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Semi-Final
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Argentina
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Trinidad & Tobago
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Final
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Warmup: Welcome to the 2nd Pan American Cup for Men

Warmup: We have the 2nd semi final of the tournament between Argentina and Trinidad & Tobago

Warmup: The winner will move on to play Canada in the final for a spot in the 2006 World Cup

Warmup: Argentina finished first in Pool A with a perfect 5-0 record, scoring 58 goals and only conceding 1

Warmup: TRI was second in Pool B with a 3-1 record

1: We are underway

1: The rain has been falling hard for the past hour and resulted in the delay in the start.

1: The pitch will be slower for this match

2: TRI is playing the long ball through Noriega and Browne

2: Conditions are cold and rainy.

2: Garreta with Vila attacking up the right for ARG

3: TRI at the back and Edwards tries to hit long

3: Browne collects and tries to find the right winger

3: That is stolen by ARG

3: They are coming out of the left corner

3: Paulon

4: switches to Orozco

4: Up the left side and Noriega is there to stop that

4: TRI up the left side and Garcia

4: passes to Browne. He gets close to the circle.

5: But now ARG counter Almada to Lombi and TRI get back and are able stop that attack

5: Now it's Garcia out to Whittington

6: tackled and Now ARG up the right wing

6: Garreta is stopped by Noriega

6: Almada unable to get through the TRI defender

7: ARG only pressing with one player

7: TRI move it out and up the left is Garcia

7: He dribbles and Browne is tackled by Parades

7: And here is a break

7: Parades to Almada, he beats Francis in the TRI goal but his weak shot is wide

8: TRI counter and again Garcia in the left wing leaves it for Noriega

8: Hit into the circle is stopped and cleared by ARG

8: TRI retain control

8: TRI with more of the possession in this match

9: Browne taken down by Zylberberg

9: ARG get it back and TRI is aggressive in the midfield breaking up the play

10: Providence and Zylberberg in a scuffle and now a warning from the umpire
10: Long ball by Orozco is just out of the reach of Vila
11: TRI react to some of the ARG pressure and lose it over the sideline
11: Hit into the circle Almada deflects that into his own player
11: Long scoop by TRI and it's out of bounds
11: ARGG with some space now
12: Almada on the endline and he works against Legerton and finds a foot.
12: First corner for ARG
12: Lombi with the drag flick and that is saved by Noriega.
13: ARG complains but to avail
13: So now TRI gain some momentum from stopping that corner
13: Now a run by Lombi but he raises the ball as he enters the circle
14: TRI with a long scoop. Orozco there to stop it.
14: ARG at the back and they play it long Almada switches to Zylberberg into the circle
14: Out comes Francis to clear that. Good save there
15: ARG near the circle
15: It's swept in and a lazy block by Browne and it's high.
15: Penalty corner
16: GOAL: Lombi with the give and go option
16: Executed very well and that didn't give Francis any chance
17: ARG with the lead from a familiar source. Lombi from the penalty corner
17: TRI trying to get it back
17: in the midfield it's Browne to Edwards
17: Long ball goes for a corner off of Paulon
18: That's into the circle and Garcia cannot control that. It would have been a good chance
18: ARG take their free hit and lose it over the sidelines
18: Quan Chan drives the line, long corner
18: That cross is high
18: ARG will want to maintain some possession now and not give TRI as many looks at their circle
19: Almada with some nice moves on the right side and his cross is cleared by Francis
20: TRI looking up for Alexander
20: Stopped
21: Now it's ARG up the left side, pass from Cupurro and a quick shot for Lombi
21: That's saved and a corner
21: GOAL: Grag flick is saved but Garreta slams home the rebound
22: ARG in control and now they have another run
22: Almada flips it by a diving Noriega and it's a corner
22: And a green card to Noriega for that intentional foul
23: Drag flick is saved by Francis the rebound is there but Browne to clear
23: TRI counter and it goes to Edwards in the corner
23: Switching to the left and now back to the midfield
24: TRI near the ARG circle and that is a hit into the circle and deflects at goal. Saved by Vivaldi
24: TRI continue to pressure and switch the pass left. Good pass there but it is lots by Duncan
25: ARG clear and TRI start again from the back
25: ARG steal it and come into the circle

25: GOAL: Lombi finishes off a neat three way passing play to get ARG their third goal

26: They stole it in the midfield and three passes later Lombi is lobbing it past a sliding Francis

27: ARG in total control. The defended well and now are attacking with speed

27: TRI scoop to clear.

28: Hard tackle by Quan Chan

28: ARG around the back and they scoop it now

28: The rain has stopped now

30: TRI attacking now but ARG with 6 men back

30: Good tackle by Zylberberg

30: Edwards coming up the right for TRI and his hit into the circle is high

31: Now Edwards and Gordon on the ball for TRI near the circle and Almada makes a nice steal

31: ARG now switch it back

32: Pace of the game much slower now

32: ARG winning the one on one battles and not giving TRI room to dribble

33: TRI with a free hit defended well by Orozco

33: Now a chance and shot by Quan chan and a great save by Vivaldi controlling the rebound

34: Browne in the midfield earns the foul

34: On the next play it's a stick tackle and a corner for TRI

34: The first corner for Trinidad & Tobago

35: Drag flick wide to the stick side

35: Browne's flick was wide and Quan Chan could not get his stick on it to put into open top of the goal

35: ARG recover andi Oscaris drives the endline and there is some good gang tackling

35: Now a warning for Almada for some pushing against Browne

35: TRI advance in the midfield. MacCormick is stopped and ARG try to clear

35: TRI still with the ball

HT: And that's the half time horn.

HT: ARG firmly in control of this match. Fairly even in the possession but ARG with much better chances.

HT: They also finished 2 of their 4 corners while TRI was unable to connect on theirs

35: Here we go

36: It has cleared up now and ARG on the attack

36: It's a reverse stick shot by Garreta and Francis gets a touch on it and tips that wide

37: ARG playing the ball back and switching it to the right

37: It's Vila driving the line and crossing. It's into Lombi and he does a turn around shot and that is saved by Francis

37: The rebound is high and it's a corner

37: Drag flick saved by Noriega TRI counters

38: Providence crosses and Hourquebie gets a touch to keep the ball from the left winger

38: TRI with a bit of pressure but the hit from Noriega is hit high

39: ARG now looking into the circle and the pass goes through and off the endline

39: TRI lookin gto scoop and play it around instead

39: Pressure from ARG

39: Stolen and a good tackle by Noriega

40: Browne in the midfield Passing to Edwards he is unable to make a solid pass

41: Long hit for Wren from the TRI defense but that is off the sideline

41: It's Garcis up the left. ARG tackle before the circle

41: Free hit for TRI

41: Crowded in ther and Browne comes in and crosses. Stopped by Orozco
41: ARG come out and Paulon switches
42: The ball out to Garreta and Lombi finds the space to take a shot. Alexander gets his stick on that
42: TRI now choosing not to scoop
43: They work it up and hit it high.
43: ARG playing it around the back. Not in any rush here
43: Long pass into the circle and Garreta passes and they get a corner
44: Drag flick is wide of the goal. Lombi doesn't do that often
45: A bad scoop by TRI and ARG are near the circle
46: Sloppy clearance by Providence gives ARG their 2nd corner of the half
47: GOAL: Lombi completes his hattrick. Drag flick to the glove side
47: And now a warning to Garreta of ARG
48: The game now firmly in the hands of ARG
50: Nice tackle by Providence to break a string of 5 Argie passes
51: ARG taking their time
51: TRI resigned to their fate
51: Long hit to Lombi in the circle
51: GOAL: Lombi with a quick shot after Hourquebie with the 50 yard pass into the circle
52: Great finish by Lombi
54: Another ARG corner
54: This one is broken and it's another corner
54: And again there is no shot
54: TRI advancing and Edwards looking good
55: Zylberberg tries to tackle and a stick foul in the 25 earns a free hit
55: It's tapped away by Orozco and it's a corner now
55: Drag flick by Browne and it's saved by Orozco on the line
56: Great save by Orozco
56: A high hit and Zylberberg is down
57: He is OK and is off the field on his own power
57: MacCormik for ARG driving in the circle and it's a corner
57: Another broken corner for ARG
58: Sloppy ball in the midfield and that turn over leads to a collision
59: Here is a nice run up the left line and Almada flips that shot just wide
59: Total domination by ARG
60: They get a corner here on a drive into the circle
60: GOAL: Lombi with his fifth goal on the drag flick
62: ARG up the left
63: Garreta up the wing. Hits it towards the circle and TRI stops that
63: ARG with a 3 on 3 and they work to get a shot
64: It's off the helmet of Francis and he is OK
65: ARG holding onto the ball
66: Now a long run for Vila and he dribbles around Francis.
67: Penalty Stroke, it was saved on the line iwth the defenders body
66: Vila converts the stroke low to the stick side for their 7th goal
67: Here is a chance for TRI and it's saved by Vivaldi, the umpire plays on and TRI swing wildly and the hit is against them

68: ARG now in the other circle and Almada had lots of time and didn't shoot it

68: Two easy saves for Francis

69: GOAL: Paredes completes a pretty passing play to give ARG their 8th goal

70: And here is a final run for TRI and Quan Chan gets a last minute corner for TRI

70: No time left on the clock

70: GOAL: Browne lobs the GK on the shot and surprises the ARG defense

70: A nice goal as Vivaldi was rushing high in anticipation of a drag flick

Final: Well deserved victory for Argentina. They dominated this match throughout

Final: Lombi increasing his tally to 25 goals in this tournament. In this game he scored from both the Field and from the PC

Final: TRI played better early on but conceded 3 goals in the last 10 minute

Final: Browne for TRI breaking the shutout bid in the final play of the game

Final: So Argentina will play Canada on Sunday for the automatic qualification spot in the 2006 World Cup

Final: Trinidad will face off against Chile in the Bronze

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