



2007 Samsung Champions Trophy - Men
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Netherlands 4

Pakistan 1

- 70 End of match. The last few minutes wind down and the match ends 4-1 for NED. This result pushes KOR out of the final.
- 69 NED are only passing around the back now, no longer making any convincing effort to attack.
- 68 NED are back in attack. They aim to hold the ball to hold on to their three goal lead which - at least until the AUS match - gets them into a spot in the final.
- 66 PAK are now in the NED half and try for the goal but to no avail.
- 63 NED solidly dominate the match now. PAK no longer manage to penetrate the ranks of the Dutch, despite trying.
- 61 GOAL for NED. Taeke TAEKEMA sinks the stroke into the net on the left side of the goal.
- 61 Penalty stroke for NED. After a high shot on goal has been warded off by a PAK defender, MAS umpire SINGH awards a PS. PAK protest but to no avail.
- 59 EVERS attempts to tank his way into the circle, looking for the penalty corner but to no avail.
- 58 Klaas VERMEULEN tries a reverse stick shot on goal but teh ball is high and wide.
- 57 TAEKEMA aims for the top left corner again but the flick is slightly wide.
- 56 PC for NED.
- 55 HERTZBERGER has been very active for NED in the circle in the past few minutes, getting in two nice shots on goal that were saved well by AKBAR.
- 53 NED still do the bigger part of the work in this match but rarely manage to get dangerous.
- 47 HOYNg gets the aerial ball in the circle but cannot control it.
- 47 The match has hit a slump, the pace has slowed down considerably. NED play around the back without PAK attacking up high. NED try to reach their forwards with a high aerial ball to get past midfield where PAK players stand tightly packed.
- 42 Shot on goal for Ronald BROUWER from the left but it is also wide.
- 41 Shot on goal for PAK from a narrow angle from the far right but Waqas SHARIF ´s shot is deflected wide.
- 40 HOYNG tries for a reverse stick shot from the middle of the circle but his stick does not connect properly with the ball and the resulting weak shot is saves and cleared easily by AKBAR.

38 GOAL for NED. This time, TAEKEMA makes no mistake. His flick slots into the top left corner for the 3-1 for NED.

37 Play restarts with NED on the attack. RECKERS wins a PC for NED.

35 Half-time. PAK looked more creative and more dangerous on the occasion in this first half but NED have played efficient hockey and are up 2-1 despite missing out on 3 penalty corners.

35+ Once more, AKBAR wards off the TAEKEMA flick.

35 PC for NED after a ball deflected up has hit ASHRAF in the face. He is ok and play resumes.

35 NEd are dangerous again, getting into the circle but AKBAR clears.

34 PAK try to reach Shabbir KHAN with a high aerial ball but he cannot control it and it goes out.

33 TAEKEMA 's flick is deflected wide by AKBAR.

33 PC for NED.

32 GOAL for NED. Teun de NOOIJER runs into the circle and goes for the reverse stick shot from the left side. The ball crashes into the boards behind AKBAR to give NED the 2-1 lead.

31 Great opportunity for Rob RECKERS. Coming in from the left, he gets the ball through under AKBAR from close range but it is just wide off the far post.

29 TAEKEMA 's flick is saved.

28 PC for NED.

25 NED get to the PAK circle and Ronald BROUWER tries for a reverse stick shot from the top of the circle, but a PAK stick intervenes and he cannot get a shot in.

21 Great run into the circle from Timme HOYNG, outplaying several PAK players, but just as he prepares to launch a shot, Zeeshan ASHRAF takes the ball out from under him.

19 GOAL for PAK. Waqas SHARIF changes the direction of a hit from Abbas HAIDER from the top of the circle with a tip, and makes it unreachable for Guus VOGELS.

19 PAK are the more dangerous team in this encounter. Despite being one goal down, they have had the better opportunities, and have been more successful at creating chances.

16 Free hit for PAK near the circle. Dilawar HUSSAIN for ABBASI but ABBASI 's reverse stick shot is dangerous, and the ball is awarded to NED.

15 GOAL for NED. TAEKEMA flicks to the top left corner of the goal. NED 1, PAK 0.

15 PC for NED.

14 Another attack from PAK. Akhtar ALI tries for the ball across again, but there 's noone there.

13 Great ball across from the far right by Akhtar ALI. ABBASI dives in in front of the goal and deflects it but not far enough for it to end up in goal.

12 HOFMAN gets the ball at the top of the circle off a deflected pass, just inside, but he cannot control the ball and loses it to PAK.

- 10 NED 's young forward line of HERTZBERGER, CASPERS and HOFMAN is aggressively pressuring the PAK defense high up.
- 9 NED are the superior side in this match, holding play in the PAK half for long stretches of time but they find it difficult to create opportunities.
- 8 Time is stopped briefly for a PAK player on the ground in the PAK circle after a clash. Play resumes quickly.
- 3 Despite the Yes! shout of an overenthusiastic supporter, the flick is wide.
- 2 PC for PAK.
- 0 Rob Reckers has scored five goals in this tournament and is only trailing Korea's Jang Jong-Hyun (7 goals) on the top scorer list. Akhtar Ali and Waqas Sharif are Pakistan's top scorers at Kuala Lumpur 2007, having scored three goals each. They are ranked joint fifth at the top scorer list.
- 0 The Dutch team have so far recorded two wins, three draws and one defeat. They are ranked 4th in the table and need to win while hoping for Korea and Australia to drop points in order to reach Sunday 's final.
- 0 Pakistan have collected five points from six matches, and are ranked seventh. They cannot reach the top four in the final ranking anymore, but need points from this encounter to hold on to the possibility of escaping the 7th/8th place play-off.
- 0 Champions Trophy Head-to-head: This match will mark the 32nd Champions Trophy encounter between the Netherlands and Pakistan. The Netherlands have won 18 and Pakistan seven of the previous encounters. Pakistan and Netherlands last met at Terrasa 2006, when Netherlands recorded their biggest overall CT win (9-2). Netherlands are unbeaten against Pakistan in nine successive Champions Trophies. Pakistan's last Champions Trophy win over the Netherlands was in 1998, when they won 5-3.