

PlanetFieldHockey and the Pan American Hockey Federation present
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Preliminary Pool A
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| USA | 10 | Final |
| Brazil | 1 | |

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Warmup: Welcome 2nd Pan American Cup

Warmup: This is our third game of Day One.

Warmup: A Pool A encounter between USA and Brazil

Warmup: Earlier Argentina and Chile won lopsided victories over Venezuela and Puerto Rico.

Warmup: Brazil in their second international tournament and they look to gain some experience here.

Warmup: The US a consistent performer in the Americas will be looking to score early and try to match the earlier scores.

Warmup: But they shouldn't underestimate Brazil.

Warmup: We'll be back shortly with the push back.

1: We're underway

3: Mostly a midfield game so far

3: US with some attack

3: But nothing into the circle as of yet.

3: Now a PC for the US

4: Nakamura with the hit. Saved and the rebound cleared.

5: Now we are in the midfield

5: USA earns a corner from an attack up the right side.

6: An option by the USA and a great save by Rocha the BRA GK

8: Brazil defending well

8: Here is an open chance for Coolidge of the US but a good save by Rocha

14: US with a corner

14: they make 6 passes in the circle but fail to get a shot.

15: More pressure by the US

15: Another great chance for the US and again a save by ROCHA

16: Unlike ARG and CHI who scored early and often, the US is struggling

17: GOAL: USA finally scores. Scally shoots high in the goal after a scramble

17: Now additional pressure by the USA

16: GOAL: USA Harris on a Penalty corner drag flick

16: Now Brazil on the counter

22: A PC by BRA. Drag flick is saved by is saved by WELLINGS.

22: USA moving forwards.

26: GOAL.

26: It's Sandhu with the easy finish after a nice run by Badhensha.

26: USA goes up 3-0. The last goal a bit against play but well deserved.

26: Now the US holding onto possession and looking in control

31: Brazil showing discipline and maintaining their defence

32: BRA now counters and earn a PS

33: It's Wellings in goal for the US against Oliver Hock for Brazil.

33: GOAL: Hock finishes high to the glove side!

33: Brazil earn a big goal before the end of the half

34: With 2 minutes to play the US earns a PC

34: They will want to go into the locker room with a 3 goal lead.

34: Option left and the shot is save.

34: The rebound missed.

35: A long run by Harris

35: He is tripped up

35: Penalty Stroke.

34: With a minute to play

34: Nakamura steps up.

35: No problems.

35: GOAL: Low glove side this time for Nakamura

35: Now a nice chance for Cota, and a good save by ROCHA

35: If not for ROCHA this would be a blowout.

35: The US get another corner with seconds to play.

35: The corner is broken and that's the half

HT: So after a slow start, the US gain their composure and establish a strong lead

HT: Brazil

HT: BRA playing very well for such a new and are holding the score close with strong defending and some excellent goalkeeping

36: And here we go

36: US starting strong

36: and earning a corner down the left side

37: The shot goes off a BRA defenders foot for another corner.

37: Option flick is saved and cleared by BRA

39: As in the first half BRA is defending the USA pressure well

41: PC for USA

41: GOAL: After a few passes they finish it off

41: US padding their lead

42: Another PC for the USA now

43: GOAL: Nakamura on the direct hit.

43: Is Brazil tired now?

43: Maybe not. They are on the attack now.

44: Defended well by the US

49: The US are dominating now but are unable to add to their lead.

51: The US with a PC. and that is saved by ROCHA

51: Another Corner

51: GOAL: Nakamura on the corner.

52: That's his third of the game.

55: After more midfield play the US moves forward and earns another corner.

56: GOAL: USA Pat Harris with his 2nd goal from a Penalty Corner

57: Kainth D for the US working in the circle and his shot is stopped on the line by the BRA defending with his foot

57: PS for the US

57: GOAL: Nakamura squeeks it by ROCHA.

57: Rocha made the initial save but it was off the post then bouncing into the goal.

62: The US earns another corner

62: A straight hit saved by Rocha

63: The US attack from the Long corner but shoot wide

65: The ball stuck in the Brazil half now

68: GOAL

68: USA scores their tenth goal from field play

69: Brazil with a good chance but Caldas cannot connect

69: USA in the last minute looking to get a corner

70: The clock running out

70: But here come BRA for one last attack

70: They earn a PC from a long hit into the circle

70: The US a little careless.

70: There is the horn.

70: Brazil with all 10 players around the circle

70: The slow push is saved by Wellings, and there is another corner.

70: The pass is off and the game is over

Final: So the US win convincingly.

Final: They took some time getting going but maintained possession throughout and scored from their corners

Final: Brazil looked good early on holding the US. They were organized in defence and managed some good attack

Final: The US will be happy with the result as I believe that Brazil will be the strongest out of the bottom three teams in Pool A

Final: So that puts US in third in Pool A on goal difference

Final: That's it for the first 3 games in London this morning.

Final: We will be having Pool B this afternoon.

Final: This is Hari Kant signing off for PlanetFieldHockey and the Pan American Hockey federation.

Final: See you soon.