



2007 Samsung Champions Trophy - Men
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Malaysia 2

Korea 3

70' The Malaysian players are upset and surround the umpire. Korea had a narrow escape and can consider themselves lucky to salvage three points from these game against a surprising Malaysian team.

69' * GOAL KOR: Hyo Sik YOU *****

69' KOR waste a chance by lifting a free hit in the circle. Nevertheless, on the next attack, Hyo Sik YOU penetrates the circle and beats cleanly the MAS keeper to give a late lead to KOR.

69' Two minutes to go. The crowd is urging the MAS to hold on!

68' Green card to Jong Ho SEO (KOR)

67' For MAS, the best defense is the attack! They carry the ball in KOR territory but lose it.

65' Yellow card for Ismail ABU (MAS). Malaysia now play with only ten players until the end of the game.

65' Jong Bok CHA (KOR) gets a good ball with space in the circle, but misses completely his shot.

64' All the MAS players are in defense to try and salvage the draw. The last 5 minutes will be very long for them.

63' Green card Kevinder Singh MAKBUL SINGH (MAS)

63' Another PC is given to KOR, but denied after intervention by the second umpire.

61' On the second PC, Jong Hyun JANG's flick is deflected wide by the keeper. The score is still 2-2 with 8 minutes to go!

60' The KOR combinations are now flowing fluidly at full speed. On a free hit, a MAS defender lifts the ball high in the air and a PC is blown before anybody could bat it. Jong Hyun JANG's flick is saved by a defender on the line. The umpires request a video decision: another PC is given as the ball hit a defender's foot on the way to goal.

56' MAS players are starting to be tired and their defense is more and more stretched by the incessant KOR attacking waves, forcing them to desperate defensive plays.

55' Dae Keun OH receives another all alone in front of the MAS keeper but cannot control it this time.

54' Green card for Moon Kweon KANG (KOR)

53' * GOAL KOR: Dae Keun OH *****

- 53' From a free hit, Dae Keun OH deflects the ball from close range into the MAS goal to tie the game.
- 51' A fast counter-attack on the left finds Ismail ABU alone in front of the KOR keeper but he cannot control the bouncing ball in first intention and is quickly overwhelmed by the retreating KOR defense before he could adjust a second shot.
- 47' KOR have more possession now and MAS have trouble keeping the ball for long in their counter-attack.
- 46' A good pass by Nam Yong LEE finds Jong Ho SEO at the top of the circle. His powerful shot forces Kumar SUBRAMANIAM to another acrobatic save.
- 44' Jong Hyun JANG is carrying the ball upfield, but twice in a row his passes don't reach anybody and go directly into touch.
- 43' The battle for each ball is furious. The Koreans commit some unusual mistakes under pressure.
- 41' A dangerous run by Nam Yong LEE along the back line is well intercepted by Megat Azrafiq MEGAT TERMIZI.
- 37' KOR is quickly in action. A run by Jong Ho SEO into the circle earn them a PC. Jong Hyun JANG's strong flick is saved by an acrobatic dive by Kumar SUBRAMANIAM in the MAS goal, earning him an appreciative roar from the crowd.
- 36' The second half in under way.
- 35' With the second Malaysian goal, Azlan MISRON became the 50th player to score at least one goal in this Champions Trophy.
- 35' A stunning half of hockey by the Malaysian team, playing way above their ranking in this competition. After going down one goal on another penalty-corner by Jong Hyun JANG, they shocked the Koreans with two quick goals to take the lead 2-1.
- 32' KOR try to use their collective play, but they cannot entangle themselves from the fast and energetic MAS players, who leave them no time or space.
- 30' Some players stop after a confusing phase in the MAS circle, but Kevinder Singh MAKBUL SINGH runs the ball upfield and run along the base line, but the ball is out.
- 27' The crowd is in heaven and cheers loudly. The Koreans look stunned by this turn of event.

25' *** GOAL MAS: Azlan MISRON ***

- 25' Kevinder Singh MAKBUL SINGH earns a free hit close to the circle and plays it quickly towards the goal. The first deflection is saved, but picked up by Azlan MISRON who fires a shot at close range that leaves no chance to the keeper.
- 21' A good run on the base line by Boon Huat CHUA, very active today, finds Ismail ABU with some space in the circle, but his acrobatic shot goes just wide.
- 17' Pushed by their home crowd, the Malaysian players are on fire, but the KOR defense absorbs the pressure with experience.
- 15' Green card Azlan MISRON (MAS)

13' *** GOAL MAS: Selveraju SANDRAKASI ***

- 13' A quick penetration by Kevinder Singh MAKBUL SINGH finds Selveraju SANDRAKASI alone on the left of the circle; his shot on the run leaves no chance to the keeper.

Malaysia tie the game, much to the pleasure of the crowd.

- 11' MAS earn a PC signalled by the second umpire. Jiwa MOHAN's flick is barely saved by Dong Sik KO in the Korean goal.
- 9' With a goal in hand, Korea now have a good grasp on the game. They take their time circulating the ball in the backfield.

6' * GOAL KOR: Jong Hyun JANG *****

- 6' On the counter, attack, Korea earns a PC. They have converted 4 out of 7 penalty corners awarded so far in this competition (57%). Jong Hyun JANG doesn't falter and scores his 6th goal of the tournament, opening the scoring for KOR.
- 5' A MAS free hit rebounds on the keeper. Kevinder Singh MAKBUL SINGH collects the ball with his back to the goal and manages to unleash a shot that is barely saved by the keeper.
- 4' Good penetration by Woon Kon YEO (KOR) but his winger misunderstands him and the pass goes out.
- 2' The first attack is for MAS by Boon Huat CHUA. A shot hit the Korean post, but it was from outside the circle anyway.
- 1' The game is under way, in front of a large home crowd.
- 0' Today, Korea are resting Eun Seong HONG and Jae Won LEE from their 20-player roster, while goal-keeper Khairulnizam IBRAHIM and Hafifahafiz HANAFI didn't dress for Malaysia. Malaysian player Azlan MISRON picked up his 150th cap on Monday in the game against Pakistan.
- 0' Malaysia's five goals scored at this tournament have been scored by five different players. Korean Jong Hyun JANG scored a hat-trick in the win against the Netherlands, with one field goal and two penalty-corners. He tops the goal scorer list with five goals (four penalty corner goals and one field goal) after day 4.
- 0' On Monday, Korea recorded their biggest ever Champions Trophy victory, beating the Netherlands 6-2, with 5 goals scored in the last 15 minutes! They have collected seven points from four matches (2 wins, 1 draw and 1 loss) and stand third in the table. Malaysia drew with Pakistan (2-2) on Monday to earn their first point in this CT, after losses to Australia (0-2), the Netherlands (1-3) and Great Britain (2-3).
- 0' This will be the first ever Champions Trophy encounter between Malaysia and Korea. At Kuala Lumpur 2007, Malaysia are only recording their second CT participation and Korea their sixth. The teams recently played each other at this year's Asia Cup, with a narrow win for Korea (2-1). The two teams have played each other once in a World Cup (2002, Korea beat Malaysia 2-0) and once in the Olympic Games (1996, Korea beat Malaysia 4-2).