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Pakistan 2

Malaysia 2

70' Very entertaining game for the large crowd on hand. Despite a wide difference in world ranking, Malaysia fared very well against Pakistan tonight, showing great character to come back from a two goal-deficit at half-time.

69' Both teams had chances in the last minute of play but the score stays at 2-2.

68' The battle is fierce in the last minutes. Ismail ABU has a golden opportunity with a ball on the penalty stroke point but his instant shot goes just wide.

65' The home crowd is chanting in the stands. Both teams want to score another goal for the win.

63' * GOAL MAS: Jiwa MOHAN *****

63' On a quick free hit, Jiwa MOHAN manages to deflect the ball in goal from a tight angle. The game is ties at 2-2.

62' The score is still 2-1 for Pakistan.

61' it takes 3 defenders to stop Ismail ABU in the circle, but he earns a PC. The flick is not strong but eludes the defenders and enters the net. There is some confusion and the umpires request the assistance of the video... The goal is denied amongst pandemonium in the stadium.

57' Yellow card for Megat Azrafiq MEGAT TERMIZI (MAS). It will now be hard for Malaysia with only 10 players.

55' * GOAL MAS: Boon Huat CHUA *****

55' On the next play, MAS earns a PC of their own. Khairulnizam IBRAHIM (PAK) receives a green card for delaying the game too long. He saves the first shot but another PC is given. This time, Boon Huat CHUA makes no mistake to bring back the score at 2-1

54' Under pressure, Baljit Singh CHARUN SINGH lifts a ball in his own circle and concedes a PC. Imran MUHAMMAD tries a low flick but it goes wide.

52' The large contingent of Pakistani fans is very vocal and erupts in loud cheer each time the players in green initiate an attack.

50' Megat Azrafiq MEGAT TERMIZI drills a ball towards the goal but nobody can deflect it.

49' The pace is slowing down a bit, and the game is very much around the midfield with long balls to try and connect with high forwards.

44' Malaysia know that they need a goal quickly to come back in the game and they are trying hard. The PAK defense is stretched but holds well.

42' Kevinder Singh MAKBUL SINGH runs in the left of the circle and his cross hits a PAK

foot for a PC. A clever option finds Azlan MISRON at the post but his deflection is pushed away by a desperate dive of Salman AKBAR in the PAK goal.

40' Green card for Akhtar ALI (PAK)

39' A long high ball nearly reaches Ismail ABU behind the PAK defense, but it is intercepted by Dilawar HUSSAIN.

38' MAS is on the attack but cannot penetrate the PAK circle.

36' Second half is under way. We apologize as some entries of our live commentary appear to have been lost in the first half, including the first Pakistani goal scored by Akhtar ALI on a pass by Shakeel ABBASI.

35' Halftime. Pakistan are leading an entertaining game of open hockey, but Malaysia showed that they can be dangerous and come back in the game.

33' * Goal PAK: Ghazanfar ALI *****

33' Ghazanfar ALI and Waqas SHARIF combine well on the right and earn a PC for a stick tackle. The low shot by Ghazanfar ALI seems slow but eludes Kumar SUBRAMANIAM in the Malaysian goal.

32' On a free hit on the edge of the circle, Ghazanfar ALI drills the ball towards the goal but the MAS defense manages to clear it.

30' Kevinder Singh MAKBUL SINGH runs with the ball in the circle and creates a goal mouth scramble where a PC is called. Baljit Singh SARJAB SINGH's flick is just wide.

25' Ghazanfar ALI tries again to run with the ball but is surrounded by at least 4 MAS defenders and cannot go very far.

19' * GOAL PAK: Akhtar ALI *****

15' Malaysia appear in top physical shape and pressure the PAK ball carrier very quickly.

13' Ghazanfar ALI cleverly plays a free hit to the other side of the circle, but the ball cannot be controlled.

12' A cross by Selveraju SANDRAKASI travels across the circle without been touched.

11' The two teams are playing at full speed and not holding their punches. The umpires have to stop the game to cool the tempers, with a green card to Jiwa MOHAN.

9' On a free hit from just outside the circle, MAS earns a PC. Jiwa MOHAN's flick is deflected high.

5' A long ball for Waqas SHARIF is well intercepted by Kevinder Singh MAKBUL SINGH at the top of the circle.

4' Ismail ABU is running down the left wing but is stopped before reaching the PAK circle.

1' The game is under way in front of an enthusiastic home crowd, Pakistan in dark green and Malaysian in bright yellow. PAK are resting Kamran MUHAMMAD and Afzal MUHAMMAD, while Khairulnizam IBRAHIM and Muhammad Razie ABD RAHIM didn't dress for MAS.

0' Hosts Malaysia are the most inexperienced team in this year's tournament (with an average of 69 caps per player) and the youngest team at an average age of 23. Muhammad Afzal earned his very first cap for Pakistan in the match against Germany on day 1. Mohammad Inayat Ullah made his debut for the National team in Pakistan's

2-0 victory over Spain on day 2. Kamran Muhammad is yet to pick up his first official cap for Pakistan.

- 0' Pakistan started their 2007 Champions Trophy campaign with a 5-2 defeat against Germany. On day 2, they defeated Spain 2-0, and then lost 2-1 to Australia on day 3. Malaysia have so far three straight defeats against Australia (2-0), the Netherlands (3-1) and Great Britain (3-2).
- 0' Pakistan are making their 28th Champions Trophy appearance. They are three times Champions Trophy winners (1978, 1980 and 1994). Malaysia's only previous Champions Trophy appearance came in 1993, when they finished sixth on home soil. They recorded one win, one draw and four defeats in six matches; their sole victory came against Spain: 2-1.
- 0' The only previous Champions Trophy meeting between these teams came in 1993 in Kuala Lumpur (2-2). Last September, at the 2007 Asia Cup, the Pakistan-Malaysia match ended 3-3. At the 2002 Asian Games Malaysia beat Pakistan 5-3 to collect the bronze medal.