

PlanetFieldHockey and the Pan American Hockey Federation present
2nd Men's Pan American Cup
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Preliminary Pool A
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USA	8	Final
Venezuela	0	

Play by Play By: Hari Kant

- 0: Welcome to the 2nd Pan American Cup for Men
- 0: We have USA vs Venezuela in this Pool A match
- 1: Right off the start it's VEN with a corner
- 1: Early break by USA and it's another corner
- 1: Venezuela options but that is stopped.
- 1: USA recover now and move it in the midfield
- 2: Cota at the back moves it up and USA attacks up the right side
- 2: There is a long pass and Marques in the VEN goal must kick that out
- 2: VEN at the back
- 2: USA falling back to 3/4 press
- 2: VEN with the long ball and it goes all the way for a long corner.
- 3: VEN with some short passing.
- 3: Another long corner
- 4: Finally trapped by the US and cleared
- 4: It's still a cool day at the stadium and the teams may take some time to get moving
- 5: VEN not showing signs of feeling cold as they are coming on strong.
- 5: They have lost their first two games by large margins, while the has two strong wins.
- 6: Good passing here and it's Puzo attacking for VENB
- 6: He tries to cross but it is high
- 6: USA around the back
- 6: Hindy
- 6: up the field to Martin
- 7: He moves to the middle
- 7: Sandhu
- 7: on the left
- 7: US in the circle and is just cleared for a lng corner
- 7: short pass followed by a cross and diving is Marquez to clear
- 7: USA retain possession on the sideline
- 9: USA on the right and Martin gets a shot off with the reverse stick.
- 9: Those shots are tricky for the keeper to pick up.
- 9: This one is wide
- 10: It's stolen by Martin at the 25
- 11: He is going in all alone, beats the goalie and he shoots it wide
- 11: The final chance was off his back foot and he punched it across the open goal
- 11: A great chance for the US

12: Here is a poor back tackle by the CHI forward.
12: It's Daniel Quiroz who gets a green and he should feel lucky it wasn't a yellow
13: VEN continue to attack and this push into the circle is raised by the US defender. Scally the culprit there
13: PC for VEN
13: That is executed poorly and the US breaks up the right
13: Harris passing and Martin with the shot
14: GOAL: The US goes up 1-0 on the fast break
14: Great effort by Harris and Martin took his time making sure of the shot.
14: Low and in the corner was enough to beat marquez
14: More pressure by the US and this is a deflection by Kundi off the side mesh
15: That was a great chance but Kundi looked too casual
15: More USA and Harris on the right back to Martin
15: GOAL
16: Again Martin from Harris. Similar goal with a different build up
16: About 6 US team members completed passes before the finish by Martin.
16: Just 1 minute apart
16: VEN not giving up here and up the right is D Quiroz
17: He is chopped by Badhesha and that's a corner for VEN
17: Their chance to answer to the to Jarrad Martin goals
17: Sweep hit and saved, the rebound is there but whistled down
17: VEN with some aggressive forechecking
18: US coming up on the right and Martin again earns a corner
18: Martin with a strong game so far
18: The first shot is saved, rebound to Harris and he takes his time
19: GOAL: Pat Harris lobs it into the empty net after running around Marquez
19: So it took them some time to get going but the US in control now.
21: VEN with a corner now
21: US with a bad tackle outside their circle
21: They will have to be careful with that sort of tackling. They will be punished by the better teams
21: VEN do not manage to trap their corner and the US clear
21: VEnswitching it around
21: Too many US players there and they break up the left
21: Sandhu
22: loses it
23: In the midfield now it's VEN
23: They lose it up the right
26: Jordan for the US with a run up the right side he goes off the endline
26: VEN with a long clearance
26: The game has slowed down considerably now
26: Here is Martin with a good pass from Hindy
26: He makes a good cross to Harris
26: Harris opts out of the shot and gives Martin a hard pass to manage.
27: Martin cannot convert
28: Now the US with a corner
28: Option left and Harris with the flick.

28: That's saved by Marquez

29: A green card to Bernal of Venezuela earlier

29: Now another corner by the US

29: This time it's Nakamura with the shot.

30: It goes off the runner high and it's another corner.

30: This corner option to Hindy but Harris cannot handle the deflection

30: VEN trying to get moving up the field but the US is back

33: They have it now in the midfield

34: The US attacks up the right hand side and they earn a corner.

34: Nakamura with a hit that is saved. Another corner.

35: Drag flick by Harris

35: GOAL: into the mesh by Harris.

35: He gets his second goal of the day to match the output of Jarred Martin

35: Time winding down and VEN trying to get into the US circle

35: US defending well

35: US with a final attack and they earn a corner.

35: After a scramble it goes wide

35: That's the end of the half

HT: Good half for the US. Again a slow start, but what can you expect in these cold conditions

HT: Harris playing well for the US with two assists and two goals.

HT: The first goal the result of a great run

HT: VEN held for a while and had some chances but not able to get shots away

HT: The US in control and now it's just a matter of how many they score.

HT: They are looking at the 6-1 result that Chile beat Venezuela by and will want to exceed that.

36: We are underway

36: VEN moving right up the field and they earn a long corner

37: Nothing comes of that

37: THE US counters and Martin is in the circle

37: He is tackled

37: Harris back again and his pass to Sandhu is on the mark

37: Sandhu is pushed and it's a corner

38: It hits a US foot at the top of the circle and VEN takes over

40: They cannot sustain the pressure

40: They now make a long play into the circle but Nakamura is able to clear

40: Here comes Scally up the field

41: To Martin he loses it

41: VEN trying to scoop it out and they cannot

41: US regains possession

41: they hold it in the middle

42: Things have slowed down considerably

42: The US earn a soft corner from a scoop into the circle

43: the US cannot stop it properly and VEN have time to scoop it out

44: They get possession in the circle

44: The US defender knocks over the VEN forward

44: It's a corner for VEN

44: Rough play there

45: VEN takes the shot and it's saved by Saez

45: US on the counter

45: VEN able to get back

45: Kundi on the right wing

46: Passes into Martin. Stopped by VEN

46: They cannot clear it fa

46: far

46: and the US switch it over the top

46: In comes Scally

46: Shot by Martin

46: The rebound for Kainth

46: GOAL

47: Daraspreet Kainth with an easy tap in after Marquez messed up the rebound.

47: Here is a cross by Martin and that is through the circle

47: VEN trying to get out of their end

48: USA with an error at the back and up come VEN

53: All midfield now

53: Very slow match

53: But the US find a loose ball in the circle and gain a corner

54: Slowly they are building the goal difference they need

54: They cannot stop it at the top

54: Teams are having problems stopping the ball at the top.

55: Some roughness here

55: And it's a yellow card for VEN Laurent Fayen is sent off for that foul

56: Laurent actually has been living in Montreal for many years and has played for the Venezuelan National team for over 15 years.

56: Now a corner for the US

57: Again not stopped by the US battery.

57: They recover and here is another chance.

57: GOAL: Pat Cota with a great deflection

58: Nakamura with a great pass on a quick free hit to set things up

58: Now another corner for the US

59: GOAL: Pat Harris with his third penalty corner goal.

59: Drag flick on the option low on the backboard

59: Now it's opened up

59: Kundi with a run down the right that is stopped

60: Good passing up the right by the us

60: Crossed by Kundi and Scally cannot connect with that cross

60: VEN moving up the field now

60: Remember they are a man short

60: That pass is errant and it's off the endline

61: VEN still trying to generate some attack

61: Long passes are giving them some success, but then the US manages to get their players back

64: VEN with a chance. The shot is wide

68: Once again the play has slowed down

68: The US now on a rish and Harris creates it all himself

69: Pass into Scally and he earns the corner

69: The hit is saved but there is another corner here

70: This is saved on the option and the rebound is not easy to shoot.

70: Final minute here and the US with a last chance

70: Martin hits it into Queriz and he makes that and another save

70: Good play by Quiroz

70: Now a stroke for USA. Defender pushed the forward in the back

70: Nakamura against Quiroz

70: GOAL: Stroke low to the glove side to make it 8-0

70: And that is the way it will end

Final: The US will be happy with that result

Final: Very good performance in this cold weather. Adding to their goal difference.

Final: Let's hope that the standings don't come down to that but all teams are aware of it.

Final: Harris very good for the US today with help from Martin and Scally up front.

Final: Nakamura has his usual strong game for the US

Final: The US moves to 2nd in Pool A behind ARG on goal difference

Final: VEN look very much like the young side that they brought here

Final: They play some good hockey but are unable to maintain possession in order to get quality chances.

Final: Stay tuned for todays final match between Brazil and Pueroto Rico coming up shortly

Final: This is Hari Kant signing off for PlanetFieldHockey in partnership with the Pan American Hockey Federation

Final: Visit the Pan Am Hockey site for pictures and reports of the tournament.

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