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2nd Men's Pan American Cup

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Preliminary Pool B

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Trinidad & Tobago

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Netherlands Antilles

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Final

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1: Welcome to the 2nd Pan American Cup for Men

1: This match is between the Dutch Antilles (AHO) and Trinidad & Tobago.

2: The winner will advance to the semi finals and a chance at a World Cup Berth.

2: AHO needing a win in ths match while TRI can advance with a draw

3: Initially we have TRI attacking and two long corners in a row

3: They continue to drive it into the circle and AHO stop that

3: They get the ball back and a long scoop to relieve the pressure

3: TRI moving up again

4: They lose it off the sideline

5: This is Browne with a good run. He has his quick release shot and the save by Kolen goes high

5: Corner for TRI

5: Drag flick saved by Kolen

5: That is a good save, but TRI come back from the long corner and it's off the foot of AHO for another corner

5: Early pressure by TRI

6: Drag flick, high and saved by Kolen

6: TRI com back and Garcia trying to get a corner. Good tackling by Rademaker and they get the ball out

6: In comes Wren hoping for a good chance. His pass goes wide of the goal

7: Trinidad showing some early signs of despair after not scoring on their fist 3-4 chances

9: AHO scooping it out and they attack up the right hand side

9: They do not connect and TRI scoop it long.

9: AHO collect and scoop it back

10: It's on the right side, Stolen by Vesseur, his pass trying to find Plantenga but Noriega steps up.

10: Again AHO scoop and it's handled by TRI

11: Now a return scoop by Noriega.

11: Neither team wanting to take risks and are playing the ball high

13: Here is a nice pass by AHO, they switch it back but the long pass goes off the end line

14: This game is moving very slowly which is exactly what the AHO squad wants

14: More scooping and now there comes TRI into the circle and Wren's shot is saved by Kolen

16: AHO moving well but errant passing is causing turnovers.

16: They are doing well at blocking the space and not giving TRI room to move

17: They advance up the left and this cross into the circle generates the first PC for AHO

18: Overgaauw with the drag flick and saved by Francis

18: The rebound is high and it's another corner

19: This shot is on the mark and a save on the line by Browne saves the goal

19: Francis was beaten and Browne picks it out of the air.

19: Still scoreless

20: TRI advance and are now in the 25

20: AHO playing the flat stick defense and that is disrupting the TRI attack

20: The still get it in the circle by AHO clears

20: Good save by Kolen on the cross, but it is off the foot of an AHO player

20: Corner for TRI

21: Browne with the drag flick and De Gier with the save on the line

21: Breaking out is AHO and Van Nierop cannot control it

21: End to End and one save on the line each by the numbers 7's on each team

21: Some good penalty corner defense on both sides

22: These teams showing some maturity in that department

23: AHO up the right side and a high cross by Van de Braak catches Noriega in the ankle

23: He is OK

23: TRI playing it up the left sideline, it's out of bounds says the umpire

23: AHO looking up the right wing

24: They lose it

24: TRI attacking and a shot by Gilkes is saved by Kolen

27: TRI now attacking up the left and it's a corner.

27: That was earned neatly by Browne

27: GOAL: Option for TRI and Quan Chan finishes this off

27: They work the ball so that Quan Chan was able to shoot from 10 yards and he burries it

28: TRI with the momentum

28: Advancing and into the circle

28: that is off the foot of Legerton, AHO break out

28: They lose it at the half

29: TRI coming back at AHO

29: The game has opened up bit and that is to TRI's advantage

31: But here is AHO moving up

31: Just outside the circle is Van De Braak and he earns a corner for AHO

32: Great option by AHO and they shoot from in close

32: A bit of a bounce and it's saved by Francis, another corner

32: This time it's another option and it hits a TRI foot

32: Their third corner in a row

33: Drag flick off the runners stick and touched wide by AHO

33: AHO looking for the deflectoin and defended well

33: TRI on the run, Legerton fouled but they play on

34: AHO collect and move up. TRI packing the defense and the hit is deflected high.

34: Corner.

34: The drag click is optioned and Browne stops that.

35: AHO unable to score on these chances late in the half.

HT: So TRI with a PC goal to take a one goal lead into the half

HT: AHO able to get a series of chances but good corner defense by TRI holds the lead.

HT: This is shaping up to be an exciting second half

36: Here we go

36: Right off the bat AHO is moving up

36: Higher forwards
36: TRI also playing high hoping to spread out the game
37: TRI moving up into attack and a wild reverse stick shot goes over the goal
38: AHO not scooping as much as they need to retain possession
38: Overgaauw playing well in the midfield
38: Browne now with some nice running
39: AHO channelling him wide and he runs out of room
41: AHO up the left with a free hit
42: They cross it high into the circle
42: Off the hand of Noriega. Second time he has been hit
43: He is waving that off
43: A poor advantage and the play switches back and forth.
43: Umpires letting a few obvious calls go.
43: Turnover by TRI but a missed opportunity for AHO
45: AHO up the right. TRI with a harsh tackle to break it up
45: AHO looking to enter the circle
45: They are mounting a calculating attack into the circle
46: TRI able to defend well and an easy clear up the left side
46: AHO not forcing the play to get a corner
46: AHO with a great passing play but are stopped at the entrance
46: Browne all over the field for TRI
47: AHO maintaining possession inside the 25 and TRI with 10 men back
47: Now it spreads out as TRI get a free hit.
47: In the midfield is Garcia but unable to penetrate the compact Dutch Defense
48: Here comes the rain again.
48: It has been clear for a few days and now raining but not that cool
50: TRI into the circle and Browne looking to complete a pass, but AHO blocking
51: Now Brown into the circle and he earns a corner
51: GOAL: Quan Chan picks up the rebound off the post and it's a goal
51: The first shot deflected off the post and the rebound put in by Quan Chan
52: GOAL: A costly turnover by AHO results in the third goal for TRI.
52: A two on one and there is no mistake by Garcia
52: So quickly this game is nearly out of reach for AHO
52: They need a win in this match so they are now 4 goals away from their target and there is only 18 minutes left
53: TRI players celebrating wildly as they must know they have it.
53: They are playing a compact defense but continue to have two forwards high
53: A great pass from Browne that is collected by quan Chan and his shot is just wide of the far post
54: TRI taking advantage of the AHO mistakes in the midfield
54: TRI pressure is resulting in many turnovers
54: As AHO is getting desperate
55: Browne dribbles a series of players and his pass is to Gordan and just feet away from the goal is a save from Francis
55: Francis remaining cool under this pressure
56: It's all Tri now and AHO struggling to maintain their compact defense
56: Browne taking over the midfield, but his teammates cannot finish their opportunities.
57: Long scoop for AHO and it's a chase between Noreiega and De Gier.

57: Long corner
58: Green card to Wren of T&T
58: AHO with the ball in the midfield but time running out.
60: They are still playing their patient game unable to create some urgency.
60: They made be resigned at this point
61: TRI continue to own the midfield and AHO block another circle entr
62: GOAL: Garcia finishes off a classic play. Gordan entering the right baseline and sends it back.
63: Garcia with a powerful blast into the mesh
63: TRI well in control
64: GOAL: A great goal by AHO. TRI not sharp on defense.
65: Three passes by AHO from the 50 and the net is empty for Van De Braak
65: TRI probably started celebrating a few minutes ago
66: Another missed opportunity by T&T as Garcia goes around Kolen and Vesseur cannot convert
67: After the long corner AHO concede a PC.
67: It's all just gravy now for T&T
67: An option and it's cleared and a quick counter for AHO
67: They earn a free hit outside the circle
68: AHO earn a PC from that drive into the circle
68: Out is Edwards to block the first shot but cannot clear
69: A great save by Francis on the drag flick by Overgaauw.
69: Gets that with his outstretched stick
69: Both teams have abandoned the midfield and AHO earn a PC with a minute remaining
70: Browne drag flick and a great save by Kolen, and Noriega pushes it wide..
70: Browne dribbling and eating up the remaining time
70: And that's the final horn
Final: So TRI finish off the pool matches with a single loss to Canada and barring an upset victory by Uruguay they will finish second in the pool
Final: The Dutch Antilles finish 2-2 and in third place.
Final: They could not hold their defensive posture for the whole game and eventually the skill of TRI prevailed.
Final: Browne instrumental in the T&T victory and Francis in goal with some key saves early on.
Final: AHO with a good team effort to hold the score in the first half.
Final: This is the first semi final appearance in a Pan American tournament for Trinidad & Tobago since the innaugrual Pan-Ams in 1967
Final: That's all for the Live Coverage for today. We will be resuming commentary for the playoff matches on Friday morning.
Final: Please tune into PlanetFieldHockey or the Pan American Hockey Federation web sites for updates for this afternoons matches.
Final: This is Hari Kant signing off from London, Canada