



**2007 Samsung Champions Trophy - Men**  
**Sunday 9 December**  
**20:05**

**Germany 2**

**Australia 1**

- 70 End of match. A fifth minute goal was enough for the World Champions to claim the title in this final, even though they only just managed to hold on in the second half as Australia went all out and was unlucky to not get the equalizer in.
- 70 Last shot for AUS, yet another close call but GER hold on.
- 69 GER 's attacks on the other hand seem more and more half-hearted, or at least lacking the energy that they seem to all have spent on defending. Another close call, again the ward off a great shot.
- 67 More fantastic opportunities for AUS come by the minute now. BROOKS takes a shot that is slightly wide, and seconds later, SCHULTE has to ward off another shot. The equalizer is in the air now, but AUS cannot quite reach it, seemingly just beyond their fingertips.
- 65 The GER defense is again under much pressure but is still holding on. AUS are now facinf the dire prospect of running out of time and losing the match for a 5th minute lone goal.
- 64 Attack from AUS. DWYER for BROOKS, he launches a shot but it is deflected wide.
- 63 A weak shot is easy prey for SCHULTE, and a GER defender clears far out.
- 62 OCKENDEN wins a free hit for AUS just outside the circle.
- 60 AUS are running rolling waves of attacks now, keeping GER almost entirely confined to their half. GER seem happy to defend their lead however and are not taking any risks.
- 59 An AUS free hit into the circle is deflected high off a stick and hits Timo WESS square in the chest, It was not as hard as it looked though and play continues.
- 55 Great deflection from SCHUBERT off a Bevan GEORGE cross but the ball is slightly wide.
- 51 EGLINGTON is finally back on the field after serving 25 minutes of suspension. AUS are back to full strength.
- 49 AUS are really pushing for the goal now, giving it all they 've got despite still being one man short for EGLINGTON 's yellow card. EGLINGTON has now missed a major part of the match. The ball is lost in a goalmouth scramble, SCHULTE stops it but loses it behind him, and Timo WESS clears.
- 46 Great reaction from Christian SCHULTE. He deflects the cracking flick over the crossbar.
- 44 PC for AUS.
- 42 Long ball into the circle for FORD. He deflects it but it is just wide.

- 42 Liam de YOUNG has a shot on goal that is deflected wide. GER are under pressure suddenly.
- 41 A similar situation with KELLER on the left, but he cannot connect properly with the bouncy ball and it goes out the back.
- 40 Great reverse stick attempt from WITTHAUS from a narrow angle from the left, but it is saved.
- 36 AUS are still one man short, EGLINGTON is still sidelined.
- 36 Play gets underway in the second half of the Samsung Champions Trophy final.
- 35 Half-time. The teams go into the break with a deserved lead for GER. Despite some danger from the Kookaburras late in the first part, GER have been the better and more consistent side. With the smallest of advantages possible however, the second half promises excitement.
- 34 This time, AUS go for the flick, but again, the shot is warded off by the GER defense.
- 34 Matt WELLS hits the ball towards the goal, great save from SCHULTE but the ball hits a GER foot. PC for AUS.
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- 32 Attack from GER with a long solo run from Florian KELLER. KELLER outplays several Aussies but loses the ball eventually, while appealing to umpire SIMMONDS to no avail.
- 31 Danger again for the AUS defense that is under some serious pressure now. KELLER tries to scoop the ball over LAMBERT who is coming sliding out, but the ball is too wide and lands on the top of the goal.
- 30 Jambo MONTAG flicks to the left side of the goal, great save from LAMBERT, deflecting the ball wide.
- 30 PC for GER.
- 29 After a period of tension and flaring tempers, things have calmed down again. AUS are still a player short however, with EGLINGTON still sin-binned.
- 26 Great opportunity for GER but HENTSCHEL cannot get the ball past LAMBERT.
- 25 Green card for Tibor WEISSENBORN for delaying the game.
- 25 Yellow card for Nathan EGLINGTON for a vicious tackle on Benni WESS.
- 24 Great attack through the middle by AUS. SCHUBERT gets the ball alone and dashes into the circle. He is already past goalkeeper SCHULTE when he launches a shot on the empty goal, but Max MÜLLER comes flying in to deflect the ball and avoid the certain goal.
- 22 The rain is picking up again in Kuala Lumpur. It is not the heavy rain that flooded the field a few times during the tournament but it is substantial.
- 20 Shot on goal from AUS from a narrow angle but the ball hits the outside of the goal only.
- 18 AUS are starting to make their mark on the match but so far cannot establish anything resembling the easy dominance of yesterday.
- 15 Two great saves from Stephen LAMBERT. Warding a first shot from WITTHAUS off with the glove, he catches the rebound with an instinctive reaction.

- 11 AUS have their first good attack. They win a free hit near the circle but the ball in is deflected up off an AUS stick without being a shot on goal, and GER are awarded the ball.
- 8 Florian KELLER is now on the field. He flicks, but the ball is stopped early by a stick. Bevan GEORGE clears out to the left side.
- 7 GER are by far the more dangerous team in this initial phase, AUS have not been able to get their game together. Tobi HAUKE wins a PC for GER.
- 5 GOAL for GER. The ball is laid off to the left for Timo WESS and he leisurely flicks it into the top left corner. GER 1, AUS 0.
- 4 PC for GER.
- 2 The final has started. It is a high power, fast-paced match, but neither team have so far been able to gain a significant advantage.
- 0 It is still raining in Kuala Lumpur, lightly but continuously.
- 0 Australia have collected a total of 21 Champions Trophy medals, eight golds, nine silvers and four bronze medals. They collected their last gold medal in 2005. Last year Australia finished fourth. Australia have converted four of 33 penalty corners awarded at Kuala Lumpur 2007, and have conceded only eight goals in seven matches. Luke Doerner, Russell Ford and Edward Ockenden are the joint top scorers of the Australian team with three goals each.
- 0 Germany have collected a total of 20 Champions Trophy medals, eight golds, six silvers and six bronze medals. They collected their last gold medal in 2001. In this tournament, they have scored 22 goals, more than any other team, and have scored from eight out of 30 penalty corners awarded. Matthias Witthaus and Florian Keller are the joint top scorers of the German squad, having scored five goals each at Kuala Lumpur 2007, but Timo Wess is the only player in the current squad to have ever scored in a Champions Trophy final: he netted against the Netherlands in last year's final at Terrasa 2006.
- 0 Champions Trophy Head-to-head: Germany take on Australia for the 31st time in Champions Trophy history. Germany have beaten Australia on 14 occasions, including last year's encounter at Terrasa 2006 (4-3). Australia have won ten times, the last time being yesterday's 5-0 victory. Australia's biggest win over Germany came at Amstelveen 2003 (6-1), and was equaled by yesterday's 5-0 win. Germany's biggest win over Australia dates back to 1992 (4-0).
- 0 The Samsung Champions Trophy 2007 final features World Champions Germany and Olympic Champions Australia.