

PlanetFieldHockey and the Pan American Hockey Federation present
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Preliminary Pool B
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Mexico	0	Final
Netherlands Antilles	2	

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Warmup: Welcome back to London Canada for the 2nd Pan American Cup for Men.

Warmup: We will be covering the Pool B matchup between Mexico and Netherlands Antilles

Warmup: The Game between Cuba and Uruguay has been postponed because Cuba has not shown up yet

Warmup: They were expected to arrive just in time for their match but they are late.

Warmup: So we move on to Mexico and the Dutch Antilles.

Warmup: The Dutch Antilles will be represented by AHO for their three letter country code.

Warmup: We are almost ready to start the match.

Warmup: National Anthems

0: And here we go.

0: Mexico in Green.

0: AHO in Blue

0: Mexico take the pushback and are controlling it around the back

1: The AHO players show their Dutch ancestry.

1: All tall lanky men

1: Mexico still controlling

2: And they earn their first corner

2: An early test for the AHO defence

2: Deflection saved by the AHO keeper and the rebound is high over the goal

4: Mexico continue to put pressure.

4: AHO defend well and clear the ball out.

7: Now the ball is in the midfield

7: Both teams using the scoop

8: A good chance for AHO but they cannot earn a corner

8: And here is a two on one

8: The pass is made and the shot is wide

8: Great field chances for the Dutch Antilles.

8: Mexico cannot take this team for granted.

10: AHO controlling the play for the past 5 minutes

11: They are moving the ball well and now earn a PC

11: Their first of the game

11: The drag flick is saved

12: And MEX clear it down the field

12: But they cannot control it

12: MEX is able to control the ball in the back but lose it quickly when attacking.

14: AHO stopping all the MEX attacks and then countering smartly down the wings.

18: Now MEX regaining some control in the midfield.
22: Nice attack but that is saved by the AHO keeper
22: This is become a slow midfield game after some early excitement
25: MEX now with the ball in the AHO 25
25: A foul outside the circle has earned them a corner.
25: Their second of the half
26: The sweep hit is saved by AHO #5 and he clears long.
27: A fast break and good defence from MEX prevents a clean break.
31: MEX with a chance from a free hit outside the circle.
31: That goes into the goal without being touched by the diving forward
31: All MEX now in the last 5 minutes
31: They would like to get a goal before the half
31: But here comes AHO
31: MEX defending in numbers
32: But that means a lot of shoes to hit and that's what AHO does.
32: PC for the Dutch Antilles
33: The hit is deflected over the goal
33: What a great chance and the AHO player puts it over the net
35: Now in the midfield
35: And that's the end of the first half
HT: An even half
HT: I think MEX was surprized at the quality of the AHO defending
HT: And the swift manner in which they attack
37: AHO with possession up the right hand side
37: In the circle and a nice save by the MEX GK
37: AHO continue to pressure but they lose it off the endline
38: MEX try to run it out of defence but that doesn't work
40: AHO is continuing to frustrate MEX
41: AHO with the ball in the MEX half and now MEX gets a green card
41: Now a nice move into the circle and AHO earns a PC
41: GOAL!!!!
42: The Netherlands Antilles takes the lead
42: A drag flick to the top stick side
42: Great goal and the crowd is enjoying it.
43: The AHO team showed great spirit during the opening ceremonies and now the crowd returning the cheers
43: MEX struggling to get the ball out of their half
43: AHO controlling in the offensive end.
45: A great attacking run by AHO 16.
45: His shot is just wide but his teammate was there for the deflection
46: MEX just losing the ball too easilly here.
48: A great run by AHO and a desperate save by the MEX defender keeps the score at 1-0
49: Another long run by AHO and there is a loose ball foul and the umpire awards a PC
49: AHO scored on their last PC with a flick
50: GOAL: This time to the glove side high!
50: That is for sure in the Dutch style.

51: There is a lot of room in teh MEX defence for these long runs

51: But MEX cannot get posession outside of the 25

51: The sun has finally set here and it has gotten chiily

54: MEX now attacking well

55: A chance outside the circle, but a bad pass puts an end to that

55: AHO lose the ball and MEX

55: counters and earns a corner.

55: MEX need this goal to get back into the game

55: They try a layoff but AHO counters

56: They are in the circle but cannot control the ball

56: MEX in their half

57: The game is a getting rough

57: There have been two green cards and now two more

57: MEX playing desperate and trying to barge their way into the circle

59: Now MEX attackes with a scoop

60: They break to the circle but the pass is out of reach

60: AHO clears

62: And they get a great chance but the MEX keeper steps up and kicks it out

62: MEX moving forward and a bad tackle outside of the 25 earns them a PC

63: The Option hits his own player and AHO try to move it up

64: Some good play in the MEX end

64: MEX does well to clear under the pressure

65: But with the score 2-0 they are running out of time

67: AHO not giving the MEX players any room to dribble.

68: Now MEX with a chance at the edge of the circle.

68: Saved and cleared by AHO

68: MEX regains control but put if off the endline.

68: 2 minutes to play

69: MEX still trying to get a goal

69: But AHO holds

69: Now they attack up the right

69: Free hit outside the circle

69: MEX cannot clear

70: They do and now move up the field

70: A cross D scoop to an open winger but he cannot control

70: And AHO on a fast break but the MEX keeper comes out to save that

70: The final Horn

Final: The Dutch Antilles have won their opening match of the Pan American Cup

Final: Mexico flew in late last night and may have underestimated this oposition

Final: AHO enjoying their warm down laps

Final: MEX could not move the ball fowards as the Dutch ANtilles players cut off the passing lanes and channeled well

Final: AHO had some field opportunities but those were handled well by the MEX keeper.

Final: Where they capitalized was on the Drag Flick Penalty Corners.

Final: That's a story we've heard before.

Final: So AHO moves to 2nd spot in Pool B, just one goal behind Canada

Final: We hope for the arrival of Cuba tomorrow to complete the Pool

Final: This is Hari Kant signing off from London Canada.

Final: Thanks for tuning in to the 2nd Pan American Cup for Men.

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