

**PlanetFieldHockey and the Pan American Hockey Federation present**
**2nd Men's Pan American Cup**
**London, Canada**
**Preliminary Pool B**
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<b>Mexico</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Final</b>
<b>Trinidad &amp; Tobago</b>	<b>5</b>	

**Play by Play By: Hari Kant**

Warmup: Welcome back to London, Ontario, Canada for the 2nd game of Day 3 of competition

Warmup: We have a Pool B match between Mexico and Trinidad & Tobago.

Warmup: Mexico has 3 points after 2 games with their victory over Uruguay, while T&T have only played their one game and lost 3-0 to Canada

Warmup: It's a cold morning here in London, temperatures around 8C and overcast.

2: We're underway

2: TRI in Red attacking against MEX in Green

2: Browne for TRI is in the circle and attempts to get a corner

2: He protests the MEX tackle but the umpire doesn't agree.

3: This will be an exciting fast paced game if the start is any indicatoin

4: MEX looking to win their second game in a row after their opening lost to the Dutch Antilles

4: and they are near the TRI circle

4: Defending well is Browne.

6: Some loud whistles early. The umpires trying to control the aggressive play by both teams.

7: Here is a shot by MEX. Saved by Alexander. Bad Rebound

7: And an empty net is missed by Moreno.

7: The net was open and he missed the chance to put MEX up.

7: Now TRI counter

8: Noriega to take a hit outside the circle

8: Quan Chan cannot earn a corner

8: MEX on the run up the left

9: They switch with a scoop and almost get a corner

9: So far MEX creating the better chances

10: Nice passing by TRI which forces a save by Aguilar

11: MEX attacking now and this is a good break. Providence intercedes for TRI and they regain the ball

11: Long ball to Wren

12: switch through Browne

12: that is intercepted by the MEX captain rosales

12: He loses it and there is more pressure by TRI

13: GOAL: Browne the TRI Captain scores after a number of chances

13: A hard and low push that catches Aguilar moving.

13: TRI looking dangerous now

13: Wren

14: up the left crossing, but no one there

15: MEX trying to recover and are working hard

16: They pressure the TRI defense and gain possession  
16: Chavez turns and shoots but that is dangerous  
16: TRI now play it around the back  
17: Browne for TRI. On his own dribbling and earns a corner  
17: TRI wants to make this count  
18: GOAL: Drag flick by Browne which is off Aguilar.  
18: 2-0 TRI half way through the first half  
20: They are on attack again  
20: In the circle is Garcia  
20: Down low and he gets a corner  
21: GOAL: Browne again. Almost the same as the previous one.  
22: A hattrick for Kwan Browne and he caught Aguilar flat footed.  
22: So quickly in 8 minutes TRI has taken control of this match  
27: Another chance for TRI and it's wide  
27: GOAL: Mexico  
28: Sorry, no goal there  
28: It was off the foot Moreno and it's called back  
28: MEX with more chances  
29: It's Garcia R with two or three shots, but Alexander is able to keep the sheet clear.  
29: The final rebound is hit wide by Moreno  
29: MEX coming close but unable to finish  
29: TRI with as many chances but deadly with the corners through Browne  
30: TRI clear with the scoop and now they are in the 25  
31: Browne holding it and passes to Wren  
31: on the end line  
31: Long corner  
31: Dribbling down the ending is Garcia and he gets a corner  
31: The crowd doesn't agree  
32: GOAL: Browne with his 4th goal of the game. Almost the same as the other three.  
32: Off the keeper, this time VARGAS in goal for MEX and it's 4-0  
32: TRI continue to apply pressure with 4 minutes to go  
32: Here comes MEX on the break,  
32: One bad pass and a sea of red shirts comes back to defend.  
32: TRI playing strong even with a 4 goal lead.  
34: MEX up the right side now in the final minutes  
35: Some good passing here with Miranda and Gomez  
35: But Eccles is there to stop them  
35: At half time I will have Bertrand Duncan from the T&T Team to give you his thoughts on the game.  
35: Here is Bertrand  
35: So far we have the better of the exchange. The team is growing in composure. Playing better than we did against Canada.  
35: Our new system is definitely working for us.  
35: This is the first major tournament for Coach Francios. And I feel he's made some good changes.  
35: Most of the guys are disappointed that Cuba has not shown up for the tournament because Cuba is always a tough game.  
35: We were looking forward to that. For a way to match fitness level and skill level.  
35: I have been playing since 88 and on the national team since 94 including the Pan-Ams in Santa Domingo

35: The game has developed in the Carribean and surpassed where it was before.

35: I do not think there is a big difference between the strong and weak teams. I think that the difference is in the Penalty Corners.

35: Teams with a great penalty corner have all the advantage. Teams play for the Penalty Corners.

35: The defending of corners is very poor.

35: Right now we have 5 players playing in England all in the premier division.

35: Every week they are playing competiive games which is helping.

35: The league in Trinidad is getting better as well and it is on astroturf.

35: Thank you Bertrand Duncan for that insight on hockey in Trinidad.

HT: We are ready for the 2nd half now.

36: MEX will try to get on the board early while TRI may be thinking about goal difference

37: in comes Edgar Gomez for MEX and a good save by Alexander

37: TRI plays it long but it's off the endline

40: Play in the midfield here, but I don't think either team wants the game to be like this

40: More scoops by TRI and some good passing

41: MEX defend well

41: A chance for Wren and that is saved by Vargas in the MEX goal

42: GOAL

43: MEX with some nice passing and they finish it off

43: GOMEZ finishes it off nicely

44: GOAL: Wow TRI counter off the push back and it's 5-1.

44: Wren with the goal. He picked up the scoop off the crossbar and Wren batted it in.

44: Bizzare goal that had Vargas confused.

45: So no chance for MEX to get some momentum

45: Here is a chance for Browne. Hit over the goal.

47: Now a long pass from MEX and a corner earned by Moreno

48: Drag flick by Chavez and it's blocked by the runner

48: another PC

48: This is broken but Chavez manufactures another corner.

49: Good defending by TRI as they cut off the option but it's another corner.

50: GOAL: Cuevas finishes it with the reverse stick

50: It seemed like an option gone bad but good control by Cuevas and MEX close the gap to 3 goals again.

52: Corner for TRI on the break.

52: MEX is complaining.

52: Browne with the Drag flick and it's way over the goal

53: TRI on the attack again.

54: Browne dribbling and makes the pass

54: Here is a corner for TRI

54: Drag flick saved the rebound by Noriega is smashed into the keeper

55: Hard whistle and it's a yellow for Quan Chan

55: He ran into the goalkeeper during the play and Simpson showed no hesitation in awarding the yellow

55: Now the game is geting rough

56: A bad tackle by MEX and it's Cuevas is going to sit out for 5 minutes at least

56: TRI looking for more goals.

57: MEX playing aggressive like they did at the end of the Dutch Antilles game.

57: Browne dribbling in and Miranda knocks it over the end line for another TRI PC

57: Browne with the drag flick and saved this time by Vargas.

57: Browne denied his 5th goal.

58: MEX struggling to get the ball out of their end

58: Good moves by Roberto Garcia

60: Corner for TRI

59: Sorry that is for MEX

59: MEX not executing their corners quickly enough and TRI able to defend with their top two runners

60: Now it's Wren with a good shot for TRI and Vargas with a kicker save

60: MEX try to counter

60: No luck

63: Corner for TRI

64: Nice move by Browne and the shot is saved. Another corner

64: They try the same move but MEX is ready for this.

64: TRI unable to add to their lead in this half

67: Still trying it's Gilkes in the circle

67: Long corner

67: up come Edwards to take that

68: TRI get a corner

69: Browne's drag flick is saved by Vargas.

70: Here is a high scoop played over the shoulder by MEX and a final corner for TRI on the horn

70: Shot is saved and that's the game

Final: So an exciting game of hockey.

Final: TRI got the early lead but MEX did not quit and made it an interesting 2nd half

Final: Once again the penalty corners decided the match with TRI scoring three all from Kwan Browne.

Final: MEX needed some better PC defense as well as better execution on their own PC's.

Final: It was much too easy for the TRI runners to stop the MEX PC.

Final: TRI picks up their first points but have a game in hand over the Dutch Antilles and Mexico.

Final: That's it for the morning games here in London. I'll be back this afternoon with a full complement of Pool A matches

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