

PlanetFieldHockey and the Pan American Hockey Federation present
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Preliminary Pool A
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Argentina
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Final
Chile
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Warmup: Welcome to London Canada for the 2nd Pan American Cup for Men

Warmup: This is Hari Kant providing commentary for PlanetFieldHockey and the Pan-American Hockey Federation

Warmup: You can find daily pictures of the games and last nights official tournament banquet at the Pan American Hockey website

Warmup: www.panamhockey.org

Warmup: Now we have Argentina vs Chile in this pool A Matchup.

Warmup: Both teams have two wins in two games

Warmup: ARG the favourite to win of course as they are ranked in the top 6 in the world

Warmup: They recently beat Chile 1-0 at the Pan American Games last year and 3-2 in the South American Cup.

Warmup: So close games but both for Argentina.

0: We're underway

2: ARG starting on the attack playing it up the left side

2: Paulon losing the ball there

4: Now Chile deep in their corner.

4: They scoop it out and manage to get it back

4: This is the first challenging team match for either team in this tournament.

4: ARG attacking with MacCormick

5: Gets into the circle but there is obstruction

5: CHI Scooping forward

5: Called on the not 5 yards.

6: ARG playing it around the back

7: Here is Garreta on the left win

7: CHI controls and smashes it up the field

7: It's Koppenberger defending well

7: ARG with possession near the circle

7: Hourquebie

8: Off the endline

8: CHI with the scoop again

8: ARG setup their attack from the back

9: Again up the left with MacCormik

9: That doesn't work

9: CHI allowing ARG to get to their circle but not letting them in.

10: Long hit by Orozco from deep defense gets through everyone and is off the endline.

10: ARG continue to pressure but now the ball is off the endline again.

10: CHI crowding the field in their 25

11: When they get a 16 they look to scoop

11: It's still a cold afternoon here in London

11: Again ARG try to hit into the circle and CHI able to clear

12: And here is a good chance by Vila. Reverse stick shot hits the side of the net

13: Now O'Rayn is dow

13: down, he was hit in the leg with a ball, he is OK and is running now

13: CHI playing it back

13: CHI up the left and it's Montegu their captain with a good chance. His shot is wide of the goal

14: CHI scoop and Orozco clears well

14: Some good pressure by CHI in the last 2 minutes after ARG had all the posession for 10

14: Now ARG et it back

15: They take their time as CHI retreat into defense

15: That appears to be their strategy

15: Defend in numbers and scoop it out

15: They are doing a good job of suporting the attack

15: They are here with Kuhlenthal up the right.

16: ARG a bit sloppy and losing the ball

16: Individual play by the ARG defense is saving them as CHI better with their positioning

16: Nice move by Krainz and here comes CHI

17: Free hit and CHI get a shot saved by Vivaldi

18: ARG now countering and the long pass is saved by Koppenberger

18: Long corner for ARG

18: Good pressure by CHI forces the issue

18: ARG moving the ball up

18: Again Koppenberger with the play

18: CHI soop it out

19: Avila collects and here is the turnover

19: CHI Montegu to Wagner. SHOT: Off the side of the goal. It may have been the post

19: What a great chance for CHI

20: CHI Montegu to Wagner.

20: Shot Off the side of the goal.

20: ARG with more of the pressue but CHI with the better chances.

21: But ARG miss a good chance as they gained a free hit outside the circle

21: Mistakes on both sides of the ball causing turnovers.

23: CHI moving the ball quickly now after whistles

23: Montegu passes wide and Kuhlenthal on the right

24: Krainz loses the ball to MacCormick

24: ARG trying to move up the field, but CHI forechecking well

24: Now they are up in the top right corner.

25: CHI clear

26: ARG at the back

27: Here is Almada

27: Followed by two Chileans so there is little room

27: Another chance and cleared by Krainz

29: ARG now at the edge of the circle and they thought they had a corner.

30: But another chance for ARG but again nothing from umpire Marcano

30: Finally they earn a corner from outside the circle
31: Lombi with a drag flick and that is saved by Anwandter
31: That is their first shot on goal and it's 30 minutes into it
32: Anwandter saving that high shot
32: The Chileans are playing man to man on the duo of Lombi and Almada
32: Sotomayor and Amoroso providing the blanket defense for the first half
33: But a broken play results in a corner for ARG.
33: The flick is off the defenders stick wide.
34: So another big play by CHI to stop Lombi
34: Time called here as Anwandter wants to fix his helmet
35: CHI looking to scoop
35: They do despite pressure by Lombi
35: And that's the half. A tight match of hockey. ARG only able to create two shots on goal from corners
HT: CHI provided plenty of opposition in their 25 led by Amoroso and Sotomayor.
HT: CHI creating a few scoring chances through Montegu and Krainz with Kuhlenthal moving the ball well up the right
HT: CHI unable to get their shots on goal.
36: We're ready to go.
36: ARG play it back
36: and lose it off the sideline
37: CHI applying the pressure and coming forward with Montegu
37: His shot is deflected high and it's a corner
37: First corner for CHI
38: They cannot stop it but they recover and move into the circle
38: Good save by Vivaldi but it's not a corner
38: A drag flick by Montegu is wide
38: Here is the counter by ARG
38: GOAL!
39: Argentina rush the length of the pitch and it's Garreta scoring on the empty net
40: Almada working his magic to gain the circle and passed it to Garreta for the sitter.
40: So the blanket defense of CHI is broken briefly but that is enough
42: CHI go back to their scoop and defend style
43: But here comes Lombi, and his shot is kicked high by Anwandter
43: It's a PC
43: This corner is flicked high by Lombi
43: CHI move up the right
43: Kuhlenthal
43: into the circle and he gets a reverse stick shot. Saved by Vivaldi
44: Good chance for CHI and now they earn a corner through Rodriguez
45: This corner is not stopped again and CHI is wasting their chances
45: They are back in the circle with Krainz
45: He is not able to do anything with it and Montegu tries his run up the endline
45: There is no room
45: ARG now control up the left
45: Lombi loses the ball
46: He chases the ball and CHI must release down the field

47: ARG with pressure on the right and the bouncing ball into the circle results in a corner.
47: Drag flick and it's saved again by Anwandter
47: Lombi unable to score on his three corner shots
48: ARG still pressuring
48: into the circle and cleared by Krainz
49: ARG with a free hit and again defended nicely by Krainz
49: he has been strong for CHI
50: ARG into the circle.
50: That shot by Lombi is saved, but CHI have trouble clearing the rebound and it's a corner
50: This drag flick is low and off the foot of a Chilean. Corner
51: It's a broken play and after a few passes and good defense ARG with another corner
51: This drag flick is off the leg of Krainz and he is down
51: It's off the leg of the first runner and here comes the physio
52: Corner for ARG
52: This drag flick is saved again by Anwandter on the glove side
52: CHI clear the play
53: This is the first goalkeeper against Lombi who has stood in the goal and reacted to the flicks.
53: So far Lombi is 0 for 6
55: It's starting to get a bit sunny out now and a little warmer
55: Here comes CHI
55: and it's a good play by Casanova
55: Passing inside creating a dangerous chance and gets a corner off an ARG foot
56: They cannot execute again, but this time find a foot and get a corner
56: that's 3 corners they haven't go shots on
57: Now the ARG first runner is hit by the ball. Vila is assisted off the field.
57: That is a very risky strategy to run down the corner flick
57: The flick is low and stopped by Vivaldi. cleared by ARG
58: So good corner defense by Argentina
58: The FIH has recognized the potential danger to runners on PC's and have just added an experimental rule to discourage this
58: Now any player trying to block a PC shot with his body will result in another PC automatically
59: Prior to this rule, any ball that hit a player above the knee was a free hit for the defense.
59: This provided too much incentive at the end of a tight match to make the suicide play.
59: Now ARG coming up the right
60: Paulon passes into Almada and he gets an easy corner.
60: CHI not playing as tight as they did in the first half and it's costing them.
60: The more open game suits ARG
60: This drag flick is saved by Anwandter with the right pad.
62: CHI back to scooping but ARG there to collect it
64: Lombi up the right side and that's to Almada he earns another corner
64: CHI loose on defense
64: ARG unable to score on their 8 corners.
64: GOAL
64: Deflection by Almada off the Lombi low push
62: ARG get their insurance goal with 9 minutes to play
62: Now an ARG player is down it's Avila and he's OK.

65: Scoop by CHI

65: ARG happy to collect that and hit it up the field

66: CHI still running up front but getting spread out.

66: It's harder for them to sustain the attack

68: CHI flub the scoop and here comes ARG

68: They get a free hit near the circle

68: up comes Vila

68: and that's through the circle

69: ARG looking comfortable now moving the ball around

69: CHI still knowing they need to keep the score close

69: Long corner ARG

70: And that's the final horn. Good win by Argentina here. They climb to the top of Pool A

70: They were stopped in the large part by the Chile PC defense but managed to score the winner from the field

70: And then the insurance from a PC option

70: Lombi held scoreless on PC's by Anwandter in the CHI goal. Anwandter had to be the player of the match

70: CHI with some great chances especially in the first half

70: Those chances were created by their strong defensive effort by Amoroso and Sotomayor.

Final: This broke down a bit in the second half where ARG took advantage

Final: CHI earned two corners early in the 2nd half and that probably took their mind off their defensive roles

Final: They were unable to execute their corners well and ARG made some key defensive corner stops.

Final: So as expected ARG remains undefeated, but CHI playing a strong game will carry this momentum towards their match against the USA

Final: Thanks for tuning in today. This is Hari Kant of PlanetFieldHockey in partnership with the Pan American Hockey Federation.

Final: See you for the next match between the USA and Venezuela