



**2007 Samsung Champions Trophy - Men**  
**Sunday 9 December**  
**15:05**

**Spain 4**

**Great Britain 2**

- 70 End of Match. GBR desperately attack, but to no avail. The clock ticks down and ESP have won the match. GBR are thus ranked 6th in the final standings, while ESP are 5th. With this victory, ESP have also won participation in next year's Champions Trophy, completing the field consisting of Germany, Australia, Korea, the Netherlands, and Argentina.
- 69 Richard MANTELL's flat shot hits the right post and is cleared by the Spanish.
- 68 The match has deteriorated now and is no longer very attractive. GBR try too hard, and ESP are clearly no longer motivated.
- 68 PC for GBR.
- 63 GOAL for ESP. Xavi RIBAS puts away the next PC with a low flick to the left side of the goal. ESP 4, GBR 2.
- 62 PC for ESP.
- 61 GOAL for ESP. Santi FREIXA flicks to the top right of the goal to give the lead back to ESP.
- 60 Umpire GENTLES awards a PC for ESP after a harsh tackle by Brett GARRARD on David ALEGRE.
- 57 ESP's attacks are nicely set up but at the moment they cannot create real danger. A nice ball across from FREIXA for TUBAU on the other side of the field gets them attack that reaches the circle but they cannot get in a shot on goal and the ball is awarded to GBR.
- 54 Like yesterday, ESP are having serious trouble with their PCs. GARZA cannot stop the ball and the opportunity is lost.
- 54 Greta attack down the right for ESP. They cannot get a shot in but win a PC.
- 53 Shot on goal for ESP from the far right from a narrow angle but it hits the outside of the goal only.
- 52 Alex FABREGAS is back on the field, ESP are back to full strength.
- 48 Play is now confined to the area of the ESP circle for large stretches of time. ESP have lost orientation and seem to have trouble finding the way back into this match. One man down, it does not look like they will be able to resist the GBR attacks much longer without conceding a goal.
- 47 Upon the next GBR attack, the ball ends up in goal, but umpire van EERT deems it no goal. Simon MANTELL is visibly and audibly unhappy with the decision.
- 46 Yellow card for Alex FABREGAS.

- 46 GBR get to the ESP circle, they have a free hit from just outside. It takes a while for the hit to be taken as the umpires try to sort out the fair amount of pushing and shoving between the players.
- 44 ARBOS gets into the circle for ESP, but falls before he can get a shot in.
- 43 Green card for Victor SOJO after a run-in with Richard MANTELL.
- 42 Santi FREIXA leaves the field, apparently having trouble with his knees again.
- 38 Santi FREIXA tries for a soft low ball towards the right post but HAWES intervenes and clears.
- 37 PC for ESP.
- 36 This time, it is ESP who stay in the huddle while GBR are already ready to play. Play gets underway in the second half of this match for 5th place.
- 35 ESP have been the better team but have been playing a bit complacently, allowing GBR to catch up after a two goal lead. The question will now be whether GBR can sustain the momentum or ESP can get back into the game.
- 35+ GOAL for GBR. CORTES reaches and touches Richard MANTELL's flick but he cannot stop it. ESP 2, GBR 2.
- 35 PC for GBR.
- 32 Richard ALEXANDER chases down the ball and stops the weak shot early.
- 31 PC for ESP. ESP win a free hit near the circle and aim to take it quickly but the ball is kicked away by a GBR defender, and umpire van EERT awards a PC.
- 28 Another circle penetration and scoring opportunity for ESP. GBR do the major part of the work, but it is ESP that is more dangerous.
- 24 Great vision from Kiko FABREGAS, he plays the long ball into the circle and into the run of Edi TUBAU. TUBAU veers out right and passes the goalkeeper, but his shot is ever so lightly wide off the far post.
- 22 ESP have hit a slump, play is stuck in the ESP half. GBR are the more aggressive side but find it hard to penetrate the ESP defense.
- 20 GOAL for GBR. Ben HAWES hesitates, then hits an easy ball into the bottom left corner. ESP 2, GBR 1.
- 19 PC for GBR.
- 14 GOAL for ESP. RIBAS shot is warded off but the rebound falls to Ramon ALEGRE who bats the mid-air ball in. ESP 2, GBR 0.
- 14 The ball comes in too far to the left and GARZA has to take a shot himself instead of stopping. The ball hits MOORE's foot, another PC follows.
- 13 Great stickwork from ARBOS. He wins a PC for ESP.
- 10 Richard MANTELL's flick hits the post. Rob MOORE tries to still push it over the line but in the scramble, the ball touches the back side of his stick and is awarded to ESP.
- 9 PC for GBR.
- 6 GOAL for ESP. Brett GARRARD loses the ball too easily deep in the GBR half, and SOJO and TUBAU are off towards the circle. TUBAU launches a shot that is saved by

FAIR but SOJO is there to hit the rebound in. ESP 1, GBR 0.

- 5 The pace of the match is rather subdued. Both teams seem to need more time to warm up. GBR are the more active team so far, trying harder while ESP seem to be very relaxed.
- 2 ESP start off with the ball but soon lose it. GBR get all the way up the field and into the circle but the ball across from the left finds no taker.
- 1 Niall STOTT of GBR is winning his 50th cap today.
- 0 ESP are eager to start this match and spread out after a brief huddle, while Britain still hold theirs. Eventually, the match gets underway.
- 0 Great Britain have scored fewest goals at this tournament (9). They team has scored once from 17 penalty corners awarded. Britain's nine goals have been scored by eight different players with Rob Moore the only player to have scored twice.
- 0 In this tournament, Spain have scored five out of 18 penalty corners awarded at this tournament. They have scored 21 goals so far at Kuala Lumpur 2007, the Netherlands being the only team to have scored more often (22). Top scorer is Edi TUBAU with 5 goals.
- 0 Champions Trophy Head-to-head: This match between Spain and Great Britain marks their tenth Champions Trophy encounter. Spain have won five of the previous encounters, Great Britain being victorious in two matches. At Kuala Lumpur 2007 Spain recorded their biggest CT win over Great Britain (5-0).
- 0 In the match for 5th and 6th place, Spain take on Great Britain. This play-off carries special weight, as it will determine the last participant in next year's edition of the Champions Trophy: the winner of the match will join Germany, Australia, Korea, the Netherlands, and Argentina in Rotterdam in June 2008.