



Action from the second day of men's Olympic competition: South Africa vs. Australia, New Zealand vs. Spain, China vs. Korea, Canada vs. Pakistan and Belgium vs. Germany).

Inspirational Dwyer rips through South Africa

Player to Watch:
Amy Tran (USA)

Australia showed their Gold medal credentials by scoring five goals in each half to destroy South Africa 10:0. Eli Matheson scored a hat-trick, but two-time FIH World Player of the Year Jamie Dwyer was the star of the show, scoring two excellent goals and setting up another with typical flair.

The second game of the day was a Pool A thriller between host nation China and Korea. To the delight of the home supporters, China took a 2:0 lead with goals coming from Yubo Na and Yi Song, but Korea hit back with 5 unanswered goals, which included a brilliant penalty corner hat-trick from Jong Hyun Jang. Canada gave Pakistan a scare in Pool B, taking a 1:0 lead in the 35th minute through Bindi Kullar, but Pakistan scored 3 second half goals to take the win.

Germany were also given a tough time, with European Bronze Medallists Belgium proving to be a hard opponent. Matthias Witthaus was on target for Germany with Cedric Charlier scoring Belgium's equaliser as the game finished 1:1.

Spain have yet to drop a point in their Olympic campaign, and won in dramatic style against New Zealand. Santi Freixa forced the ball over the line with just four seconds to go, breaking the hearts of the Blacksticks players.

In the final game of the day, Taeke Taekema scored a 63rd minute winner to give the Netherlands a 1-0 win over Great Britain. It was a brave showing from the British, but the Netherlands had the better of the play and deserved the victory.



This incredible shot-stopper was named 'Goalkeeper of the Tournament' at the 2006 World Cup and is considered by many to be the finest goalkeeper in the world thanks to her lightning-quick reflexes.

The two-time FIH All Star was at her brilliant best at the Olympic Qualifier in Kazan, conceding just four goals in six matches.

Program of the Day (Women) --- 14 August 2008

08:30 China v Netherlands	18:30 Japan v Argentina
10:30 USA v Germany	20:30 South Africa v Australia
18:00 Spain v Korea	21:00 New Zealand v Great Britain

Hockey Celebrates 100 Years at the Olympic Games

Every day we travel back in time to celebrate a century of Olympic hockey.

Munich 1972: Sixteen men's sides competed in the 1972 Munich Olympics, a far cry from the six – four of which were British – that took part in 1908.

Thanks to India and Pakistan, Asia had dominated since 1928, but Europe finally hit back. Germany defeated Pakistan 1-0 in the final, with Michael Krause scoring the winner with just ten minutes to play.

Munich 1972 Facts

- It was the highest scoring men's Olympic hockey tournament, with 226 goals in 68 matches. The only other Olympic tournament with 200+ goals was Athens 2004 with 213 goals.
- Dutchman Ties Kruize is the all-time top scorer in one Olympic tournament. He netted 18 goals in 9 matches in this one.
- This is one of only 2 Olympic hockey tournaments in which the home team took Gold - the other is London 1908.

Tomorrow: Montreal 1976

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Spotted! Olympic Gold medallists

Various Olympic hockey Gold medallists from the past have been seen in and around the stadium over the past few days, including Sean Kerly and Rechelle Hawkes. Kerly, Great Britain's legendary centre forward from the 1988 Gold medal winning team is working for the BBC, with Rechelle Hawkes, three times Gold medallist with the Hockeyroos, also working for the media.

David Faulkner, another of the 1988 GB triumph in Seoul, has also been spotted in his role as GB Performance Director. Mercedes Coghen, Gold medallist with Spain women at Barcelona 1992, is also present in Beijing, promoting the Madrid 2016 bid for the Olympic Games.

NBA star Nowitzki cheers Germany women

Germany basketballer Dirk Nowitzki turned up with a number of his team-mates to watch his nations' women's hockey team in action in their match against New Zealand on Tuesday.

The 2.13 metre tall NBA superstar witnessed Germany fight back from a goal down to win the match 2-1 thanks to goals from Katharina Scholz and Anke Kuehn.

The seven time NBA All-Star, who plays for the Dallas Mavericks, scored 23 points in Germany's opening Olympic match – a 95 - 66 win over Angola.



Day 5 Preview: Host nation face toughest challenge yet

Pool A: The 08:30 game between the world number one women's team and the host nation promises to be a superb contest – if you arrive late you may well have missed a classic. In their opening games, China have been excellent going forward and solid in defence, a combination that has resulted in wins against Spain and South Africa. The Netherlands also have a 100% win record and start the game as marginal favourites, but the vocal support from an enthusiastic home crowd may boost China's chances of claiming what would be a famous victory.

At 18:00 on Pitch 2, Spain and Korea will both be aiming to get their first points of the tournament. Pitch 2 will also be the stage for the Australia versus South Africa match, which starts at 20:30. The Hockeyroos are playing at the top of their game and are clear favourites to win this one, though nobody is expecting them to emulate the 10:0 score-line that the Kookaburras achieved over South Africa men.

Pool B: Germany have had a great start to Beijing 2008, winning their previous two matches against Great Britain and New Zealand.

They will hope to continue their rich vein of form at 10:30 against the USA, who are proving to be a difficult to side break down.

Argentina face Japan on Pitch 1 at 18:30, with the South Americans needing victory to have any chance of reaching the semi-finals.

Clashes between New Zealand and Great Britain – who face each other on Pitch 1 at 21:00 – are usually closely fought matches, and with both teams needing a win this one is expected to be no different.



Women Pool A	
10 Aug 10:30 CHN v ESP 3:0 (2:0)	
10 Aug 18:00 AUS v KOR 5:4 (1:4)	
10 Aug 20:30 NED v RSA 6:0 (2:0)	
12 Aug 10:30 AUS v ESP 6:1 (1:1)	
12 Aug 18:30 CHN v RSA 3:0 (2:0)	
12 Aug 20:30 NED v KOR 3:2 (2:1)	
14 Aug 08:30 CHN v NED	
14 Aug 18:00 ESP v KOR	
14 Aug 20:30 RSA v AUS	
16 Aug 10:30 AUS v NED	
16 Aug 18:30 KOR v CHN	
16 Aug 21:00 ESP v RSA	
18 Aug 10:30 KOR v RSA	
18 Aug 18:30 NED v ESP	
18 Aug 21:00 CHN v AUS	

Women Classification Day 1	
20 Aug 08:30 9th/10th Place	
20 Aug 11:00 7th/8th Place	
20 Aug 18:00 Semifinal 01	
20 Aug 20:30 Semifinal 02	

Women Pool B	
10 Aug 08:30 JPN v NZL 2:1 (2:1)	
10 Aug 18:30 ARG v USA 2:2 (2:1)	
10 Aug 21:00 GER v GBR 5:1 (2:1)	
12 Aug 08:30 ARG v GBR 2:2 (2:0)	
12 Aug 18:00 USA v JPN 1:1 (0:1)	
12 Aug 21:00 GER v NZL 2:1 (0:1)	
14 Aug 10:30 USA v GER	
14 Aug 18:30 JPN v ARG	
14 Aug 21:00 NZL v GBR	
16 Aug 08:30 NZL v USA	
16 Aug 18:00 GER v ARG	
16 Aug 20:30 GBR v JPN	
18 Aug 08:30 GER v JPN	
18 Aug 18:00 GBR v USA	
18 Aug 20:30 ARG v NZL	

Women Classification Day 1	
22 Aug 08:30 11th/12th Place	
22 Aug 11:00 5th/6th Place	
22 Aug 18:00 Bronze Medal Match	
22 Aug 20:30 Gold Medal Match	
22 Aug 22:30 Medal Ceremony	

Women Pool A	
1. Netherlands 2 2 0 0 9:2 6	
2. Australia 2 2 0 0 11:5 6	
3. China 2 2 0 0 6:0 6	
4. Korea 2 0 0 2 6:8 0	
5. Spain 2 0 0 2 1:9 0	
6. South Africa 2 0 0 2 0:9 0	

Women Pool B	
1. Germany 2 2 0 0 7:2 6	
2. Japan 2 1 1 0 3:2 4	
3. Argentina 2 0 2 0 4:4 2	
3. USA 2 0 2 0 3:3 2	
5. Great Britain 2 0 1 1 3:7 1	
6. New Zealand 2 0 0 2 2:4 0	

Goalscorers Women	
1. Maartje PAUMEN (NED) 4 goals	
2. Casey EASTHAM (AUS) 2 goals	
Eileen HOFFMANN (GER) 2 goals	
Nikki HUDSON (AUS) 2 goals	

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Men Pool A	
11 Aug 08:30 GER v CHN 4:1 (1:1)	
11 Aug 18:00 KOR v NZL 1:3 (1:1)	
11 Aug 20:30 ESP v BEL 4:2 (2:1)	
13 Aug 10:30 CHN v KOR 2:5 (2:2)	
13 Aug 18:30 BEL v GER 1:1 (1:1)	
13 Aug 20:30 NZL v ESP 0:1 (0:0)	
15 Aug 08:30 ESP v CHN	
15 Aug 18:00 BEL v NZL	
15 Aug 20:30 KOR v GER	
17 Aug 10:30 KOR v BEL	
17 Aug 18:30 NZL v CHN	
17 Aug 21:00 GER v ESP	
19 Aug 10:30 GER v NZL	
19 Aug 18:30 KOR v ESP	
19 Aug 21:00 CHN v BEL	

Men Classification Day 1	
21 Aug 08:30 9th/10th Place	
21 Aug 11:00 7th/8th Place	
21 Aug 18:00 Semifinal 01	
21 Aug 20:30 Semifinal 02	

Men Pool B	
11 Aug 10:30 PAK v GBR 2:4 (0:3)	
11 Aug 18:30 AUS v CAN 6:1 (3:0)	
11 Aug 21:00 NED v RSA 5:0 (2:0)	
13 Aug 08:30 RSA v AUS 0:10 (0:5)	
13 Aug 18:00 CAN v PAK 1:3 (1:0)	
13 Aug 21:00 NED v GBR 1:0 (0:0)	
15 Aug 10:30 NED v CAN	
15 Aug 18:30 PAK v AUS	
15 Aug 21:00 RSA v GBR	
17 Aug 08:30 GBR v CAN	
17 Aug 18:00 PAK v RSA	
17 Aug 20:30 AUS v NED	
19 Aug 08:30 NED v PAK	
19 Aug 18:00 CAN v RSA	
19 Aug 20:30 AUS v GBR	

Men Classification Day 2	
23 Aug 08:30 11th/12th Place	
23 Aug 11:00 5th/6th Place	
23 Aug 18:00 Bronze Medal Match	
23 Aug 20:30 Gold Medal Match	
23 Aug 22:30 Medal Ceremony	

Men Pool A	
1. Spain 2 2 0 0 5:2 6	
2. Germany 2 1 1 0 5:2 4	
3. Korea 2 1 0 1 6:5 3	
4. New Zealand 2 1 0 1 3:2 3	
5. Belgium 2 0 1 1 3:5 1	
6. China 2 0 0 2 3:9 0	

Men Pool B	
1. Australia 2 2 0 0 16:1 6	
2. Netherlands 2 2 0 0 6:0 6	
3. Great Britain 2 1 0 1 4:3 3	
4. Pakistan 2 1 0 1 5:5 3	
5. Canada 2 0 0 2 2:9 0	
6. South Africa 2 0 0 2 0:15 0	

Goalscorers Men	
1. Desmond ABBOTT (AUS) 4 goals	
2. Jong Hyun JANG (KOR) 3 goals	
Eli MATHESON (AUS) 3 goals	
Hayden SHAW (NZL) 3 goals	

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