

PlanetFieldHockey and the Pan American Hockey Federation present
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Netherlands Antilles
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Final
Uruguay
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Warmup: Welcome back to London Canada for the 2nd Pan American Cup

Warmup: We are back after having technical difficulties on Thursday.

Warmup: This is Hari Kant providing commentary for this Pool B match this morning

Warmup: Following the withdrawal of Cuba, Pool B is wide open.

Warmup: Canada in the lead with 2 wins, however the Netherlands Antilles will be looking for their second win to move into 2nd place.

Warmup: Uruguay dropped their opening match to Mexico 5-0. This is the for Americas tournament for the URU Men's team.

Warmup: Commentary is being provided by PlanetFieldHockey in partnership with the Pan-American Hockey Federation

0: And we are underway

1: AHO (Dutch Antilles) in red and URU in Blue

1: URU start attacking up the left

2: Now play is in the midfield

3: After two warm days in London it has gotten cold

3: 8 degrees this morning which is certainly not the weather both these countries are used to at time time

4: URU with a shot by Cornalino. The reverse stick shot just wide of the goal

5: AHO is a island located off the north east coast of Brazil.

5: AHO attacking now. Passing the ball across the 50 before hitting forwards

6: AHO wanting to use the long ball but URU maintaining good position in defense.

8: TIXE with some nice play for URU and they are in the circle but cannot connect on the next pass

8: Here comes AHO now. And it's Vullinghs nearly earning a corner.

8: A free hit outside the URU circle

9: Deflection by Visscher just wide

9: Another hit into the circle and MALLO in the URU goal kicks it high for a PC

9: So AHO keeps hitting the ball into the circle and they eaern a corner.

10: Drag flick by Vullinghs goes well over the net

11: URU moving into the circle now and a slide by MEES stops DRAPER

14: It's opening up as both teams are fully warmed up and are eager to score

14: A dangerous scoop into the circle by URU and AHO cannot handle it. They now manage to clear

14: Right now it's hard to make any predictions on this match not having seen either team play much

15: URU relying on their speed and youth

15: AHO now with a corner

15: An option and saved on the line.

16: It's an Penalty Stroke. The URU defender saved it with his body

16: Overgaauw against Mallo

17: GOAL: Overgaauw slides it low glove side. Mallo guessed the other way.

17: Overgaauw with his fourth goal of the tournament. Three corners and a stroke

18: AHO coming again. DeGier down the right side and a sliding save by Mallo

18: URU clear again but it is controlled by AHO.

19: URU cannot afford to open the game up now as AHO has proven good on the counter attack

20: URU scoops long to relieve pressure

21: They get a chance in the circle

22: TIXE N. is in front of the goal but raises it.

22: A long ball to Bendel and Mallo up to the task making a diving save at the top of the circle

23: AHO again in the circle and a good save

23: URU on the 16 pass it back to Mallo and he kicks it 70 yards up the field!

23: I haven't seen that in a while

24: It seems to have worked as URU is enjoying some possession up front.

24: Good short passing from URU

25: AHO again with the long ball and it hits a URU foot in the circle

26: GOAL: Penalty corner Drag flick by Overgaauw

24: He took some pace off the ball and it fooled Mallo

26: Here comes AHO and it's off the foot of Romano and another PC

26: This time defended well by Castillo, but another corner for AHO

26: It's deflected and it just goes over the goal.

27: That's a nice option

28: AHO continue to press. URU is unable to maintain possession and are forced to defend

31: URU coming into the circle and it's a green card against AHO

31: URU cannot capitalize on the free hit and AHO counter and their cross goes through the circle

32: Most of the play in the URU end and they fail to scoop it out.

33: AHO moving the ball around in the URU 25

33: Now they lose it

33: URU now moving it out

33: Broken up by Vullingsh

34: Now URU trying to make something happen in the last minutes

34: But AHO defend in numbers

35: And that's the half

35: A good display of hockey from two young hockey nations

35: Dutch Antilles breaking things up in the midfield and not allowing URU to get any sustained attack.

35: Then counter attacking and earning corners when they can.

35: Overgaauw tallies his 3rd and 4th goals of the tournament for AHO.

35: URU with some attack but usually one player on their own with a couple of red shirts forcing the issue.

35: After a good start on defence they got a bit sloppy and gave up some poor corners

35: Mallo making some good saves for URU but must stop Overgaauw on the corners to keep his team close

HT: I have Jorge Perez here from the URU Team.

HT: And he would like to say Hello to the Uruguayan fans and that the guys are playing their best and learning a lot.

HT: The second half is ready to go

38: URU come out strong and are putting pressure on the AHO defense

38: They are stealing the ball and then moving into attack

38: AHO back in numbers

39: Vullingsh is down after a brief exchange with Pereyra

39: He is OK

41: AHO hits the ball into the URU circle and there is a scramble and URU clears

41: AHO pressing the URU defenders.

42: AHO steals it

42: AHO breaks in and another save by Mallo

42: Overgaauw this time passing it and it's stopped by Mallo

45: AHO up the right side again and Mallo once again at the top of the circle making the play

47: Here is a chance for URU, a hard tackle outside the circle and now a foot inside it for a corner

47: Their first corner of the match.

47: The hit is deflected and goes just wide

48: Teams cannot afford to put the ball wide on corners

49: The best corner strikers in the world do not miss the goal and that is their biggest strength

49: The score still 2-0

49: But here URU earn another corner

50: AHO players arguing as that was for not being 5 yards on a hit in the 25.

50: URU bobble it but manage to manufacture another corner.

51: Again bobbled by URU and they hit the ball after the whistl

54: And a collision in the midfield

55: Both players go down

55: They are both OK and we will continue with a bully

56: URU down the left and it's TIXE N with a nice run

56: He earns a corner

56: URU unable to get a shot off.

56: AHO counter

56: URU defending in numbers

56: A shot by DE GIER and saved by Mallo

56: Some end to end action here.

56: But time running low for URU

58: AHO moving well now

58: And a run by BENDEL earns a corner for AHO

58: This would be the insurance goal for AHO

58: They cannot stop it

58: GOAL

59: VAN Stapele receives the pass and quickly turns and shoots it under a sliding MALLO

59: AHO quick to recover from the missed corner.

60: And after the push back they attack again and another PC from a stick tackle

60: GOAL: The flick by Overgaauw beats Mallo low to the stick side.

60: Quickly AHO has taken control of this match

62: URU not finished yet as they pressure in attack

62: An errant pass and AHO regain the ball

67: Aho moving in on the right baseline and another corner. that is Van De Braak

67: He is obstructed and collides with the GK

67: AHO with another option that doesn't work out.

70: A great chance for Van Stapele on the circle and he hits it wide

Final: And that's the final horn.

Final: In the end a comprehensive victory by the Dutch Antilles.

Final: URU improving from their previous games but were not able to control the ball for any length of time.

Final: AHO playing good defense and counter attack hockey.

Final: Jaap Overgaww with a hattrick for AHO to bring his tally to 6 for the tournament.

Final: They are 2nd in Pool B behind Canada on goal difference. Their big game will be against Trinidad on Tuesday the 18th of May

Final: I have Jorge Perez here for a few comments on the Uruguay match.

Final: We played better than in the last game. the Netherlands Antilles has good players and technique

Final: We knew it was going to be a good but difficult game.

Final: This is our first time at a big tournament and we need more competitions

Final: These kinds of games with good teams. And we know that each game we play we learn more.

Final: We are not dissappointed as we are doing the best we can.

Final: We are going into the Trinidad game with the same attitude. They have a good player in Kwane Browne

Final: They are not the same team that they were two years ago. All these teams have improved their technique.

Final: Uruguay needs to improve their technique

Final: URU was better in the 2nd half and earned 3 corners. Playing aggressive.

Final: The thrid AHO goal they felt it and fell down.

Final: Had URU scored in the first half to make it 2-1 it would be different story.

Final: AHO had a good corner unit and that makes all the difference.

Final: We had three and couldn't do anything with them.

Final: So we are learning.

Final: Our goalkeeper Mariano Mallo always plays good. If it's not for him we could be in trouble.

Final: We will be looking to win matches in the 9 to 12th positions.

Final: Our big match was against Mexico and we played bad

Final: We were hoping to play against Cuba in our first game and that didn't work out.

Final: Thank you very much Jorge for those comments.

Final: Thanks for tuning in today.

Final: This commentary is brought to you by PlanetFieldHockey.com and the Pan American Hockey Federation.

Final: Stay tuned for the next match between Mexico and Trinidad