



Action from the fourth day of men's Olympic competition: New Zealand vs. China, Great Britain vs. Canada and Korea vs. Belgium

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Germany's Fuerste keeps the dream alive

Moritz Fuerste's first half strike was enough to give Germany a 1:0 win over Spain, putting his side back in the hunt for a Gold medal. Qualification for the semi finals is now firmly in their hands but it is not going to be easy, needing to defeat fellow qualification hopefuls New Zealand.

Australia and The Netherlands could not be separated in a hugely important and entertaining Pool B clash. The match finished 2:2, effectively sending both teams through to the semi-final stage thanks to their massively superior goal difference over Australia's next opponents Great Britain. Penalty corner ace Taeke Taekema sent the Dutch supporters wild with a late equaliser to rescue a point for the Netherlands.

Korea defeated Belgium 3:1 in the early morning Pool A match. The Europeans were 1:0 up at half time but lost their way in the second half, conceding goals from Hyo Sik You (2) and Jong Hyun Jang. China claimed their first points of the tournament with a 2:2 draw against New Zealand, who now need to beat Germany on Tuesday to have any chance of reaching the medal matches.

In the early Pool B match, Canada came close to defeating Great Britain, all but ending their chances of a semi-final spot. Ken Pereira gave Canada a 1:0 lead mid-way through the second half before GB's Matt Daly grabbed a 67th minute equaliser. Pakistan moved to within a point of GB thanks to a 3:1 win over South Africa, but their next opponents are high-flying Netherlands.

Program of the Day (Women) --- 18 August 2008

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

Player to Watch: Kaori Chiba (JPN)



Always wearing a hint of make-up, Kaori Chiba has developed into something of a pin-up girl for women's hockey in Japan as well as a potent force in front of goal for her country.

Her clinical finishing led Japan to best-ever fifth place results in both the 2006 World Cup and 2007 Champions Trophy tournaments.

Hockey Celebrates 100 Years at the Olympic Games

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

Seoul 1988: As in 1984, Australia men were tournament favourites, but fell to Great Britain in the semi-final.

GB then stunned Germany 3-1 in the final, as two goals from Imran Sherwani sealed Gold.



In the women's tournament, host nation Korea's journey to the final sparked intense media interest, but they fell at the final hurdle as Australia grabbed their first Olympic hockey Gold medal.

Tomorrow: Barcelona 1992

The Indian team finished 6th at the 1988 Olympic Games in Seoul.

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World's best display their skills

Past and present holders of the FIH World Player of the Year title are making an impact in Beijing.

Jamie Dwyer, winner in 2004 and 2007, has been in astonishing form for the Kookaburras in Beijing, and could claim his third award if Australia reclaim their Olympic title this year.

Three-time winner Teun de Nooijer is having great tournament, and could inspire the Netherlands to a third Olympic Gold medal.

Argentina's four-time winner Luciana Aymar was outstanding in her side's 4:0 win over Germany, a team who feature their own World Player of the Year winner, Natascha Keller. She picked up the award in 1999, and in 2008 is playing as well as ever.

Minke Booij, winner of the award in 2006, could well captain her side to Olympic glory this year.

A non-playing winner of the award is also present, with 2002 recipient Dr Michael Green of Germany helping with FIH VIP guest services.



Two-time Player of the Year Jamie Dwyer

Gold medallists continue to show

The Olympic hockey tournament has attracted visits from many well-known faces over the last eight days, from European royalty to some of the highest paid sports stars in the world. Many of our own superstars have also been wandering around the stadium, including some Olympic Gold medallists.

Richard Leman – another member of the Great Britain side that won Gold at Seoul 1988 – was seen at the stadium yesterday watching Great Britain men in action against Canada. As reported earlier, Leman's 1988 team mates Sean Kerly and David Faulkner are also currently in Beijing. New Zealand's Ramesh Patel, Gold medal winner from Montreal 1976 – is also enjoying the action. Renita Garard, who won Gold medals with Australia at Atlanta 1996 and Sydney 2000, is busy in her role as representative of the athletes on the FIH Executive Board.

Day 9 Preview:

Pool phase goes down to the wire

The pool phase comes to a close today and there is much to be decided! As The Netherlands have already won Pool A, Australia and China will compete for second place, with Germany, Argentina, Great Britain and USA all having a chance to reach the semi-final stages in Pool B.

Pool A: Korea and South Africa face each other at 10:30 on Pitch 1, with both teams hoping to get their first points of the tournament. The Netherlands play Spain at 18:30, with the Dutch girls looking to maintain their winning form ahead of the semi-finals.

The big match of the pool is the winner takes all clash between China and Australia on Pitch 1 at 21:00, and the stakes could not be higher. China come off the back of a 6:1 win over Korea, and will be boosted by massive support from the home crowd. Australia will be up against it, but they are a team that love to upset the odds.

Pool B: Germany versus Japan takes place at 08:30 on Pitch 1 – a German victory would seal their semi-final qualification. Japan are playing for their pride, and will make life as difficult as possible for the reigning Olympic champions.

Great Britain and their inspirational goal-scoring defender Crista Cullen face USA at 18:00 on Pitch 2. GB will go through if they win and either Germany or Argentina fail to win their matches, with USA needing a high-scoring victory to have any chance of reaching the semis. Pitch 2 is also the venue for the Argentina versus New Zealand fixture, with Argentina needing to beat the bottom side to take their place in the semis.

It will be an incredible evening of hockey full of twists, turns and very possibly a few tears.



Crista Cullen has been Great Britain's driving force all tournament. Can she take her side into the semi-finals?

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 0:1 (0:1)	
14 Aug 18:00 ESP v KOR 2:1 (2:0)	
14 Aug 20:30 RSA v AUS 0:3 (0:1)	
16 Aug 10:30 AUS v NED 1:2 (1:1)	
16 Aug 18:30 KOR v CHN 1:6 (0:2)	
16 Aug 21:00 ESP v RSA 1:0 (1:0)	
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 2:4 (1:1)	
14 Aug 18:30 JPN v ARG 1:2 (0:0)	
14 Aug 21:00 NZL v GBR 1:2 (1:1)	
16 Aug 08:30 NZL v USA 1:4 (0:2)	
16 Aug 18:00 GER v ARG 0:4 (0:0)	
16 Aug 20:30 GBR v JPN 2:1 (1:0)	
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	M	W	D	L	Goals	P
1. Netherlands	4	4	0	0	12:3	12
2. China	4	3	0	1	12:2	9
3. Australia	4	3	0	1	15:7	9
4. Spain	4	2	0	2	4:10	6
5. Korea	4	0	0	4	8:16	0
6. South Africa	4	0	0	4	0:13	0

Women Pool B	M	W	D	L	Goals	P
1. Germany	4	3	0	1	11:8	9
2. Argentina	4	2	2	0	10:5	8
3. Great Britain	4	2	1	1	7:9	7
4. USA	4	1	2	1	9:8	5
5. Japan	4	1	1	2	5:6	4
6. New Zealand	4	0	0	4	4:10	0

Goalscorers Women	
1. Maartje PAUMEN (NED) 7 goals	
2. Fu Baorong (CHN) 4 goals	
Alejandra GULLA (ARG) 4 goals	
3. Crista CULLEN (GBR) 3 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 2:1 (1:1)	
15 Aug 18:00 BEL v NZL 2:4 (0:3)	
15 Aug 20:30 KOR v GER 3:3 (1:1)	
17 Aug 10:30 KOR v BEL 3:1 (0:1)	
17 Aug 18:30 NZL v CHN 2:2 (1:2)	
17 Aug 21:00 GER v ESP 1:0 (1:0)	
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 4:2 (3:1)	
15 Aug 18:30 PAK v AUS 1:3 (1:1)	
15 Aug 21:00 RSA v GBR 0:2 (0:1)	
17 Aug 08:30 GBR v CAN 1:1 (0:0)	
17 Aug 18:00 PAK v RSA 3:1 (1:1)	
17 Aug 20:30 AUS v NED 2:2 (0:0)	
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	

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1. Spain	4	3	0	1	7:4	9
2. Germany	4	2	2	0	9:5	8
3. New Zealand	4	2	1	1	9:6	7
4. Korea	4	2	1	1	12:8	7
5. Belgium	4	0	1	3	6:12	1
6. China	4	0	1	3	6:13	1

Men Pool B	M	W	D	L	Goals	P
1. Australia	4	3	1	0	21:4	10
2. Netherlands	4	3	1	0	12:4	10
3. Great Britain	4	2	1	1	7:4	7
4. Pakistan	4	2	0	2	9:9	6
5. Canada	4	0	1	3	5:14	1
6. South Africa	4	0	0	4	1:20	0

Goalscorers Men	
1. Taeke TAEKEMA (NED) 8 goals	
2. Jong Hyun JANG (KOR) 5 goals	
3. Desmond ABBOTT (AUS) 4 goals	
4. Shakeel ABBASI (PAK) 3 goals	

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