

**PlanetFieldHockey and the Pan American Hockey Federation present**
**2nd Men's Pan American Cup**
**London, Canada**
**Preliminary Pool B**
**May 16th, 2004 12:00 pm**
**Canada**
**6**
**Final**
**Mexico**
**0**
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Warmup: Welcome back to sunny London, Ontario, Canada for the 2nd Pan American Cup for Men

Warmup: We have Canada vs Mexico today in the Pool B matchup

Warmup: Canada is undefeated after two games with wins against Trinidad & Tobago and the Dutch Antilles

Warmup: With Cuba withdrawing from the tournament Canada is the clear favourite to win Pool B

Warmup: Mexico is 1-2 after three games and this will be their final pool match

Warmup: Mexico in fourth place and would need an upset victory over Canada in order to move up in the rankings.

Warmup: Bright and sunny is the weather; a marked improvement over yesterdays windy chill

Warmup: Some new faces in the lineup for Canada with the suspension to Pereira

Warmup: Jeewan Bath making a start for Canada and Phil Wright also in the lineup.

Warmup: We are five minutes away from the start of the game

Warmup: We have a pro-Canadian group in the stands in front of me and they are predicting a 10-0 victory

1: We are underway

1: CAN controlling it around the back and pushing forwards

1: Kahlon and D'Abreo at the back

2: Kahlon long hit

2: MEX at the back now trying to scoop but CAN block that

3: They are able to move it up but CAN with a full press not allowing them too much time

3: CAN up the left now with Wettlaufer and Short

3: Stopped by Martinez

4: Garcia trying to scoop but pressure causes him to dribble instead

4: Bath with a nice pass to Wright and Jameson cannot convert

5: MEX playing it cool in the face of all the CAN pressure

5: Grimes with a cross

5: and Martinez collects that on the far post

5: and clears

5: A scoop by MEX and they have it in the circle

6: Marquez working to get a corner against Bath, no room

6: Wettlaufer clears

6: CAN get it back and move up the field

6: Good play by Cuevas to take the ball and MEX move up

6: Here is Moreno

6: missed by him. CAN scoops long to Grimes

6: Tackled by Rosales

7: On the counter it's BATH up the right side. He loses control

7: MEX under full pressure from CAN now and they break the trap

7: MEX up the left

8: Gomez with an opportunity but cannot find the foot and CAN picks up the errant pas

8: They don't have much luck as MEX is back

8: Good quick hit by CAN puts Grimes through to the circle. He loses control

9: Grimes with a knack for scoring one touch goals

9: Short at the back to Kahlon

10: Taht is stopped by Rosales

10: They try to switch but too many red shirts there.

10: CAN in all red and MEX in all green

10: A long pass by Short is not stopped by Jameson

12: CAN with more pressure now

12: That chance deflects wide

12: MEX recover and look to scoop ghrough Garcia

12: CAN pressuring and D'abreo switches

12: Good chance for Jameson, but out of space

12: Long corner

13: Long hit by Kahlon into the circle and it's off Vargas high for a corner

13: First corner for Canada

13: Hit by Kahlon is saved and cleared by Mexico

14: Well defended by MEX

14: Another chance intercepted by Jameson, he cannot connect on the bouncing ball. That was a great chance

14: Short picks it up outside the circle, great pass, but noone there to get a touch

14: CAN with all the play now, but unable to make the final play

15: MEX now on a break

15: Rosales with the ball and he gets it to Gomez

15: Up the right and side he crosses into the circle and Fernandez is there to break it up

15: CAN with Kahlon controlling through Davis and now up the field. Campbell

17: He passes it on

17: And Canada continue to control

17: MEX defending with their full team

17: Now CAN on the left with Short

18: Gets a free hit and Fernandez hits to Short and there is an open goal for Lee and he cannot convert

18: Great chace again and CAN still not on the board

19: CAN up the left with Lettlauffer and he puts it off the MEX foot.

19: The first easy corner conceded by MEX

19: CAN hit their first one.

20: They cannot stop it at the top of the circle.

20: MEX look to scoop, that works but CAN get the ball back but 60 yards from the goal

20: They are on the left

21: Long pass into the circle and Grimes tries his one-touch and that is off a defender

21: MEX defend this long corner and move it up

21: CAN not pressing as hard now

21: MEX unacustomed to this amount of room at the back

21: After a few passes they hit long and then move back

22: CAN with the press at the half line and MEX while holding onto the ball, cannot move past that line of red

23: Now CAN gets the ball. Short up to Lee and his cross is high

23: Rob Short the captain of Can and their leading scorer playing well in the midfield

24: Bath up the right against Cuevas. He gets help and MEX move it on

24: Intercepted by Campbell and a pass to Wright

24: Back to Short

25: GOAL: Rob Short with a quick shot that slams into the backboard

25: Vargas unable to react

25: It was a matter of time

26: Short now collects outside the circle and one move results in a stick tackle and a corner

26: Rob Short has been vocal early in this match and now he has decided to do it with his skills

26: CAN try an option but are unable to execute

26: MEX unable to do anything going now

26: All CAN

27: Their whole team other than Mahood in the MEX half

27: Long pass is not handled by CAN

27: Rosales now at the back, tries to get it to Chavez

27: They switch and scoop Kahlon to Sandison

28: Intercepted and a slow pass into the circle for MEX. No one is there

28: MEX trying to pressure CAN in their own end now

29: Short with good work in the midfield and up into the circle

29: GOAL: Bath takes the pass and beats the goalie before lobbing it into the net

29: That's the first international goal for Bath

30: Vargas beat high in the circle and the net was empty

30: CAN now at the half line and MEX trying to advance

30: Chavez has his pass intercepted

30: Tries to recover but CAN passing better

30: Short to Wright.

30: He cannot control

31: High pass to Campbell

31: CAN controlling now in the MEX 25

32: Tough to score when you have to beat 11 guys

32: Bath trying to do it again but is tackled

33: CAN now with full pressure but a good run by Martinez almost works

33: That only gets them to half where CAN intercepts and counters

33: They are in the circle down low and jam it into Vargas, good save and the rebound is swept wide

34: MEX without much room

34: Chavez scoops but it is dangerous

35: MEX had the ball up and play it back and are under pressure now

35: Lee through to Jameson, he beats Vargas

35: GOAL Jameson for Canada with cool finish in the final minute of the match

HT: So CAN in control this game with a three goal lead. All goals from the field.

HT: They had pressure possession for almost the whole half

HT: MEX unable to get past the half in most cases and did not have a sniff of the CAN goal.

HT: The sun is overhead now and it feels very warm.

36: We're underway

37: CAN starting strong and they have it in the attacking 25  
37: Short over the ball and Wettlaufer into Jameson  
38: MEX up the left side  
39: They get a chance through the circle  
39: Not enough MEX forwards in attack  
39: CAN attacking now but Wettlaufer mistraps  
41: The play in the midfield where CAN moves forward  
41: CAN back to Kahlon  
41: Jameson to Sandison and the cross is not handled by Wriht  
42: Fernandez stopped by Marquez  
42: And Chavez with a good tackle  
42: They lose it at the half to CAN  
42: Kahlon  
42: Across to Sandison  
42: They go back to D'Abreo  
43: CAN still at the back  
43: Now they move forward  
44: The play considerably slower now  
44: Up to Grimes and he cannot get a corner in the circle  
44: MEX defend well  
45: That is Martinez in the way and Rosales  
46: CAN now pressuring well  
46: Short up the endline and it's a corner  
46: Drag flick by Fernandez  
47: GOAL: Fernandez puts it low to the stick side for Canada's 4th goal  
48: Jameson down the left side and he earns a corner  
48: Drag flick by Grimes  
49: GOAL: Grimes puts it low to the stick side to give Canada a five goal lead  
49: Five different goal scorers for Canada  
50: Now They start to pressure and MEX having to work to get it out  
50: It's Marquez with some great moves until he is hacked  
50: The Canadians set up their line at the half and MEX cannot connect past it.  
51: CAN in the midfield with Short  
52: They maintain control  
52: MEX slowly moving up the field  
52: That creates some room for CAN  
53: Lee in the circle and cannot control  
55: Here is a run by Campbell and the MEX defender is down  
55: Corner for Canada  
55: The option left does not work and out come MEX  
55: He loses it and Short and Campbell with a nice combination  
55: Across to Lee and a great save by Vargas  
56: Corner for Canada  
56: The hit by Kahlon and that is saved by Moreno  
56: MEX on the break and Chavez working against Sandison

56: Sandison with a good tackle at first but it's off his foot for a corner  
57: A sweep by MEX and it's off a MEX foot  
57: CAN clears  
58: Good break for CAN Campbell to Short onto Grimes and a wild reverse stick shot is off the mark  
58: Now MEX moves up  
58: Chavez in the corner  
58: Working against 2 Canadians and there is little he can do  
58: MEX trying to press now and there is a long pass to Jameson  
58: Passes it across to Grimes  
59: Campbell steps up to the loose ball for the reverse stick shot  
59: GOAL: Grimes taps it in after a powerful shot by Campbell had already beaten Vargas  
60: Grimes with the one-touch goal  
60: That's his second of the game  
60: CAN continue to pressure  
60: Into the circle. MEX clear through Moreno  
61: CAN lose it and MEX play it long  
61: CAN take that and control it at the back  
63: MEX now putting the pressure on  
63: CAN having to work to get the ball out  
63: They do and there is a break  
63: Grimes with Jameson  
63: Good work by Miranda to force him.  
64: Long corner for Canada  
65: Nothing happens there  
65: MEX attacking up the right hand side  
66: Chavez attacking  
66: There is a push by Sandison  
66: Now a yellow card for Sandison  
66: Canada facing pressure for the first time in the match  
66: MEX continue to pressure in the last five minutes here  
66: Zuleta cannot control, so D'Abreo takes the ball and makes the long scoop  
66: That is collected by Canada and they enter the circle  
66: A deflection is on goal and Vargas with the save and Short cannot handle the rebound  
66: MEX coming now up the left  
66: It's Chavez alone with Mackinnon and Chavez pops it just over the goal  
66: Good chance for MEX  
69: We are back in the midfield  
69: In the last minute now and a chance for CAN  
70: At the edge of the circle and deflected high by MEX and a corner for CAN  
70: The option is on and saved. Here is the rebound for Short and he cannot get it on goal  
Final: And that is the game  
Final: Canada with a well balanced effort with goal scoring from 5 different players  
Final: MEX with few chances in the first half, but manage some dangerous plays towards the end  
Final: CAN strengthens their position at the top of Pool B and are now guaranteed a place in the semi's  
Final: MEX finishes the round robin portion with one victory and are likely to finish in 4th spot in the Pool

Final: A good crowd out today to watch this Canadian victory.

Final: This afternoon we have 3 Pool A matches with USA vs ARG coming up at 3 o'clock

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

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