



2007 Samsung Champions Trophy - Men
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16:05

Australia 3

Netherlands 3

- 70' Netherlands are a bit unlucky to only get one point for their domination. The ranking is unchanged for the teams: AUS stays in front of NED by one point.
- 70' NED earns a last PC with 20 seconds on the clock. They have a great chance to grab the win! Taeke TAEKEMA's first flick is saved by the keeper, but the ball goes high and another PC is whistled. This time, the ball is cleanly saved and the game ends on tied score 3-3.
- 69' The game is contained in the AUS 25 but it seems unlikely that NED will manage to beat the regrouped AUS defense.
- 68' A free hit by Jeroen DELMEE in the circle goes directly to the AUS defense and the ball is cleared.
- 67' NED are pushing hard to reap the benefits of their efforts. It rains again heavily and the ball is slowed down.
- 66' For NED, the game shapes up like yesterday against GER: they have most of the plays but are facing the prospect to share the points with less than 5 minutes to go.
- 63' *** GOAL AUS: Luke DOERNER *****
- 63' Another PC for AUS. Finally Luke DOERNER slots a low flick in goal. The game is tied at 3-3
- 58' The rain is picking up again...
- 56' Free hit for AUS at the top of the circle. Aaron HOPKINS drills the ball towards the goal and earns a PC. The ball is stopped on the line. AUS are very inefficient on their PC: they have only scored one out of 25 attempts in this competition.
- 54' AUS is leaving plenty of space to NED in midfield to initiate their runs, but wait for them solidly in the 25.
- 52' Rob RECKERS runs towards the circle, fakes a pass then run into the circle. He is tackled illegally just when he is shooting and earns a PC. Taeke TAEKEMA's low flick is saved.
- 49' NED carry the ball efficiently up to the circle, but the experienced AUS defense is absorbing well the pressure and do not give away any opportunity to shoot on goal.
- 49' NED have the upper hand. Floris EVERS penetrates the circle and manages to pass to Rob RECKERS but his deflection is inches wide.
- 48' NED score a goal but the umpire deems that it was touched only by an AUS defender. The NED players are upset but the umpire doesn't bulge.
- 45' NED are trying to penetrate the AUS circle with the ball but cannot beat the well

regrouped AUS defense.

44' Jeroen HERTZBERGER runs the ball on the left but his through ball is not going to anybody and is lost.

39' * GOAL NED: Matthijs BROUWER *****

39' A through ball finds Matthijs BROUWER alone on the left of the circle. He has plenty of time to turn around and adjust a shot that leaves no chance to Stephen LAMBERT in the AUS goal. NED is back in the lead 3-2

38' First opportunity for AUS in the NED with another loose ball in front of Guus VOGELS in goal, but the ball is cleared.

36' Game is under way in the second half.

35 Half-time. AUS and NED are evenly matched opponents in this match, and play so far is promising an interesting second half, as both teams need the points from this encounter for their bid for the final.

33' * GOAL AUS: OCKENDEN *****

33 GOAL for AUS. AUS get into the circle and again, the ball is lost in a pile of people, and then emerges on the left side. OCKENDEN hits it in for the equalizer. There is a bit of confusion, and umpire CURRAN consults the video umpire, but the goal stands. 2-2.

31 Long corner for AUS. BROOKS dives in for a cracking hit across from DOERNER but the deflection is deflected again by a Dutch player and is wide.

29' * GOAL NED: Taeke TAEKEMA *****

29 GOAL for NED. With his trademark flick, Taeke TAEKEMA puts the ball away into the top left corner of the goal. NED are in the lead again, 2-1.

28 PC for NED.

26' * GOAL AUS: Russel FORD *****

26 GOAL for AUS. After a free hit, AUS get into the circle but cannot find an opening for a while. The ball gets caught in a cluster of players, and suddenly emerges on the left where Russel FORD stands and reacts well, batting it into the net for the equalizer.

26 AUS attack down the far left. FORD plays into the circle for EGLINGTON, but TAEKEMA can intercept the ball and avoid the danger.

22 Superb play from NED. Geert-Jan DERICKX goes down the left, with an excellent eye for the opening sees de NOOIJER on the other side, and makes the perfect pass across. De NOOIJER tries for a shot from the edge of the circle but LAMBERT saves well.

20 AUS are still attacking much but are having severe difficulties to get dangerous. NED have taken to more patiently waiting for their opportunities.

17 Counterattack down the right side by NED after Wouter JOLIE has intercepted a ball in midfield. De NOOIJER passes for HOFMAN in the circle, and HOFMAN tries to get in a shot, but LIVERMORE takes the ball off him.

15 High aerial ball from DWYER for OCKENDEN deep in the NED half. OCKENDEN reaches it but is stopped by van der HORST.

13 Good opportunity for AUS. A long pass from the far left goes through the circle. Travis

BROOKS, near the right post, slides in but misses it narrowly.

10' *** GOAL NED: Jeroen HERTZBERGER ***

- 10 GOAL for NED. AUS turn over the ball in midfield and Jeroen HERTZBERGER and Rob RECKERS set off on a quick run towards the AUS goal, catching their opponents off guard. RECKERS runs through the middle, passes to HERTZBERGER on the right, HERTZBERGER takes to steps in and launches a hard diagonal hit towards the left bottom corner of the goal. It is 21-year-old HERTZBERGER 's first international goal. NED leads 1-0.
- 8 Another opportunity for AUS, a hard shot from the top of the circle but VOGELS takes it in the middle of his chest, and a NED defender clears.
- 6 NED use slow buildups, playing around the back a lot, while AUS mostly look for the opportunity for the quick break on a counterattack. So far, this is working well for them, NED have the far bigger percentage in ball possession, but AUS are much more dangerous. EGLINGTON for NAYLOR but the shot is wide.
- 4 First shot on goal for AUS. DWYER plays into the circle for SCHUBERT, and SCHUBERT hits the ball towards the goal. It almost passes underneath the struggling Guus VOGELS, but at the last moment, he does get it under control and pushes it away from the goal.
- 1 NED get under pressure immediately as Australia attack aggressively. AUS almost capitalize on some indecision by Robert van der HORST in the middle of the circle, but eventually, van der HORST is able to clear.
- 1 It is still raining, but not as heavily anymore. The pitch is now playable but still noticeably slower than usual.
- 1 With a delay of an hour due to the heavy rain in Kuala Lumpur, the match between Australia and the Netherlands gets underway.
- 0 The match is currently expected to start at 17:05 local time. The teams have started warming up on the field.
- 0 It is raining heavily in Malaysia, and it seems doubtful whether this first match of the day can be started on time. The official starting time is currently still 16:05 local time, and we will provide the latest info as it becomes available.
- 0 Taeke Taekema is top scorer of the Dutch team in Champions Trophy history with 35 goals. He is second on the all-time Champions Trophy top scorer list trailing Pakistan's Sohail Abbas by five goals.
- 0 The Dutch team are with 8 points currently 4th in the table, having recorded two wins against Great Britain (4-0) and Malaysia (3-1), two draws with Spain (3-3) and Germany (3-3) and a defeat to Korea (2-6). The Netherlands have scored 15 goals in their five 2007 Champions Trophy matches, 12 field goals and three penalty corner goals.
- 0 Australia are currently ranked third in the tournament, having collected nine points from five matches. However, Australia have only scored seven goals (by six different players), and have only converted one of 24 penalty corners awarded.
- 0 Champions Trophy Head-to-head: This match marks the 29th Champions Trophy clash between Australia and Netherlands. Australia have won 16 encounters, the Netherlands have won nine. The teams have split the points three times, including their last encounter at Terrassa 2006 (1-1). Australia's biggest defeat against the

Netherlands came in 2002 (1-6). The Netherlands suffered their biggest defeat at Karachi 1980, when Australia won 7-3. Australia are unbeaten against the Netherlands since the 2003 Champions Trophy final.

- 0 Today's match between Australia and the Netherlands is a milestone encounter: it is the 500th match in Champions Trophy history.