



**2007 Samsung Champions Trophy - Men**  
**Thursday 6 December**  
**20:05**

**Germany 3**

**Malaysia 2**

70' Germany logically takes the three points, but they had to fight hard to keep their lead in front of a spirited Malaysian team that engineered a spectacular comeback with two late goals.

70' MAS push hard but cannot come close to the GER circle.

69' GER try to keep control of the ball in the backfield.

65' The crowd that stayed in the rain is rewarded by the spirited comeback of the home team.

64' In a confusing play in the circle, the ball somehow arrives at Jivan MOHAN with the GER defense in disarray, but his shot is wide.

**62' \*\*\* GOAL MAS: Ismail ABU \*\*\***

62' On a free hit by Azlan MISRON, the rebound from the keeper comes to Ismail ABU. He bats the ball in goal from close range. #-2 for GER.

60' Ten minutes to go. Yellow card to Florian KELLER (GER) for playing the ball with his stick high above his head.

57' Tengku A.T. TENGKU ABDUL JALIL finds Mohd Madzli Ikmar MOHD NOR with a long ball across the field. The combination with Ismail ABU in the back of the GER defense earns a PC. Christian SCHULTE in the GER goal saves Jiwa MOHAN's flick and a shot on the rebound.

**53' \*\*\* GOAL MAS: Selveraju SANDRAKASI \*\*\***

53' At the end of a long run, Ismail ABU finds Selveraju SANDRAKASI who pivots to shake his marking and adjust a shot that leaves no chance to Christian SCHULTE.

51' Nabil Fiqri MOHAMAD NOR manages to go around Maximilian MUELLER but loses his stick.

49' Moritz FUERSTE receives the ball deep in the circle but shoots it wide and high.

48' On a free hit, Mohd Shahrul Nabil ABDULLAH dives for the ball at the second post behind Christian SCHULTE but misses it by inches.

47' Green card for Timo WESS (GER) for rough play.

47' PC GER. Florian KELLER's flick is deflected.

46' It is raining harder and harder now...

44' PC for MAS: Engku Abd Malek ENGKU MOHAMAD shoots the ball directly; it goes in the goal but above the backboard.

- 44' Ismail ABU runs the ball 50 meters to the top of the circle and earns a free hit. Umpire Simon TAYLOR (NZL) is injured and is replaced by Satinder KUMAR (IND). On the free hit, the ball hits a GER foot: PC for MAS.
- 39' Mohd Shahrul Nabil ABDULLAH is fighting with the GER keeper and two defenders in the goal mouth but the ball goes out.
- 38' Benjamin WESS receives the ball alone in the circle, pivots and unleashes a shot well saved by a diving Khairulnizam IBRAHIM in MAS goal.

**36' \*\*\* GOAL GER: Matthias WITTHAUS \*\*\***

- 36' Matthias WITTHAUS doesn't waste any time. He receives a ball on the left of the keeper and fouls him by slotting the ball on the right post. 3-0 for GER
- 36' Game is under way in the second half. Rain has also started again...
- 35' Another spirited display from the home Malaysian team, not impressed by the status of their opponents. Germany are logically leading by two goals, but are having a tough time settling down their game against the fast Malaysian players.

**35' \*\*\* GOAL GER: Florian KELLER \*\*\***

- 35' With the clock ticking down towards half-time, GER earn another PC. The PC is played again for early running by MAS. Florian KELLER slots his flick low in the corner to increase the lead to 2-0.
- 33' Ismail ABU gives hope to the crowd by stealing a ball from the GER defense and running toward the circle, but he is caught up before entering the circle for a shot.
- 32' Oliver KORN runs alone towards the circle but cannot beat the defender one on one.
- 29' Azlan MISRON runs deep in the circle and nearly reaches the GER keeper but is dispossessed before been able to shoot.
- 28' GER are now taking their time to build the game in midfield.

**24' \*\*\* GOAL GER: Florian KELLER \*\*\***

- 24' PC GER for a stick tackle in the circle. It takes a long time for MAS to go into position, but Florian KELLER is unphased and slots the ball high in the goal. GER finally take the lead 1-0
- 23' GER does some unusual mistakes, such as Florian KELLER mis-hitting a free hit at the top of the circle.
- 21' Philip WITTE fouls his marker with a nice pivotal move, but is then caught in the yellow maze and cannot do more than earn a free hit.
- 19' Moritz FUERSTE finds Oliver KORN with some space in the circle, but he bubbles the shot and the ball goes wide.
- 15' Moritz FUERSTE cleverly plays a free hit at the top of the circle when everybody was waiting for it towards the goal, but Matthias WITTHAUS, with finally some space around him, cannot control the ball.
- 14' GER are absorbing well the pressure in defense and try to organize their game in midfield, but they can't find any space amongst the players in bright yellow.
- 12' There is a large crowd on hand despite the late hour, and they appreciate as usual the spirited display of the home team, with plenty of shouting and flag waving.
- 9' Tengku A.T. TENGGU ABDUL JALIL earns a free hit at the top of the circle after a long

run. The ball is drilled towards goal by Mohd Madzli Ikmar MOHD NOR but it doesn't produce anything.

- 6' A turn-over by Tibor WEISSENBORN gives the ball to MAS for a quick and dangerous incursion in the GER circle, but they are pushed aside by the last defenders.
- 4' After 4 minutes in the MAS 25, a quick counter-attack by Jivan MOHAN pushes up the play in the other half of the field for the first time.
- 1' GER are first in action with a pass by Matthias WITTHAUS to Jan Marco MONTAG, but he cannot shoot properly and the ball goes wide.
- 1' The game is under way, one hour late because of a rain delay earlier in the day. It doesn't rain any more, and the pitch has somewhat dried up now.
- 0' Today, Germany will rest Christoph MENKE and goal-keeper Max WEINHOLD from their 20-player roster, while Muhammad Razie ABD RAHIM and Hafifahafiz HANAFI will not dress for Malaysia.
- 0' Matthias WITTHAUS is top scorer of the German squad, having scored four goals this tournament. Oliver KORN has scored three goals in this tournament, his first Champions Trophy.
- 0' On Monday, Malaysia drew with Pakistan (2-2) to win their first Champions Trophy point. Malaysia's seven goals scored at this tournament have been scored by seven different players. They have been awarded 13 penalty corners, but have converted only one. They have also seen 21 penalty corners awarded to their opponents, more than any other team. Only three of these 21 penalty corners against Malaysia were converted.
- 0' Germany have recorded four straight victories and a draw in the 2007 Champions Trophy, beating Pakistan (5-2), Great Britain (4-0), Korea (2-1) and Spain (4-1) and drawing 3-3 with the Netherlands. They are top of the table with 13 points from five matches, having scored 18 goals. Their 18 goals have been scored by nine different players.
- 0' Germany and Malaysia's only previous Champions Trophy encounter came in Kuala Lumpur 1993, when Germany beat the hosts 4-1. In April 2008, these teams will meet again in Kakamigahara, Japan, when they will battle with four other teams (for a spot at the Beijing Olympics).