

PlanetFieldHockey and the Pan American Hockey Federation present
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Warmup: Welcome to the 2nd Pan American Cup for Men

Warmup: This is the final and everything is at stake.

Warmup: Most teams look to the Pan American tournaments to improve their standard and ranking.

Warmup: But for the powerhouses from Canada and Argentina this game means a trip to the 2006 World Cup.

Warmup: All but one Pam American tournament has been won by Argentina or Canada.

Warmup: This is an intense rivalry going back two decades.

Warmup: Argentina beating Canada 1-0 at the 2003 Pan American Games to qualify for the Athens Olympics

Warmup: That was revenge for the 1-0 victory for Canada in the 1999 Pan American Games.

Warmup: The teams are coming out right now

Warmup: ARG has the tournaments leading scorer with Jorge Lombi with an impressive tally of 25 goals

Warmup: He will be helped Almada and Vila up front while Orozco is great in defence

Warmup: Canada has their Captain Rob Short in the midfield controlling the play. He is helped by Pereira, while Grimes and Campbell dangerous in attack

Warmup: Mahood in the Canadian goal has the potential to stifle the ARG attack with help from Kahlon and D'Abreo on defence

Warmup: The Canadians are wearing black armbands to commemorate the untimely passing of 2 time Canadian Olympian Ross Rutledge

Warmup: Ross played over 15 years for the Canadian team and captained the team at the Soeul Olympics.

Warmup: The teams are in their huddles and the excitement is building.

Warmup: Vivaldi in goal for ARG. Moreira their captain and usual starting keeper has not played in the past three games

1: Argentina in blue and white and Canada in all red

1: We are underway

1: ARG with the scoop early and CAN gets it and they lose it in the midfield

2: ARG switching it up the left and Almada and it's stolen by Kahlon

2: Scoop by D'Abreo and Orozco stops that and clears long

2: Fernandez with a scoop and ARG play it long back to Vila

2: CAN with the ball on the left with Wettlaufer

3: It switches iback and Kahlon long pass through Pereira and outside to the left wing

3: That is picked off by Almada

3: They attempt to push it forwards and CAN back in defence force them to switch it back

4: CAN look to scoop and Campbell finds Grimes and back to R. Short

4: To the right half.

4: and CAN with more of the possession now

5: They come up the right and it's P.Short to Pereira

5: It's a free hit for CAN

5: Kahlon to take the free hit near the circle

5: Neat play by Short and it goes for a long corner

6: Everybody is back for ARG and it's a free hit on the far side now
6: Goals usually at a premium in these critical matches.
6: Cross field scoop and Hourquebie up to Almada and a nice tackle by Sandison
6: Sandison on the right up to Pereira and he cannot handle it
6: ARG closing the gaps well
7: They turn it over and R. Short running towards the circle and a weak shot is cleared
7: CAN still with a cross and Garreta with a long play
7: Into the circle and Lombi picks it up. He cuts back and D'Abreo has to foul him
7: Quick counter attack and it's a corner
8: Garreta tipping it past Fernandez and a great chance
8: Drag flick and it's saved by Mahood. It's low to his stick side and a great save
8: On the long corner it's Lombi all alone and it's off the foot.
9: Another corner from that great chance.
9: Big pressure here
9: Canada breaks it's Kahlon
9: CAN will want to supply maximum pressure on the flick
9: GOAL: Lombi with a drag flick to the glove side
10: That was a great shot. Mahood down on one knee and he is cleanly beaten
10: ARG with the early lead and CAN will have to contain here. It's all ARG.
10: CAN need to hold them as they cannot afford to go down two goals
11: Flicked by Fernandez and Orozco for ARG
11: The play has moved up 20 yards closer to the CAN goal as CAN is on their heels
11: P. Short stops Almada on a nice tackle and CAN gets it back
11: Good forecheck by ARG
12: and CAN not able to complete the forward pass
12: Here is Vila out to Almada on the wing. Challenged by Kahlon and gains a foul
12: ARG in the 25
12: Driven into the circle and tapped away Kahlon
12: ARG waste the long corner.
13: CAN give it away to ARG on that free hit and ARG sitches to the right
13: McCormick with a great run and it's crossed. Saved by Mahood and there is a rebound and Fernandez with a clutch tackle on Lombi
14: That comes back into the circle and then through
14: Great chances for ARG
14: CAN now moving up and it's Pereira against Vila
14: Long ball for Campbell is off the sideline
14: ARG in the middle and McCormick with speed and skill and earns the foul
15: It's a corner for ARG now as Vila with great skill to earn the foot
16: ARG with only 5 guys up and Lombi puts it off the post.
16: Same spot and Mahood was beat again and out come CAN on the break
16: Pereira earns a foul but CAN losing it on the quick free hit.
17: Vila over the ball and ARG switch it around
17: Lee pressures Orozco and the long ball goes through the backline but Almada is not near it
18: After that frantic sequence it has slowed a bit
18: CAN up the right and he's looking to run

18: Caught from behind by Almada but there is a foul
18: R. Short into the circle and Deol unable to get his stick on it.
19: ARG on the far side scooping long and D'Abreo able to collect it
19: ARG not pressuring up front as much and CAN move up
19: Wettlaufer to Sandison
19: Into P. Short and Pereira earns the foul
20: R. Short to Sandison and that high hit impacts his own player Pereira, and he is wincing but OK
20: ARG scoop and CAN come back
20: Long pass by R. Short looking for his brother
20: Too deep to get that
20: ARG come out and Garreta one on one with D'Abreo. That is through but wettlaufer picks that up
21: The pass is too far for Lee
21: ARG up the left
21: Vila to Lombi and he just mistraps that and Mahood to clear
21: ARG come at the circle but D'Abreo steps up and blocks that play.
22: The rain coming down a bit now.
22: CAN up the right win, P. Short earns a long corner
23: CAN forced back.
23: ARG steal that and Vila crosses it to Oscaris
23: ARG near the circles edge
23: Crossing in high by Oscaris.
24: CAN at the back. Fernandez scooping and MacCormick turns that around
25: Long hit goes over the endline
25: CAN pressuring in the midfield looking for a turnover
25: Nice pick up by Vila and he is bowled over and doesn't get the ball
25: Canada looking disorganized having to chase ARG all over the place
26: They are near the circle and Hourquebie hits it off the foot Jameson.
26: Corner for ARG
26: Option and a big save by Mahood on that drag flick from 10 yards out.
27: He stood his ground and kept it out
28: Long corner and it deflects off a stick ARG get it back and a nice run by Vila and Pereira with a last minute stop
29: CAN finally get it up the field. Grimes unable to make a play against Paulon.
29: ARG now take advantage of a misstop by CAN
29: But CAN get it back
29: Grimes into Jameson off the endline for a corner
30: Long corner that is and CAN still have the ball
30: D'Abreo with a hit into the circle and it's high
31: ARG counter. CAN defending well in the corner and now scoop it long
31: MacCormick with some nice defensive play against Pereira
32: ARG stopped by Wettlafer but Oscaris anticipates his pass
32: D;Abreo at the back and Sandison misses the sweep
33: ARG now intercepted by Kahlon he runs long and it's Orozco tackling well and clearing
33: Fernandez scooping on the run to the space and ARG take that and play it long
34: It's off D'Abreo for a long
34: A giveaway by CAN and ARG go back before switching it right

34: GOAL: All the work by Vila down the right side. Runs through the Canadian defence. MacCormick with the empty net

35: In the final two minutes ARG go up 2-0. MacCormik having a great game for ARG

35: CAN coming into the midfield

35: Wettlaufer gives it away

35: Pereira with a chance and that is a hard foul. MacCormik with a green card.

35: Now CAN with a free hit with 20 seconds to play

35: Hit into the circle and it's high off of CAN.

35: ARG hold it and that's the half time horn

HT: ARG dominating in all aspects of that half and it reflects in the score

HT: CAN with only one or two circle penetrations but no real dangerous chances

HT: Lombi opening the scoring and almost had another on a corner

HT: A back breaking goal by ARG in the final two minutes as Vila ran through the CAN defence.

36: We are underway in the second half

36: ARG looking to score again to finish this off

36: CAN need to get one back early

36: Vila with a quick pass that makes for a difficult deflection .

37: CAN get it deep and what a play by Orozco and his long pass puts Fernandez under pressure

37: He has to clear it off the sideline

37: CAN at the back

38: Fernandez to Deol and into Wettlaufer

38: CAN moving forward

39: On the edge of the circle and Fernandez to Short and that is past the short side

39: ARG coming up the left and that long pass goes off a CAN stick and a long

40: ARG with Lombi unable to create something and CAN scoop it out

40: They move it up and a hard tackle on Kahlon and Zylberberg with a green card

41: CAN near the circle and earns a free hit

41: They hit it into the circle and it's high

42: ARG try to scoop and CAN takes that

42: Deol drives it in against Vila but cannot get the corner

42: ARG looking comfortable despite the fact they have fallen back.

43: They scoop and CAN once gain must come 100 yards

43: Wettlaufer to Deol

44: ARG out to the right and a cross but Vila crosses it high

44: Grimes up the left and he is not able to get it to Short

44: Almada on the left attacking the circle and out comes Mahood to challenge him and works to get a free hit

44: Give away by CAN and Wettlaufer gets it back

45: No shots for CAN yet in this match

45: Intercepted by CAN and R. Short passes to Lee.

46: He runs into Vivaldi and it's a corner for CAN

46: A terrible pass by ARG on the giveaway

46: It's hit by Kahlon and stopped by the runner and another corner

47: Drag flick by Fernandez and it hits Almada. Another corner

48: That is broken and they work the option to R. Short and he puts it over the goal

48: Here is a break by ARG but CAN stop that.

48: They are near the circle.

48: ARG misclear and look a little panicky for the first time
48: CAN not taking advantage
49: The steal it and get it into the circle. ARG break out but CAN intercept again
49: CAN in the 25
49: Kahlon to R. Short and a free hit near the circles edge
49: CAN with pressure and all of ARG back
49: MacCormick able to defend and Pereira working against Almada and a free hit for ARG
50: CAN taking too much time but they only have 20 minutes
51: ARG break and it's Almada against Kahlon. Free hit.
51: Crossed and wide open is ARG, but no contact
51: CAN scoop and get it back near the ARG circle Grimes working for a corner
52: He plays it high
52: CAN still attacking and a nice tackle by Orozco
53: Intercepted by Grimes. It's given up by Orozco. He tries to find Deol
53: But ARG break back
54: Nice tackle by D'Abreo
54: =It goes to the right
54: ARG counter. It's Garreta against Fernandez and Fernandez protects his feet well
55: CAN turns and gets it to Grimes
55: Out to Campbell
55: Crossing and Sandison passes it into the circle and picked off by ARG
56: Up the right is Vila and Fernandez tackles into the circle now and Vila with a shot wide.
57: CAN in the midfield R. Short. with the ball and that's long.
57: near the circle and it's almost a corner and great backcheck by Vila
58: Pereira to R. Short and back to Fernandez.
58: Here comes D'Abreo and into the circle and Kahlon tries to get it to Jameson and it's wide
59: D'Abreo into the circle and Pereira is able to get a corner.
59: This is stopped and hit wide. That chance missed.
59: CAN coming back and a nice pass from LEE to Pereira and REY with a nice tackle
60: Lee deep and Oscaris with a nice tackle
60: CAN with the territorial advantage but unable to get a shot on goal
60: CAN with no shots on goal
61: Up the right side is P. Short. Crosses that and it's stopped.
61: ARG with one guy high and that's Lombi. They are one pass away from the insurance goal
62: CAN at the back
62: to Kahlon in the middle
62: Lost off the sideline
63: ARG deep and they are able to switch and clear it.
63: Nice play by Orozco
64: CAN still near the circle in the corner is P. Short and it's a long corner
64: R. Short crosses it and it goes to the short side
65: Intercepted by Kahlon and Jameson cannot find a good pass to make
65: ARG now in control with 6 to play
65: Vila alone in the corner
65: Tackled by Pereira

66: D'Abreo passes to Sandison and he deflects it up the line
66: Up the right is CAN and he is working hard.
66: Gets the foul against three defenders
66: R. Short on the endline and he dribbles one guy but not the second and it's a ARG free hit
67: Now CAN steal the ball and Pereira out to Deol. he is working against Orozco and it's a corner
67: Orozco complains and it's a green
67: Just on the edge of the circle and CAN with a corner with 4 to play
67: That is a drag flick and R. Short is diving and cannot convert that one as it hits his body
67: That is a huge chance for CAN
68: That is a call against Periera for elbowing Hourquebie
69: Now a foul against Pereira and Paredes gets a yellow for that
69: Short pass and into the circle and it's high
70: CAN get it back
70: D'Abreo into Wettlaufer and it's a give and go to Grimes
70: GOAL: Grimes with the goal after a great passing play in front of Vivaldi
70: What a pretty goal and that's their first shot on goal of the game
70: One minute left to play
70: CAN moving up
70: This is an endline run and Wettlaufer with a nice move. Shot on goal and saved by Vivaldi
70: CAN has pulled the goalie and ARG clear
70: CAN moving up the field long
70: No time they need to get it into the circle.
70: And that's the final horn.
Final: ARG win the 2nd Pan American Cup for Men.
Final: CAN with some great pressure in the end but as they say too little too late.
Final: ARG in control for most of that game.
Final: CAN needed to find that urgency with about 20 minutes to play
Final: CAN missing a corner with 10 to play that could have made a big difference
Final: ARG with few chances in the 2nd half as they were nursing that 2 goal lead
Final: The first star in that match was MacCormik with the Cup winning goal and great play throughout the game.
Final: Second star was Garreta with solid midfield play.
Final: And the third star was Vila.
Final: CAN left it too late and ARG not worried until the last couple of minutes.
Final: That's it for the 2004 Pan American Cup. ARG qualify for the 2006 World Cup and CAN will go to the World Cup Qualifier
Final: Thanks for tuning in for our coverage.
Final: It was provided by PlanetFieldHockey.com in partnership with the Pan American Hockey Federation.
Final: ARG showing why they are ranked in the top 6 in the world
Final: CAN will have to learn to play with more energy for 70 minutes.
Final: This is Hari Kant signing off from London Canada.