



2007 Samsung Champions Trophy - Men
Saturday 8 December
20:05

Australia 5

Germany 0

70' End of Match. A surprisingly high margin sees Australia defeat Germany and thus make it to tomorrow's final, where the same two teams will meet again.

70' Shot on goal for GER from the far right but the ball crashes into the outside of the goal only.

68' GER are listlessly passing the ball back and forth, and AUS have also taken to passing around the back a lot when they have ball possession.

64' *** GOAL for AUS: Luke DOERNER ***

64' PC AUS. The scramble their initial combination, manage to shoot on goal then Luke DOERNER manages to bat the ball into the goal.

59' PC GER. The first flick is saved. Oliver HENTSCHEL tries to bat in the rebound but the ball only hits the side of the net.

55' With the large AUS lead, the tempo is abating a bit, although GER would probably like to also score in this game. GER came back from a three goal deficit in the 2006 World Cup Final, but there is no incentive for them to try too hard tonight.

53' Matthias WITTHAUS runs into the circle from the right wing but is tackled illegally and earns another PC for GER. Moritz FUERSTE's shot is in the keepers pads and AUS clears after a goalmouth scramble.

51' *** GOAL AUS: Liam DE YOUNG ***

51' Immediately after, AUS get a PC for a GER foot in the circle. The flick is saved but Liam DE YOUNG is there to pounce on the rebound and open a 4-goal lead.

49' The game is now opening a bit, with more space and time to build the game. Florian KELLER is tackled hard twice while entering the circle and a PC is blown. Florian KELLER's flick is saved and Niklas MEINERT cannot bat the rebound in goal.

44' Mark KNOWLES runs diagonally to the circle, then into the circle, and has time to adjust a shoot, but his reverse shot is not at all on target.

43' A long scoop by Matthew WELLS goes directly to Timo WESS in the GER back defense.

41' If this score line stays, Australia will be in the Final tomorrow against... Germany.

38' *** GOAL AUS: Eddie OCKENDEN ***

38' GER are pinned down in their 25 by the AUS pressure. A long free hit connects with the stick of a diving Eddie OCKENDEN and Australia is up 3-0.

36' A free hit finds Matthias WITTHAUS in a crowded circle but his deflection is wide.

36' Second half under way.

35' Intense first half, although not very exciting for the spectators with the two teams neutralizing each other very efficiently. Australia took full advantage of their opportunities and deservingly go into the break with the lead (2-0)

34' Green card Jamie DWYER (AUS)

33' A hard free hit in the circle earns AUS another PC. Luke DOERNER's flick hits the GER runner.

- 32' AUS are pressing very high to prevent GER to develop their game.
- 32' Green card for Nathan EGLINGTON (AUS)
- 27' PC GER. Sebastian DRAGUHN's flick is not hard enough and deflected by the keeper

25' * GOAL AUS: Travis BROOKS *****

- 25' Another deep ball give trouble to the GER defense. Travis BROOKS takes advantage of a misunderstanding between the goal-keeper and a couple defenders to send the ball in goal for a 2-0 lead.

23' * GOAL AUS: Russell FORD *****

- 23' Liam DE YOUNG receives a ball in the clear and manages to find Russell FORD in the circle. Under pressure, he manages a good shot to open the score.
- 18' Good period of pressure by AUS. There is more in this game for them, as they need to win. From a free hit, Brent LIVERMORE gets the ball on the edge of the circle with just enough space to unleash a reverse shot, but it is wide.
- 17' Another PC AUS. The flick is slow but is barely saved by a defender on the left post. Another PC is blown. This time, Matthew NAYLOR takes his turn flicking, but doesn't give much trouble to Christian SCHULTE.
- 15' Moritz FUERSTE does some good work, with two pivots to elude the defenders, but loses the ball
- 14' A run on the left by Nathan EGLINGTON earns AUS a free hit, then a PC. The shot by Matthew WELLS is on target but deflected by a defender in corner.
- 11' Very tight marking on both sides as soon as the play is in the 25.
- 10' PC for GER. They try an option on the left but Timo WESS' flick goes high in the stand.
- 8' Very long sequence of passing by the Germans, but they stay in midfield and cannot get close to the AUS circle.
- 7' A good cross by Oliver KORN is narrowly missed by Matthias WITTHAUS alone in front of the AUS keeper.
- 6' GER is taking some control now, circulating the ball efficiently in midfield.
- 4' A reverse shot by Tibor WEISSENBORN from the left is well saved by Stephen LAMBERT
- 2' The first minutes are tentative on both sides. Nathan EGLINGTON earns a free hit near the circle, but the hard hit goes directly to Christian SCHULTE in the GER goal.
- 1' The game is under way, AUS is gold and green, GER in red and black. Niklas MEINERT (GER) is reaching 100 Caps today. Jamie DWYER is the Australian Captain, after receiving the 2007 Player of the Year Award earlier in the afternoon.
- 0' After the previous results of the day (Korea draw with Great Britain, and Netherlands win over Pakistan), Australia needs to win to make it to the Final. Anything else (draw or win for Germany) would send the Netherlands to the Final.
- 0' Today, Australia will rest Andrew SMITH and goal-keeper Daniel McPHERSON from their 20-player roster, while goal-keeper Max WEINHOLD and Niklas EMMERLING will not dress for Germany.
- 0' Matthias Witthaus and Florian Keller are top scorer of the German squad, having scored five goals this tournament. Witthaus also scored five goals in last year's Champions Trophy. Oliver Korn has scored three goals in this tournament, which is his first ever Champions Trophy.
- 0' Germany are the team with most goals scored (21) in this competition. Their 21 goals have been scored by nine different players. The Germans have scored most penalty corner goals this tournament, having converted eight out of 24. Australia's 10 goals scored at Kuala Lumpur 2007 have been scored by six different players. They have only converted two of 26 penalty corners awarded, which is 7.7%.
- 0' Germany have recorded five victories and a draw in their 2007 Champions Trophy campaign. They are top of the table with 16 points from six matches and have already earned a Final berth. Since the play-offs were introduced in 1992, Germany have played nine Finals, taking the gold medal on four

occasions. Australia are ranked third, having collected 10 points from six matches.

- 0' Australia and Germany meet for the 30th time in Champions Trophy history. Australia have beaten Germany nine times, the last time being a 4-1 victory at Chennai 2005. Germany have beaten Australia on 14 occasions, including last year's encounter at Terrasa 2006 (4-3).