

**PlanetFieldHockey and the Pan American Hockey Federation present**
**2nd Men's Pan American Cup**
**London, Canada**
**Preliminary Pool A**
**May 16th, 2004 3:00 pm**

<b>USA</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Final</b>
<b>Argentina</b>	<b>6</b>	

**Play by Play By: Hari Kant**

Warmup: Welcome back to London Ontario for the 2nd Pan American Cup

Warmup: This afternoon we have three Pool A matchups for you to enjoy

Warmup: ARG is first in Pool A with three wins in their games while the US has a matching record but is 2nd on goal difference

Warmup: So the winner of this match will go through to the top of the pool

Warmup: ARG the favourites here as they have never lost to the US.

Warmup: The US hope to solidify their spot in the standings with a close score or even a point

Warmup: Chile in third place just 3 points behind but they have played ARG already to a 2-0 loss

1: We're underway

1: ARG on the attack first

1: and US must clear

1: ARG go back and play it to the left side

2: UP the endline is Capurro

2: He is stopped

3: USA regain control and play it long

3: That is collected by ARG and they return the ball over the US endline

3: That pass is collected by Jarred Martin but he is whistled for an elbow

3: Slow opening to this match

4: ARG playing 3/4 press and they are waiting for a mistake at the US back before advancing

4: US on the left

4: Hindy

4: up to Martin

4: The key players up front for ARG are Lombi, Almada and Paredes

5: While for the US they will be looking to Harris, Martin and Scally for the damage.

5: Harris and Nakamura for the US dangerous on corners while Lombi is one of the best corner flickers in the world

6: ARG around the back

6: Taking their time

6: They move it up the left and that's a corner off the foot of Nakamura

6: So a test for Wellings in the US goal

7: ARG mistrap at the top but Lombi able to create another corner

7: Flick saved on the line and Hindy clears it off the endline another corner

7: If he took a bit more time he could have cleared that safely

7: This corner is not stopped at the top but it's off a US foot for another corner

7: The 4th for ARG

8: GOAL: Lombi with the drag flick on the glove side

8: They score on their 4th corner in a row.

8: Now the US breaks forward Martin looking for Harris  
8: ARG defense up to the task  
10: They counter and US steals that and try the scoop  
10: collected by REY and it's up the field to Garcia Gonzalez  
10: He is tackled hard and a quick pass into the circle  
11: Lombi with the cross and no one is there on the far post  
11: The US gets the ball forward up the left side  
11: and now come back  
13: ARG with a good run here. Lombi misplays but here is a chance for REY.  
13: His shot is on but it's a CORNER  
13: Drag flick and that is stopped by Scally and the US wrap it up  
13: ARG get it back  
14: It's Lombi into the circle but no room for Vila to finish as Wellings moves into the play  
14: No reprise for the US as Lombi is back and earns a corner  
15: No shot at goal here but a fast break for the US  
15: Long pass to Martin and his shot is into the side mesh  
15: A great chance that doesn't result in a shot on goal  
15: ARG pressuring now but Scally doing a good job against the double team  
16: the US lose it off the sideline hit  
16: ARG moving up  
16: Off the endline  
18: Long pass for the US to Martin and great defending by Paulon to deny him a shot  
18: the US with some reasonable pressure here. A long hit by Paulong puts an end to that  
19: ARG now up the right  
19: switching to Avila on the other side  
20: that's off the endline  
20: US at the back  
20: ARG not pressing right now  
20: Long pass by Hindy and that is Martin in the circle  
21: Vila complaining about that play but it looked clean  
21: Martin earns a corner  
21: That hit by Nakamura is deflected high and Martin on the near post cannot control it.  
21: A good chance by the US to tie it up  
21: ARG defend it well  
22: They counter and it's a nice fast break. Zylberberg driving forward  
22: Stopped and the US play it long  
22: ARG to start again from their backfield  
22: Orozco  
22: to Avila  
23: The US deep in their end and ARG decide to put the pressure on  
23: Hindy hits the length of the field to relieve pressure  
23: Avila up the line.  
24: Now in the back switching through Orozco  
24: Lombi into the circle and passes it back  
24: GOAL: a bouncing shot eludes Wellings. 2-0 for ARG

25: Matias Vila converting that pass from Lombi

27: The US trying to get it back quickly, but ARG on top of that

27: They counter and come with numbers

27: Pass into the circle

27: GOAL: Mario Almada puts ARG up 3-0

27: He finds the net through a crowd in the circle

28: So two relatively innocent plays and ARG now in control

28: They continue to hold the ball

30: Now the US moves up and trap ARG

31: Pat Harris takes it from Hindy and drives the circle

31: That is blocked and ARG get the fould

31: The US complain that it should have been a corner and the crowd agrees.

31: A warning to the US captain and then we continue

31: ARG attacking up the right

32: The pass it around the circle and a push by a US defender causes a corner

32: GOAL: Vila this time takes the drag flick and it's low to the stick side

32: The second for Vila in this match

33: Here comes Almada and it's a long corner.

33: Defended by Nakamura

33: Badhensha stops that and clears

33: ARG goes back this time

33: The switch to Avila

33: Guarded by Kainth D

34: That's a fould

35: ARG with a chance here and Capurro lobs it towards the goal. That floats by the crossbar wide

35: The half time horn sounds. ARG with a comfortable 4-0 lead from two PC and two field goals

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HT: Three of those goals in the last 10 minutes of the half

HT: The US with some good play early on including a corner but they didn't hold the ARG pressure.

HT: So the US will regroup and see how they can keep this score reasonable

HT: Almada with a great third goal today with a behind the back deflection

36: The second half is underway

36: ARG on attack to start and Paulon in the circle and he hits it wide on the reverse stick

37: ARG play it back and its with Garcia Gonzalez

37: Up the rigt side to Vila

37: Stopped by D. Kainth

37: he loses it

39: And ARG goes back and play it around the back

39: the US at the half line

40: it goes deep and the US with the long ball

41: The play stuck in the midfield

41: Now here is Hourquebie not able to trap that ball

41: ARG coming again

41: Decide to go back

44: US blocking the most direct route and doing it well this half  
44: ARG come through and Vila is open but that is defended by Badhensa  
44: Here is the US coming in the D and it's D. Kainth with time in the circle, he backs out and cannot connect on the pass  
45: ARG counter that and a harsh whistle for a stick tackle. PC ARG  
46: Lombi with a drag flick and SAEZ makes the save  
46: Saez replacing Wellings in the US goal at the half time  
48: The US giving good chase here not allowing ARG to build it  
48: They get through and it's Almada not able to collect that pass.  
48: Two ARG shirts open in the circle  
51: US playing the waiting game while ARG play it around the back  
51: ARG happy to do this as well but if they have space they go for it  
52: Lombi attacks a slow rolling ball in the circle and touches it in the net  
53: The US keeper and defender thought they could let it go but Lombi was waiting for it.  
53: US moving up now  
54: And it's into the circle  
54: Sandhu trying to control it in the circle  
54: Orozco steps up and stops him  
54: ARG trying to break out  
54: Scally in the wa  
55: way  
55: Long pass to Lombi and he looks to get into the circle  
55: the pass is swept high and the US take the 16  
56: Nakamura with a long ball that finds the opposite touch line.  
56: Paulon into Zyleberberg  
57: Deep into the US 25 and defended by the US  
60: The game is spreading out a little more here and this is allowing ARG to get some chances  
60: Now ARG in the circle and a good shot by Almada from a narrow angle and Saez with the save  
60: US clears the length of the pitch  
61: ARG calmly move the ball around the back  
61: Now a long ball  
61: It's Almada in the circle  
61: From where he was earlier  
61: He beats the defender and pushes strong at the goal  
61: Almada beats Saez with that push through the legs  
62: 6-0 Argentina. The open game does not suit the US against ARG  
62: Both CHI and the USA were able to hold ARG when they packed their half and worked hard on defense  
62: Once the game opened up they could not handle the onslaught  
65: The US cross into the circle and the deflection is wide  
65: ARG with a 16 with 5 to go now  
65: up to Almada  
65: Who has played strong for ARG  
65: Harris for the US now.  
65: Stopped. He has not had much room in this game.  
66: And that puts a dent into the US attack  
66: ARG intercept and it's Vila passing to Almada.

66: It's in the goal but the umpire doesn't like the way the free hit was taken.

66: replay that

66: Hourquebie hits it hard through the circle

66: US on their 16 go for the scoop

67: ARG collect and D Kainth with a neat tackle

67: Harris running now but three Argies converge

67: he gets it back

68: They move it up and earn a free hit near the top of the circle

68: Two passes and harris gets it back

69: GOAL: Pat Harris with a low drag shot that gets by the keeper Moreira.

69: Good finish there by Harris. All the best strikers at this tournament with quick release and that was a perfect example

69: ARG with their own chances and they put one off the post

70: A scramble here and ARG get a corner

70: Little time on the clock and the give and go doesn't work and the US clears

70: That's the final horn

Final: ARG win 6-1 over the US which ensures them a spot in the semi finals and likely top spot in the pool

Final: The US score the first goal against ARG but are not happy about losing by 5 goals here

Final: ARG shut down Harris for most of the game so he couldn't combine with Martin and Scally as in previous games

Final: A pair of goals each for Lombi, M Villa and Almada for ARG

Final: So with ARG's fate clear the US wait the result of the CHI BRA game coming up next to see what they will need on Tuesday

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