



**2007 Samsung Champions Trophy - Men**  
**Thursday 6 December**  
**18:35**

**Spain 5**

**Great Britain 0**

- 70 End of the Match. ESP record a well-deserved win and make an important step towards the bronze medal match. GBR did not have to offer much in this rain-soaked encounter, and could never put ESP under much pressure. ESP 5, GBR 0.
- 69 GBR lose the ball on one of their last attacks. ESP set off on an attack, but immediately lose the ball back to the Brits.
- 68 Free hit for ESP just outside the circle. GARZA hits it towards the near post, and the ball goes through everyone, and ends up in goal without having been touched in the circle.
- 67 Both teams have lost their enthusiasm in the still pouring raining, and are listlessly passing the last few minutes of this encounter.
- 64 GOAL for ESP. The ball is laid off to Albert SALA under Victor SOJO. SALA hits it towards the goal, MCGREGOR wards the shot off but the rebound falls to SOJO who makes no mistake. ESP 5, GBR 0.
- 63 Marc SALLES wins a PC for ESP.
- 59 R. MANTELL plays a low ball but CORTES saves. The ball is out over the base line.
- 58 Free hit for GBR near the circle. R. MANTELL drills it in, PC for GBR.
- 57 Time is stopped for Simon MANTELL, on the ground in midfield. Again, play resumes quickly.
- 56 Time is stopped for Richard MANTELL, down on the ground on the far right side of the field, but he does not require treatment and play quickly resumes.
- 54 GOAL for ESP. Fabulous run through the middle from Edu ARBOS. He runs into the circle, drifts off to the right, then hits the diagonal ball into the bottom left corner. Spain 4, Great Britain 0.
- 51 GBR try for a complicated variation, but cannot get in a shot on goal.
- 49 TINDALL wins a PC for GBR.
- 46 GOAL for ESP. HAWES sloppily misses an easy ball in midfield, giving the ball to TUBAU. TUBAU runs down the left, then makes the clever pass towards the goal, where Ramon ALEGRE has come dashing in. ALEGRE slides and pushes the ball over the line behind MCGREGOR. ESP are 3-0 up now.
- 42 ESP coach Maurits HENDRIKS is loudly yelling to his players for them to use short passes and avoid the long balls that inevitably falter due to the water on the pitch.
- 39 The match is deteriorating quickly now, both teams are finding it harder and harder to string together more than two or three passes.

- 38 Green cards for Niall STOTT and Ramon ALEGRE.
- 36 From the middle, GBR attack. DICK passes back from the base line for STOTT but his shot is deflected wide. Another shot follows immediately, but again, it is deflected wide.
- 36 The second half of the match between ESP and GBR takes off, still under heavy rain.
- 35 Half-time. The first half winds down without further highlights, and the teams go into the break at 2-0 for ESP.
- 33 ESP play around the back. Jonty CLARKE chases the ball passing between RIBAS, GARZA and ENRIQUE, hoping for a mistake, but the ESP defense is too experienced to give the ball away that easily.
- 31 The match has hit a slow patch, both teams trying to hold the ball rather than risking too much.
- 28 ESP attack down the left, fantastic stick work from Victor SOJO, he gets into the circle after a double pass but his shot hits the outside of the goal only.
- 24 GOAL for ESP. Fantastic goal from Santi FREIXA. A solo run through the middle sees him get to the circle. Falling and sliding along the ground already, he still manages to touch the ball and tip it past McGREGOR who has come out to near the top of the circle and can now only watch it hit the backboard far behind him.
- 22 GOAL for ESP. Santi FREIXA hits the ball towards the left post, and Ramon ALEGRE pushes it past McGREGOR on the second try. ESP are in the lead 1-0.
- 21 PC for ESP.
- 21 Play changes direction frequently as both teams lose the ball often, constantly underestimating how much the large amount of water on the pitch slows it down.
- 19 Great long ball from ENRIQUE for FREIXA in the circle, but FREIXA cannot control it and loses it over the base line.
- 16 ENRIQUE turns over the ball too easily in midfield, overestimating the speed at which he can hit it across. DICK sets off with the ball for what could be a very dangerous attack, but he hits GARZA on the knee with his stick as he passes him. GARZA falls and the ball is awarded to GBR.
- 15 The rain has gotten heavier, and play has slowed down further. Both teams are struggling with the conditions.
- 12 ESP penetrate the GBR circle from the far right but the ball is awarded to GBR for shielding.
- 10 While GBR have rolled through their first set of substitutions, ESP are bringing in their first players from the bench now.
- 9 GBR manage to get into the circle but the ESP defense stands firm.
- 8 Play flows back and forth, with ESP still having slight advantages, but both teams' attacks mostly falter far from the circle.
- 6 Free hit for GBR near the circle. Jonty CLARKE hits the ball diagonally across for the left post. The ball ends up in goal but has not been touched by an attacker in the circle.
- 5 ESP have the first shot on goal after an attack down the right. TUBAU gets into the circle and launches a hard shot but it hits the outside of the goal only.

- 4 ESp have slight advantages, controlling the ball better but so far, neither team has been able to create real danger.
- 3 The pitch is very wet and thus slow, and the players struggle with sudden stopping and starting or changes in direction.
- 1 It is still raining heavily as the match on pitch 2 gets underway. ESP start off with the ball.
- 0 Santi Freixa's two goals against Australia lifted his all-time Champions Trophy total to 23. Only Xavi Arnau has scored more Champions Trophy goals for Spain (26).
- 0 Great Britain are ranked 5th, having recorded two wins, against hosts Malaysia (3-2) and Pakistan (4-1), and defeats against the Netherlands, Germany, and Australia. This is Great Britain's first CT participation since 2000, when they finished sixth and last. Their best ranking at a Champions Trophy tournament is second in 1985.
- 0 Spain are ranked sixth, with five points from five matches. They had drawn with Korea (2-2) and the Netherland (3-3) and were defeated by Pakistan (2-0) and Germany (4-1), before collecting their first win against Australia (3-2) on Wednesday. Spain have scored one out of nine penalty corners awarded at this tournament.
- 0 Champions Trophy Head-to-head: This match between Spain and Great Britain marks their ninth Champions Trophy encounter. Spain have won four of the previous encounters, Great Britain being victorious in two matches. The two teams last met at Amstelveen 2000, with Spain recording their biggest CT win over Great Britain (5-1). Great Britain's biggest win in Champions Trophy history came against Spain (5-1) at Amstelveen 1987.