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73' Malaysia finishes last, but surprised the observers during the whole competition, playing at the level way above their World Ranking (15th) and seemingly not impressed by the status of their mighty opponents. They had some close results against Australia (0-2), the Netherlands (1-3), Great Britain (2-3), Pakistan (2-2 in the round-robin, 2-3 in this game) and even Germany (2-3), which they'll meet in the Olympic Qualifier in Japan.

73' Pakistan must be bitterly disappointed with their final placing in the competition (7th) as they are out of next year's Champions Trophy.

72' * GOLDEN GOAL PAK: Imran MUHAMMAD *****

72' PC PAK. Imran MUHAMMAD slots his flicks high in goal to give the contest to Pakistan

71' Yellow card for Mohd Madzli Ikmar MOHD NOR (MAS) for a dangerous diving tackle. Malaysia are playing short and the tempers are flaring.

71' The game has started in the first period of overtime.

70' A last free hit for MAS is wasted. The game goes into twice 7.5 minutes of overtime, with Golden Goal in effect.

69' PAK forwards are too isolated to succeed in their runs.

67' Shakeel ABBASI has a good shot on goal, but it goes high in the stands.

66' The game could go into overtime, after the stunning MAS comeback.

64' The PAK defense is completely stretched and struggles to keep their head out the water.

61' * GOAL MAS: Tengku A.T. TENGGU ABDUL JALIL *****

61' The PAK defense is suddenly overwhelmed by the MAS speed, and have to commit fouls to stop them. Kevinder Singh MAKBUL SINGH gives a ball to Tengku A.T. TENGGU ABDUL JALIL alone in front of the goal. He doesn't miss the opportunity to tie the game at 2-2.

59' Selveraju SANDRAKASI runs into the PAK circle and nearly scores. Malaysia are waking up for the last ten minutes, and the crowd likes it!

58' * GOAL MAS: Tengku A.T. TENGGU ABDUL JALIL *****

58' Tengku A.T. TENGGU ABDUL JALIL runs fifty meters into the circle, eludes three PAK defenders and adjusts a shot that leaves no chance to Salman AKBAR in the PAK goal. MAS closes the gap to one goal.

55' Mohd Shahrin Nabil ABDULLAH and Selveraju SANDRAKASI fight their way into the circle. The shot is saved but rebounds high. PC MAS. Jiwa MOHAN's low flick is not strong enough and deflected by the PAK keeper.

54' The game has lost all structure and is getting a tad messy...

53' Mohamad Sukri ABD MUTALIB carries a ball in the circle, picks up the rebound from his shot and passes to Azlan MISRON alone in front of the open goal, but he cannot control the ball.

51' Green Card Kamran MUHAMMAD (PA)

47' MAS are still playing short, but play stays in the PAK half.

- 45' Azlan MISRON receives the ball in the circle, but is closely guarded and cannot do anything.
- 44' Good work by Boon Huat CHUA to progress along the backline, but he bumps into the PAK keeper before passing the ball back.
- 43' Waqas SHARIF is tormenting the MAS defense on his right wing, but they consistently manage to prevent him from crossing the ball.
- 41' Yellow card for Mohd Shahrun Nabil ABDULLAH (MAS).
- 39' *** GOAL PAK: Arshad MUHAMMAD *****
- 39' Arshad MUHAMMAD receives the ball on the left of the circle, alone in front of the MAS keeper, and beats him with a strong shot to the second post. PAK leads 2-0.
- 38' Another good run by Waqas SHARIF carries the danger in the MAS circle, but nothing comes out of it. Passes are not connecting.
- 37' Shakeel ABBASI manages a good ball from the baseline to Abbas HAYDER, but it is bouncing and cannot be controlled.
- 36' The second half is under way.
- 35' Pakistan go into the break with a narrow one-goal lead (1-0). Malaysia looked tired; this is their 8th game at a level they are possibly not used to.
- 35' On the immediate counter-attack, a MAS player is taken down in the PAK circle and they earn a PC with 8 seconds to go. Green card to Akbar WAQAS (PAK) on the play. They cannot control the ball properly, but recover well to give Kevinder Singh MAKBUL SINGH a shooting opportunity from the right; the shot is wide.
- 35' PC for PAK. Imran MUHAMMAD's low flick is caught by the MAS runner.
- 34' A hard free hit for MAS goes in goal, but was not touched by any attacker.
- 34' A good cross by Akbar WAQAS travels through the circle without anybody close to touching it.
- 31' Shakeel ABBASI extracts a good ball from the MAS defense. Waqas SHARIF receives it at the top of the circle but tries again to go on his own and is tackled by the MAS defenders.
- 27' Boon Huat CHUA earns a PC for PAK foot stopping him from penetrating in the circle. PC MAS. They bubble the injection, but manage to recover and Tengku A.T. TENGKU ABDUL JALIL has a golden opportunity alone in front of the PAK keeper; his shot is somehow deflected.
- 25' Ismail ABU penetrates a PAK defense in disarray. He shoots high but only finds the side of the net.
- 24' Kevinder Singh MAKBUL SINGH carries the ball into the circle and finds Ismail ABU on the back line. His shot is deflected high by the PAK keeper. PC MAS. Baljit Singh SARJAB SINGH's flick is saved.
- 20' MAS are losing a lot of ball in midfield. On one of them, Shakeel ABBASI runs to the circle and has time to adjust a reverse shot, but Kumar SUBRAMANIAM in the MAS goal is covering well the angle.
- 19' Ismail ABU earns a free hit close to the circle. The ball is drilled towards goal and hits a PAK foot. PC MAS. They try a combination to the left, but Boon Huat CHUA's flick is stopped by a PAK runner.
- 17' Green card Kevinder Singh MAKBUL SINGH (MAS).
- 16' Good run by Akbar WAQAS on the right wing, but his cross is slightly bouncing and Shakeel ABBASI in front of goal cannot control it.
- 15' The players are only half-heartedly in this game, with nothing really at stake except the final ranking in the competition. They know that they are both out of next year's Champions Trophy anyway...
- 11' Shakeel ABBASI and Arshad MUHAMMAD have a two-on-one with a MAS defender, but cannot manage to beat him.
- 7' *** GOAL PAK: Imran MUHAMMAD *****
- 7' Shakeel ABBASI steals a ball from the MAS defense and earns a PC. Imran MUHAMMAD's flick is high in goal, opening the scoring.
- 3' Ghazanfar ALI gives a good ball to Akbar WAQAS. He dribbles his way towards the circle, ignoring his partners, but he is tackled before entering the circle.

- 2' Waqas SHARIF and Shakeel ABBASI combine on the right wing, but get pinned down in the corner and cannot extract the ball.
- 1' The game for the 7th and 8th places is under way, Pakistan in their traditional dark green and Malaysian all in bright yellow.
- 0' Today, Pakistan will rest Adnan MAQSOOD and Afzal MUHAMMAD from their 20-player roster, while Muhammad Razie ABD RAHIM and Hafifahafiz HANAFI will not dress for Malaysia (they have already left for the South-East Asia Games in Thailand, where Malaysia has entered a young team).
- 0' Malaysia have recorded one draw and six defeats at Kuala Lumpur 2007, their sole point coming from the match against Pakistan (2-2). They have scored one of 17 penalty corners awarded at Kuala Lumpur 2007. Their opponents have been awarded 32 penalty corners.
- 0' Pakistan have conceded most field goals (15) in this competition. They have converted three of 11 penalty corners awarded. Waqas Sharif is Pakistan's top scorer at Kuala Lumpur 2007, having netted four goals.
- 0' Pakistan are making their 28th Champions Trophy appearance. At the only previous Champions Trophy edition with eight participants (Amstelveen 1987) Pakistan finished seventh. Malaysia's only previous Champions Trophy appearance came in 1993, when they finished sixth on home soil.
- 0' The first round encounter between Pakistan and Malaysia at the 2007 Champions Trophy ended 2-2. Before this tournament, the teams had met only once at the Champions Trophy at Kuala Lumpur 1993, when the final result was also 2-2. At the 2002 Asian Games Malaysia beat Pakistan 5-3 to collect the bronze medal. Last September, at the 2007 Asia Cup, the Pakistan-Malaysia match ended 3-3.