

Saturday 29 July

16:00

Pakistan 2

Argentina 1

72' Man of the Match is Mario ALMADA.

70' A disappointing result for ARG who have done the bulk of the work in this match. Two first half goals were enough to see PAK through to victory. Both teams meet again in tomorrow's match for fifth place.

**** Goal: Matias CAMMARERI ****

70' Mati VILA steps over the ball laid off to the left for M. CAMMARERI who puts a low flick in the far corner.

69' Mati VILA wins another PC for ARG.

68' Another Mati VILA flick is saved by AKBAR.

68' Mati VILA's flick hits the crossbar. Another PC is awarded.

67' PC for ARG.

65' Time is stopped yet again as Adnan MAQSOOD has sustained an injury to his neck in a clash. He has to leave the field.

64' ARGENTO intercepts a pass in the PAK defense and goes in for a reverse stick shot. It hits IMRAN from close range and time is stopped as he writhes on the ground in pain. He requires no treatment though and play soon resumes.

63' Time is stopped for Ghanzafar ALI who has been hit on the hand and leaves the field.

60' Mati VILA attempts a reverse stick shot from the top of the circle but AKBAR saves.

55' ABBAS high flick is saved easily by VIVALDI.

55' PC for PAK.

54' OROZCO is only just back from a brief stance on the bench when he makes an important intervention already - PAK are on a quick counter attack with SAQLAIN coming down the middle, and OROZCO deflects SAQLAIN's pass out to the left for ABBASI so he cannot reach it. This gives the ARG defense time to come back and avoids a very dangerous situation.

52' RICCARDI's flick is saved by AKBAR. PAREDES has an opportunity on the rebound but AKBAR saves again.

51' PC for ARG.

50' And yet another opportunity for ARG but the PAK defense holds.

48' ARG get into the circle again, with IBARRA having the opportunity for a shot. His reverse stick shot is wide but hits ALI near the knee. Time is briefly stopped but ALI is ok and play resumes with him on the field.

47' ZYLBERBERG loses the ball near the circle and PAK launch a furious counter attack. OROZCO cuts it short in midfield.

45' ARGENTO takes a ball off ABBAS near the PAK circle and passes it to ALMADA who gets into the circle but his ball across finds only Ghanzafar ALI who clears

out to his right.

44' Good opportunity for PAK as a ball across finds AKTAR at the left post. The ball hits his foot.

41' ARG are pushing hard now. ALMADA has an opportunity making his way across the circle from right to left looking for an opening. He finds one and goes for a reverse stick shot, but it is much too high and the ball clears the stands behind the goal.

39' The shot is saved.

39' PC for ARG.

35' A rather interesting first half in this match, both teams really making an effort. ARG have been the more active team, but are having serious issues with completion, while PAK have been on the attack less and have had fewer circle penetrations, but are definitely the more dangerous team in this game so far.

35' In the counter attack, PAK gets into the circle. LOPEZ excellently saves a first shot from ABBASI, then wards off the shot on the rebound as well. Excellent reactions on his part.

34' RICCARDI's flick is saved well by KABAR.

34' PC for ARG.

33' A good shot from Rodri VILA from the right from a very narrow angle, but the ball is deflected wide by AKBAR.

**** Goal: Shakeel ABBASI ****

29' ABBASI's low flick is sensationally run down by ALMADA who deflects it out to the side with his stick. However there, on the circle, ABBASI is waiting and hits the ball into the bottom near corner. There are only about 15cm between VIVALDI's foot and the post, but the ball goes right through, without much reaction from the ARG goalkeeper.

28' ARG may have the bigger percentage in ball possession in this first half, and more attacks that get to the circle, but it is PAK whose attacks are much more dangerous.

28' PC for PAK.

23' Good run from ALMADA on the left side. He falls near the circle. Umpire KUMAR awards a free hit, which ALMADA does not agree with at all, appealing for a PC. KUMAR's decision is confirmed by umpire KLEIN NAGELVOORT on the other side though.

22' In this phase, ARG are the more aggressive team, getting near and into the PAK circle repeatedly but they are having trouble with the finishing touch.

17' IBARRA's low flick to the right side of the goal is deflected wide.

16' PC for ARG.

15' Despite the early goal from PAK, ball possession is evenly distributed now, and both teams have their chances.

13' Great solo run down the right side line by ALMADA. He makes it into the circle, but ASHRAF takes the ball off him near the back line before he can pass it back for a potential shot on goal.

10' A first opportunity for ARG when AARGENTO comes into the circle from the left but his ball across the face of the goal finds no takers.

**** Goal: Rehan BUTT ****

6' PAK attack over the left side of the field, the ball comes into the circle at

shoulder height, and BUTT is there to deflect it in.

- 3' Despite the relative lack of importance of this game, it has taken off to a blistering start. Also, there already the first skirmishes, as just now when M. CAMMARERI has taken a hit in the face.
- 1' After slightly lower temperatures on Thursday, they are back up near 40 degrees today, which both teams will undoubtedly be struggling with.
- 0' PAK are leaving Muhammad ZUBAIR and Saleem KHALID in the stands, while ARG do the same with Lucas CAMMARERI and Matias REY.
- 0' Both teams are certain to play in the match for fifth place, and thus meet again tomorrow, so there is no pressure on and nothing to gain for either team.
- 0' The umpires in this match are Satinder KUMAR (IND) and Erik KLEIN NAGELVOORT (NED).