



2007 Samsung Champions Trophy - Men
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Australia 2

Spain 3

- 70 End of Match. AUS - ESP 2-3.
- 70 ESP play for safety, trying to pass time. The seconds run down, and ESP record their first win of the tournament.
- 68 GOAL for AUS. A hit toward the goal is deflected up high but batted in by Nathan EGLINGTON for the elusive second goal for the Kookaburras. AUS are one goal down with 2 minutes to go.
- 66 AUS have a free hit near the top of the circle but WELLS' ball in is too far to the left and HAMMOND cannot reach it. Instead, a ESP defender intercepts it and clears.
- 65 AUS attack with ever increasing urgency but ESP go all out on defense to hold on to their lead.
- 63 Free hit for AUS near the circle on the far left. DOERNER hits the ball in, but a ESP defender stops it and clears far out through the middle.
- 62 Great opportunity for David GUEST, receiving the ball alone on the edge of the circle on the right side. He tries to take a shot on goal but the ESP defense has already caught up, and he cannot get a good shot. The ball ends up over the back line.
- 61 Greta run from EGLINGTON but R. ALEGRE intercepts his pass to the left.
- 59 Time is stopped for Roc OLIVA who has been hit on the hand by a high hit from close range. He has to leave the field and is replaced by CLAPES.
- 58 AUS get into the circle but lose the ball over the back line. AUS are now desperately pushing for the goal that would get them back in the race.
- 57 FREIXA gets the ball on the edge of the circle to the left of the middle. He pushes it across towards the right post but it is slightly wide.
- 54 After umpire CURRAN has repeatedly warned them and called in captain Kiko FABREGAS from the bench to reprimand him for the conduct of his players, ESP are now trying hard to remain calm. Frequent calls from the bench remind them to not criticize the umpires and stay away from trouble.
- 52 GOAL for ESP. On the counterattack, ESP score! A frenzied run down the field gets them into the circle and Santi FREIXA tips in a ball across. 3-1 for ESP.
- 52 AUS try for a complicated variation but cannot get a shot.
- 51 AUS win their 9th PC of the day.
- 50 With DOERNER off the field, Matt WELLS hits the ball towards the left post but CORTES pulls another great save. CORTES has definitely been one of the key players for ESP today.

- 49 AUS win yet another PC.
- 49 DOERNER flicks again, the ball is deflected up and goes over the crossbar.
- 48 Another PC for AUS.
- 48 DOERNER 's flick is saved by CORTES.
- 47 PC for AUS.
- 46 ESP are back to full strength. CLAPES has entered instead of GARZA who stays on the bench with an injury picked up in the tackle that got him carded. AUS have another shot on goal but it is wide.
- 44 Great run down the right from ARBOS, then along the back line into the circle but the ball back for Kiko FABREGAS is intercepted by DOERNER.
- 43 The momentum has now shifted. ESP are one man down, and AUS are attacking relentlessly, pressuring the ESP defense nearly ceaselessly. ESP need to regroup, struggling after the goal and suspension.
- 41 GOAL for AUS. Luke DOERNER flicks to the left side of the goal, unreachable for CORTES.
- 41 PC for AUS. Yellow card for Rodri GARZA.
- 40 Great shot from De YOUNG but it is wide.
- 39 Execution is slow and AUS intercept the ball.
- 39 SOJO wins a PC for ESP.
- 38 Great touch from FREIXA in midfield, driving the ball forward for TUBAU but he is stopped by an AUS defender.
- 36 The match restarts. AUS have the first dangerous attack but DWYER cannot get in a shot. The ball is awarded to ESP.
- 35 Half-time. Somewhat unexpectedly considering the current table standings, ESP are two goals in the lead in this match, and look well on their way to picking up their first victory of the tournament. The two teams are equal in this match, but ESP have been much more efficient in the exploitation of their opportunities: while ESP converted the only PC they had, AUS had 4 but could not convert 1. Over all in the event, this means that ESP have converted 1 of 8 penalty corners, while AUS have yet to capitalize on a PC - after 19 tries so far.
- 35 HOPKINS hits the second PC towards the left side of the goal, but once more, CORTES saves.
- 35 A first flick is saved by CORTES but a second PC follows.
- 34 PC for AUS.
- 33 GOAL for ESP. A first attack is cleared out, but Santi FREIXA gets it back in from the far right. The hit across ends up in the net, deflected by HOPKINS.
- 32 ESP get themselves under pressure, playing around the back while AUS attack up high. At the last opportunity, ENRIQUE manages to bring the ball up the left side.
- 31 The ball moves up and down the field but neither team is able to create danger.
- 29 ESP get into the circle on a quick counterattack but SALLES and SOJO get into each other 's way and the ball is lost.

- 26 Pushing for the equalizer, AUS get into the circle. The ESP defense stops the ball, and Kiko FABREGAS clears.
- 26 Time is stopped for David ALEGRE who has been hit on the foot from close range. ALEGRE has to leave the field.
- 25 It is starting to rain again. For the time being, the rain is not too heavy but it is picking up. In the distance, there is lightning.
- 23 FREIXA wins a free hit near the circle for ESP. They try to workd their way into the circle but NAYLOR steals the ball from A. FABREGAS and clears to midfield.
- 20 After two matches in teh stands, Maurits HENDRIKS is back on the bench for ESP, and can be heard widely, continuously giving instructions to his players at the top of his voice.
- 20 Shot from the far right from A. FABREGAS but the ball is deflected wide by CLAPES.
- 18 CORTES saves a high flick to the right side of the goal.
- 17 PC for AUS.
- 14 AUS get into the ESP circle but the defense stands firm and clears out to the far left.
- 14 AUS build slowly around the back, but when they get to midfield, OLIVA steals the ball off them. The counterattack falters after a few meters however, and the ball is turned over again.
- 12 Time is briefly stopped for Dean BUTLER wo has been hit on the side of his face by a ball coming up from a stick, but he is ok and play resumes quickly.
- 9 GOAL for ESP. TUBAU deflects a low ball from FREIXA for the first goal of the match and his third of the tournament.
- 9 PC for ESP.
- 8 DOERNER launches a cracking flick to the left side of the goal but CORTES deflects it wide off his glove.
- 7 PC for AUS.
- 6 AUS have a slight upper hand, attacking more and getting closer to the goal. R. ALEGRE clears with a wide shot acrossthe whole field.
- 4 First shot on goal from AUS but CORTES saves and clears without difficulty.
- 3 Both teams are struggling with coordination in the build-up, losing balls easily on sloppy passes. ESP has the first shot on goal. LAMBERT deflects a shot from a narrow angle so it goes wide and out the other side.
- 1 AUS start off with the ball but soon turn it over in the ESP half. ESP ´s first attack sees FREIXA deflect a long ball into the circle for SOJO but he cannot get to it.
- 0 Because of the earlier rain, the match between AUS and ESP starts about 10 minutes late, at 18.45 local time.
- 0 Spain are ranked seventh, with two points from four matches. They have drawn with Korea (2-2) and the Netherland (3-3) and were defeated by Pakistan (0-2) and Germany (1-4). Spain have been awarded seven penalty corners this tournament, but they were all missed. The team ´s topscorer is Edi Tubau, nominee for the WorldHockey Player of the Year award, with two goals, a field goal and a penalty stroke conversion.

- 0 On Monday 3 December, Eddie Ockenden scored the 400th Champions Trophy goal for Australia in the match against Great Britain. It took the Kookaburras 155 matches to reach this milestone. They are the second team to have scored at least 400 goals in the competition, after the Netherlands.
- 0 Despite only scoring 5 goals in 4 matches, Australia are ranked second, having collected nine points: three wins against Malaysia (2-0), Pakistan (2-1) and Great Britain (1-0) and one defeat against Korea (0-1). Australia's five goals have all been scored by different players. Despite having been awarded 15 penalty corners, Australia are yet to score a penalty corner goal in this event however. Australia's defence is the best so far, having conceded only two goals in four matches.
- 0 Champions Trophy Head-to-head: Australia and Spain have met 17 times at the Champions Trophy, Australia winning 11 and Spain two times. Four matches were undecided, including their bronze medal encounter at the 2006 Champions Trophy (2-2). Spain went on to claim the bronze medal, by winning the penalty stroke competition 5-4. Australia suffered their biggest Champions Trophy defeat against Spain at Chennai 1996 (2-5).