



**2007 Samsung Champions Trophy - Men**  
**Saturday 8 December**  
**16:05**

**Malaysia 2**

**Spain 7**

70 End of Match. Albeit late in the event, ESP have finally found their form and inflict a heavy defeat on the hosts who had previously not lost by a margin bigger than two goals. For ESP it is the biggest win in Champions Trophy History, equalling the 5 goal margin of their win against GBR a few days ago. Esp have thus done their part to still reach the final, and are now hoping for KOR, AUS and the NED to slip today.

70 ARBOS has another shot on goal, but the ball is deflected high over the crossbar off a defender's stick.

69 Albert SALA flicks but the ball is deflected and far wide.

68 ARBOS wins a PC for ESP.

67 David ALEGRE chases down the ball and deflects the flick after only 2m, and the ball goes out to the far left.

66 PC for MAS.

62 GOAL for ESP. RIBAS low flick is saved but the ball falls to ARBOS who tips it past the goalkeeper. ESP 7, MAS 2.

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59 Attack from MAS down the far right but there is no taker for the last pass forward and the ball goes out over the base line.

57 The frantic pace of the beginning of the second half has subsided, and the two teams are settling into a steady rhythm of back and forth.

56 MAS get into the ESP circle from the right, but cannot get a good shot in.

55 Yellow card for ENGGU MOHAMAD after a harsh tackle on Edi TUBAU in midfield.

48 And yet another opportunity for ESP as Marc SALLES who has only come into the tournament dashes into the circle and launches a hit but it is slightly wide.

47 GOAL for ESP. After a brief lapse, ESP are back in charge. Xavi RIBAS flicks in a low ball for ESP's 6th.

46 PC for ESP.

45 GOAL for ESP. ALEGRE runs into the circle, almost loses the ball that is a fracture too fast, but manages to scoop it over the MAS goalkeeper who is coming crashing out with the tip of his stick. ESP 5, MAS 2.

42 GOAL for MAS. As suddenly as ESP have established their lead, the tide has turned, and MAS put away their second goal in as many minutes as TENGKU ABDUL JALIL runs into the circle, lays off for SANDRAKASI on the left who hits it across towards the far

post.

39 GOAL for MAS. Attack from MAS over the right side. A player gets down to the base line, CORTES comes out to stop him, but cannot prevent the ball from going through under him for Boon Hut CHUA in front of an empty goal. ESP 4, MAS 1.

38 Again, GARZA cannot stop the incoming ball.

38 ESP win another PC.

37 ESP cannot stop the ball, it goes through to the midfield.

37 FREIXA's flick is warded off by the MAS goalkeeper but the ball is dangerous. PC for ESP.

36 From the re-start of the match, ESP directly dash into the circle with some nice double-passing between TUBAU and SOJO. TUBAU wins a PC for ESP.

35 While MAS are already in position, eager to continue play, ESP take their time, keeping up the huddle as everyone else looks on.

35 Half-time. Without much further ado, the clock winds down and the two teams leave for the changing rooms. With a sudden burst of aggressive attacking between the 20th and 26th minute, ESP have built up a 4 goal lead. While they have been the better team in this first half, this scoreline in no way accurately reflects the dimension of their superiority - MAS have played a good game too. They may find it difficult to create danger but are definitely not the walkover opponent that the scoreline suggests.

34 CLAPES gets in a reverse stick shot on goal for ESP but it is wide.

32 MAS substitute their goalkeeper. Kumar SUBRAMANIAM comes in for the unlucky Khairulnizam IBRAHIM.

31 MAS are slowly recovering from the shock of the sudden goal flurry, and are able to penetrate the ESP circle a few times but the experienced ESP defense stops them without much difficulty.

28 Jiwa MOHAN tries for a low hit towards the left side of the goal but CORTES saves easily.

28 PC for MAS.

26 GOAL for ESP. MAS are unable to contain the Spanish who run rolling waves of attacks. ARBOS has a shot on goal that is warded off by IBRAHIM but the ball slowly rolling back towards the circle line finds TUBAU come crashing in for the rebound, scoring his fifth goal of the tournament.

25 GOAL for ESP. The spell is broken, and ESP pile on goals at will. Edi TUBAU puts away ESP's third.

23 GOAL for ESP. A long hit from Santi FREIXA towards the goal finds Victor SOJO in the middle of the circle. SOJO deflects the ball to the left and up for ESP's second goal.

20 GOAL for ESP. A great long ball from midfield finds David ALEGRE in the circle. He breaks away from his defender, circling around to the right, then launches a diagonal hit that sees the ball past IBRAHIM and into the net. 1-0 for ESP.

18 ESP still dominate play, but MAS look more dangerous with their sudden changes of pace and direction. ESP are solid in defense and build-up but struggle once they reach the circle area.

- 13 ESP have slight advantages, controlling a large part of ball possession but have difficulty getting close to, let alone into the circle. They are also weary of turning the ball over to avoid the quick counterattacks of MAS that have put pressure on them three or four times already.
- 9 ESP try for a complicated variation but lose the ball on the third pass. On the counterattack, MAS get into the circle but the shot on goal is deflected high and wide.
- 8 David ALEGRE wins a PC for ESP.
- 7 ESP have lodged themselves deep in the MAS half and pressure the circle.
- 5 First shot on goal is for ESP, as Santi FREIXA launches a hit from the far left, but it is saved and cleared without much difficulty by MAS.
- 4 Both teams start cautious and slow, no dangerous situations so far.
- 1 MAS start off with the ball, pull back and play around the back looking for the quick break. They manage to get it with a long ball up the left side for SANDRAKASI, but he cannot do anything with it as the ESP defense quickly intervenes.
- 0 Before the match starts, ESP recognize their players Edu ARBOS and Rodri GARZA with presentations for their 50th and 200th cap respectively.
- 0 Edi Tubau and Santi Freixa are Spain's top scorer with three goals each at Kuala Lumpur 2007. Malaysia's nine goals scored at this tournament have been scored by eight players, Selvaraju Sandrakasi being the only player to have scored twice.
- 0 Spain are ranked fifth, with eight points from six matches. They have to win points from this encounter while hoping for one of the three teams ranked ahead of them to drop points today to keep alive their hopes of playing for a medal tomorrow.
- 0 On Monday, 3 December, Malaysia drew with Pakistan (2-2) to win their first Champions Trophy point in 14 years. This is also their only point in this competition so far. Malaysia is ranked 8th in the tournament.
- 0 Champions Trophy Head-to-head: Spain and Malaysia have met twice before at the Champions Trophy, both times at Kuala Lumpur 1993. Malaysia won the first round encounter 2-1, while Spain claimed the match for the 5th place after a 5-3 win.