



2007 Samsung Champions Trophy - Men
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16:05

Great Britain 4

Pakistan 1

- 70' The game ends with a deserved victory and 3 point for GBR. Pakistan started both half well, but were stunned by the quick three goals scored by Great Britain in ten minutes, then never regain any momentum after the rain interruption.
- 68' GBR are circulating the ball in midfield. It appears unlikely that another goal will be scored in this game.
- 66' Imran KHAN is back on the field after his yellow card. PAK still only with ten players.
- 63' With Pakistan two men down, the play is totally in their defensive half. GBR are besieging the circle, but are not in a rush to score any more goals.
- 62' A GBR player is hit in the face by a stick or an elbow. The flow of the game is slow to resume after the rain interruption...
- 61' PAK Captain and goalkeeper Salman AKBAR receives a yellow card, possibly because there were too many players on the pitch. There is some confusion around the Technical Table. Reserve GK Nasir AHMED is now in goal for PAK.
- 60' The GBR defense is well regrouped and not threatened by the PAK individual runs.
- 57' ***** GOAL GBR: Richard ALEXANDER *****
- 57' After some good penetrating work by Ben HAWES, Richard ALEXANDER receives the ball with a lot of room at the top of the circle, his shot in the corner is out of reach for Salman AKBAR in the PAK goal. GBR has re-established a 3-goal lead 4-1
- 54' PAK are relying heavily on Waqas SHARIF or Shakeel ABBASI with high balls on the right wing, but they go deep in the corner and seldom manage to pass the ball back to a partner.
- 53' GBR are playing the free hits around the circle very quickly, consistently surprising the PAK defense that is slow to go into position.
- 52' Yellow card for Imran KHAN (PAK)
- 52' The play is a bit tentative to start while the players are finding their legs again.
- 51' The players are back on the field after a very long rain delay. Pakistan was coming back in the game at beginning of the second half, but the delay might have hurt their momentum.
- 50 ***** PLAY SUSPENDED FOR RAIN *****
- 50 The rain has picked up further, and turned into a rainstorm. Play is suspended as the pitch starts to flood.

49' ***** GOAL PAK: Muhammad IMRAN *****

- 49 GOAL for PAK. Muhammad IMRAN flicks to the top right corner for PAK's first goal of the day.
- 48 Time is stopped for Glenn KIRKHAM who has remained on the ground. He leaves the field.
- 48 PC for PAK.
- 47 PAK get into the GBR circle but cannot make anything off the opportunity.
- 43 It is pouring from a dark grey sky now, and the pitch is getting slower.
- 41 PAK are stronger in this second half and manage to hold up to their opponents, getting in the odd attack while GBR cannot retain or recreate the momentum they built in the first half.
- 39 PAK are at the GBR circle, trying to get on the scoreboard, but the GBR defense stands firm. GARRARD wards off a first attempt, and MARSDEN stops and clears a second. The rain is picking up and continuously getting heavier.
- 37 It has now started to rain here in KL, albeit so far the rain is not too heavy.
- 36 Green card for Sajjad ANWAR after a rough tackle. Niall STOTT, involved in the incident, is also given a green card.
- 35 Half-time. GBR have secured a convincing three goal lead, and look like they will take three points home easily. A curious first half as PAK started stronger but saw roles reversed from one moment to the next, as if something had suddenly broken. GBR took charge and scored three times within ten minutes to go into the break the clear favorite in this match.
- 34 Ashley JACKSON flicks for the roof of the goal, but the ball is deflected over the crossbar.
- 33 PC for GBR.
- 32 Shot on goal from MIDDLETON from the left but AKBAR saves.
- 32 A botched attempt. ALI cannot get the ball off the ground on a dragflick attempt, and DICK intercepts the ball before a shot can be launched.
- 31 Akhtar ALI wins a PC for PAK, the second of the match.
- 25' *** GOAL GBR: Simon MANTELL ***
- 25 GOAL for GBR. GBR attack, long ball into the circle, and Simon MANTELL, standing spot on in front of the goal, deflects the ball, leaving AKBAR without a chance.
- 24 In an unexpected turn of events, GBR have taken charge of the match, while the Greenshirts seem completely without orientation and struggle with being always a step behind.
- 21' *** GOAL GBR: Rob MOORE ***
- 21 GOAL for GBR. PAK leave Rob MOORE with way too much space, and he seizes the opportunity, laying down a great run and slotting the ball past AKBAR into the bottom left corner.
- 18 In the counterattack, Shakeel ABBASI makes a great run into the circle and goes for a fierce reverse stick shot from the edge of the circle. FAIR saves.
- 17 R. MANTELL flicks to the bottom left corner of the goal but AKBAR deflects the shot wide with his stick.

16 GBR are on a roll now, with their PAK opponents bewildered through the goal. PC for GBR.

15' *** GOAL GBR: Stephen DICK ***

15 GOAL for GBR. MIDDLETON passes back from the base line, and Stephen DICK tips the ball in.

13 Richard MANTELL who captains the British side today, launches a high flick but it is deflected high over the crossbar by AKBAR. This has been GBR's 9th PC of the tournament, and they yet have to convert their first.

12 PC for GBR.

11 Good attack from GBR down the right side. Niall STOTT hits the ball across but there are no takers.

9 GBR finally manage to drive their attacks further up the field but they give away the ball too easily.

8 Flick towards the top, just under the crossbar, but FAIR saves well. A PAK player tries to bat it in on the rebound, but the ball is awarded to GBR for dangerous play.

7 PC for PAK.

5 PAK dominate the beginning of the match, keeping play confined to the GBR half of the field for long stretches of time.

1 PAK start the match, Shakeel ABBASI driving the attack forward, and they immediately threaten the GBR goal. The shot is wide.

0 Welcome to the first match of day 5 at the Samsung Champions Trophy in Kuala Lumpur. The temperature is slightly below 30 degrees, but humidity is high today under an overcast sky that seems to promise rain.

0 Pakistan have collected four points from four matches, and are ranked fifth. They lost to Germany (2-5) and to Australia (1-2), but beat Spain (2-0) and draw with host Malaysia (2-2). Pakistan have scored seven goals, six field goals and one penalty corner goal (out of 4 awarded).

0 This is Great Britain's first CT participation since 2000, when they finished sixth and last. After four matches at the 2007 Champions Trophy, Great Britain have recorded one win, against hosts Malaysia on day 3 (3-2), and lost to the Netherlands (0-4), Germany (0-4) and Australia (0-1). They stand in 6th position in the table. Great Britain have scored fewest goals at the tournament (3). They are still to score their first penalty corner goal, having been awarded eight of them.

0 Champions Trophy Head-to-head: Great Britain and Pakistan have met 12 times before at the Champions Trophy, with Pakistan winning eight times and Great Britain only twice. The games in 1985 and 1986 were tied. Pakistan recorded their biggest Champions Trophy win against Great Britain at Karachi 1980 (7-1). The last Champions Trophy encounter between these teams was at Lahore in 1994.