



**2007 Samsung Champions Trophy - Men**  
**Thursday 29 November**  
**18:35**

**Korea 2**

**Spain 2**

- 70' A fair result in the tightest match of the tournament so far. KOR and ESP have been equal opponents, and have split the points in their first match in KL.
- 70' Great effort from CLAPES and ARBOS in the dying seconds of the match. In a double attack they cover the biggest part of the field, and CLAPES finally lays off for ARBOS to the right from the edge of the circle. ARBOS dives in but can only watch the ball go wide as the hooter sounds.
- 69' The short break has turned the tide and KOR attack now. A good effort from Kyung Min JIN from the left is saved by CORTES.
- 68' Time is stopped for KOR goalkeeper KO who is on the ground after a clash. He is treated and play resumes.
- 68' ESP have the better opportunities now, as the end of the match draws nearer. They attack again and again.
- 67' Both benches as well as the sizeable crowd of school children supporting the two teams are becoming excited as the game moves up and down the field fast as both teams push for the winning goal.
- 66' Great interception from Alex FABREGAS, pass for CLAPES, on to FREIXA but he loses the ball over the back line.
- 64' Great try from Moon Kweon KANG but it is excellently saved by CORTES.
- 62' KOR look the better disposed side as the match winds down, still looking lively next to a more and more exhausted ESP side.
- 59' Both teams are desperately pushing for the winning goal now, and play has become erratic, with a high number of unforced errors on both sides.
- 56' Great work from Ramon ALEGRE on the far right side, outplaying three Koreans. He passes forward for Roc OLIVA, but the KOR defense stops him short.
- 54' Nice execution, but it is met with a great save from Quico CORTES.
- 54' But with the PC, KOR win a free hit.
- 53' KOR are on the attack again, and a ball hits RIBAS foot on the edge of the circle. Much to KOR's dismay, umpire GENTLES decides on a free hit however, not the PC they demand.
- 52' And yet another shot on goal from KOR, but Sam Seok KIM's reverse stick hit ends up on the outside of the goal.
- 51' ESP seem to have lost the plot a bit now, as KOR attack again. A valiant effort from young Roc OLIVA cuts them short however.

**\*\* Goal: Nam Yong LEE (FG) \*\***

- 48' A stray ball finds LEE alone on the left, near the edge of the circle. He takes two steps to get into the circle, and hits a hard ball past CORTES for the important

equalizer.

- 46' A low hit towards the center of the goal is easily stopped and cleared by the KOR defense.
- 45' PC for ESP.
- 42' Santi FREIXA is finally coming on for ESP. His first touch sees him into the circle but the shot on goal is saved by KO.
- 40' KOR set off on a fast counter attack and get into the ESP circle on the other side but a shot from a narrow angle from the far left is slightly wide.
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- 36' Play starts again in this tight encounter. ESP control the ball well in the opening minutes of the second half but cannot avoid a long run down the right sideline by KOR captain Jong Ho SEO. SEO 's pass across is intercepted well by Ramon ALEGRE however, and the KOR cannot take advantage of this opportunity.
- 35' ESP have looked like they were going to run away with this match but eventually are only one goal up as the teams go into half-time after giving away the match 's first penalty corner in the dying minutes of the first half, used wisely by the Koreans.

**\*\* Goal: Jong Hyun JANG (PC) \*\***

- 34' With a hard flick slightly right of the middle, JANG puts the ball into the roof of the goal to reduce ESP 's lead to one goal.
- 33' PC for KOR.
- 31' Great shot from ARBOS from the left, aiming for just under the crossbar. KO saves well.
- 27' Good attack from KOR a little to the left of the middle but like many times before, they find it impossible to get past the tight defense around the very active Ramon ALEGRE.
- 25' A wide aerial ball into the circle almost finds TUBAU in a prime position to make it a three goal advantage, but KO gets there first and clears out to his left.
- 24' Free hit for KOR near the circle. A good ball towards the right post is deflected by CORTES and cleared.

**\*\* Goal: Edi TUBAU (PS) \*\***

- 21' And TUBAU makes no mistake, putting a low ball past Dong Sik KO. 2-0 for ESP.
- 21' PS for ESP.
- 18' Play is largely confined to midfield as the two teams are still in the phase of checking each other out, probing for weaknesses. There has not been a shot on goal or even circle penetration for a while.
- 16' Green card for Woon Kon YEO after a tackle on Alex FABREGAS in midfield.
- 13' KOR have a shot on goal but Quico CORTES saves easily.
- 12' ESp are having slight advantages at the beginning of this match, controlling the ball better and playing a more compact game.
- 8' KOR have had a slow start into the game but are consolidating their play increasingly. ESP have started furiously and are now settling for a more sustainable pace.

4' Free hit for KOR near the circle on the far left. Great pass across from Jong Bok CHA but noone gets to it and it goes out the otehr side.

**\*\* Goal: Edu ARBOS (FG) \*\***

1' And ESP get off to a perfect start as ARBOS tips in a pass into the circle! 1-0 for ESP after less than a minute of play.

1' With a 50 minute delay due to heavy rainfall, the first match on pitch 2 gets underway. It is no longer raining, and the temperature is nice and cool, near perfect conditions for a hockey match.

0' The umpires in this match are David GENTLES (AUS) and Amarjit SINGH (MAS).

0' In the first match of their Champions Trophy campaign, ESP face an important handicap against KOR, as veteran forward Pol AMAT is out with an injury sustained just before travelling to Kuala Lumpur, and Santi FREIXA is also starting on the bench due to problems with his knees.

0' Play delayed for heavy rainfall. The match is expected to commence at 19.15 local time.