of the circle, but the GBR defense manages to clear the ball.
- 62' The game is now mostly confined in the GBR defensive half.
- 60' Nathan EGLINGTON has a good run along the back line but his cross goes in front of the goal without anybody able to put a stick on it.
- 59' A dangerous shot by Travis BROOKS from the right goes just wide.
- 55' Excellent work by Nathan EGLINGTON to penetrate the circle but he is surrounded by GBR defender and cannot pass the ball.
- 52' GBR are using long balls to relieve the pressure on their defense, but they arrive directly on the AUS players who can set-up the next wave of attack.
- 50' The non-goal seems to have woken up the Australians who would like to score an insurance goal, but the GBR defense holds tight so far.
- 48' An AUS free hit is deflected in goal, but the umpire rules that it was hit by a foot first. AUS ask for the video umpiring but the umpire is sure of his first decision.
- 44' The game is not terribly lively and the crowd has trouble getting excited. The organizers have designed a program where schools are supporting designated teams; they show up dressed in their team colors, with banners, etc... and create a good atmosphere in the stadium.
- 41' Jamie DWYER goes for the circle on his own and claims a PC after been tackled, but the umpire thinks otherwise.
- 40' GBR are trying hard at the beginning of this second half but don't seem to find each other well, probably a sign of their lack of collective experience compared to the AUS team.
- 37' Barry MIDDLETON is left unguarded at the top of the circle. The ball is passed back to him from the back line, but his powerful shot goes high in the stands.
- 36' Second half is under way.
- 35' A fairly dull first half ends with a logical advantage for Australia (1-0). Great Britain

showed little in attack, relying too often on individual runs that had little chance to succeed in front of the seasoned Australian defense. Australia created more opportunities with their quick passes but committed too many unusual fouls.

- 29' GBR are relying too much on individual play and cannot really threaten the experienced AUS defense.
- 27' Green card for Grant SCHUBERT (AUS)
- 26' Eddie OCKENDEN's goal is the 400th goal scored by Australia in Champions Trophy history!
- 25' *** GOAL AUS: Eddie OCKENDEN *****
- 25' A long pass by Andrew SMITH from the right, eludes a diving Brent LIVERMORE, but Eddie OCKENDEN behind him deflects the ball in goal.
- 21' Stephen DICK penetrates into the AUS circle, but cannot unleash a shot and runs into Stephen LAMBERT in the AUS goal.
- 19' GBR circulate the ball well in midfield but seem short of options when getting closer to the AUS circle.
- 18' A pass from Travis BROOKS finds Nathan EGLINGTON two meters in front of the GBR keeper, but he cannot control the bouncing ball.
- 16' A good combination of passes between Jamie DWYER and Liam DE YOUNG finds Travis BROOKS alone in front of the GBR keeper but he cannot put his stick on the ball, wasting the first real opportunity of the game.
- 12' AUS has established control on the game, but the pace is slower than in the previous game between Korea and the Netherlands.
- 10' Matthew NAYLOR wrestles the ball from a defender and earns a PC for AUS. The shot is blocked by a defender's foot for another PC. This time, Matthew NAYLOR fakes the shot and AUS tries an option to the post, but it goes wide.
- 7' Jamie DWYER penetrates the circle but his shot is too soft to threaten James FAIR in the GBR goal.
- 6' The game is flowing back and forth, but both defenses are vigilant and passes are intercepted before becoming dangerous.
- 3' Travis BROOKS penetrates the GBR circle, but loses the ball on the back line before being able to cross it.
- 1' The game is under way, with AUS in gold and green, and Great Britain in white shirts. Ben HAWES is wearing the Captain's armband for GBR and Mark KNOWLES for AUS.
- 0' Today, Australia are resting Russell FORD and David GUEST from their 20-player roster, while Great Britain are resting goal-keeper Ali MCGREGOR and James TINDALL.
- 0' With an average age of 27 years Australia are the oldest team at the 2007 Champions Trophy. Brent Livermore is Australia's most experienced player, having collected 278 caps for Australia. At 31 years of age, Brett Garrard is the oldest player in the British squad, and also the most experienced with a total of 255 caps to his name.
- 0' Australia started their 2007 Champions Trophy campaign with a 2-0 win over hosts Malaysia. They then lost to Korea 0-1, the first game in 5 years they failed to score a goal. On Sunday, Australia beat Pakistan 2-1 to collect their second win of the tournament. The British team went down 4-0 in their opening match against the

Netherlands and in their second match against Germany. They then beat Malaysia 3-2 on Sunday to claim their first victory at the 2007 Champions Trophy. With this victory Great Britain's 14 match winless streak at the Champions Trophy came to an end.

- 0' Australia are making their 28th Champions Trophy appearance, only missing out on the 2004 event. They have won the Champions Trophy on eight occasions (as did Germany and the Netherlands), with their last tournament victory in 2005. This is Great Britain's first CT participation since 2000, when they finished sixth and last. Their best ranking at a Champions Trophy tournament is second in 1985.
- 0' Australia are unbeaten in 14 Champions Trophy encounters with Great Britain, recording nine wins and five draws. These teams have last met at Amstelveen 2000, when Australia won the match for fifth place 3-2, after the encounter in the round-robin had ended 3-3.