



Action from the third day of women's Olympic competition: Japan vs. Argentina, China vs. Netherlands, New Zealand vs. Great Britain and USA vs. Germany.

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Paumen's Netherlands too good for China

Player to Watch:
Ryan Archibald (NZL)

The penalty corner skills of Maartje Paumen proved to be the difference between China and The Netherlands, as Orange triumphed over Red in the clash of the Pool A titans. The 08:30 match was watched by a big crowd featuring a large number of Netherlands supporters, creating an electric atmosphere within the stadium. Paumen scored an unstoppable drag flick to give her side the lead in the 21st minute. Despite both teams having excellent opportunities, it proved to be the only goal of the game, making The Netherlands favourites for a semi final place.

In the other Pool A matches, Australia went top of the table with their 3:0 win over South Africa. Nikki Hudson, Angie Lambert and Casey Eastham all hit the target. Spain claimed their first Olympic win in ten games when Nuria Camon and Pilar Sanchez scored penalty corners in their 2:1 defeat of Korea.

In Pool B, undefeated Germany triumphed over the USA 4:2, a result that means they only need a point against Argentina on Saturday to seal a semi-final berth. The highlight was a sensational field goal from Natascha Keller just before half time. Argentina themselves kept their Olympic Gold medal hopes alive with a vital 2:1 win over Japan, despite their opponents giving them a real run for their money. Great Britain were 2:1 victors against New Zealand in the final match of the day. Goals from Alex Danson & Crista Cullen helped GB win their first match of the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games.



Program of the Day (Men)	15 August 2008
08:30 Spain v China	18:30 Pakistan v Australia
10:30 Netherlands v Canada	20:30 Korea v Germany
18:00 Belgium v New Zealand	21:00 South Africa v Great Britain

One of the world's finest midfielders, Ryan is the son of 1976 Olympic Gold medallist Jeff Archibald, but is far from overshadowed by his fathers' achievements. The Black Sticks captain has over 200 international appearances, and is massively influential thanks to his tremendous stick skills and equally impressive passing ability.

Hockey Celebrates 100 Years at the Olympic Games

Every day we travel back in time to celebrate a century of Olympic hockey.

Montreal 1976: After Germany finally broke the Asian stranglehold in 1972, it was perhaps surprising that neither European nor Asian teams would

compete in the 1976 Gold medal match.

That was contested between Oceania's New Zealand and Australia. New Zealand's Tony Ineson gave his side a 1-0 victory from the penalty spot in the first ever Olympic tournament played on artificial turf.

Tomorrow: Moscow 1980



New Zealand were the surprise gold medal winners in 1976

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Princess Anne and Lord Coe enjoy the hockey!

HRH The Princess Royal came to watch Great Britain men in action against The Netherlands on Sunday. Princess Anne enjoyed the hockey alongside Lord Sebastian Coe – Chairman of the London Organizing Committee for the Olympic Games – and FIH President & IOC member Els van Breda Vriesman.

Both the Princess and Lord Coe are former Olympians themselves, with Her Royal Highness competing in Eventing at the Montreal 1976 Games with Coe winning athletics Gold in the 1500 metres at Moscow 1980 and Los Angeles 1984.

Interestingly, Princess Anne's daughter Zara Phillips – best known as for her achievements in equestrianism – occasionally plays hockey for English club Cheltenham Ladies.



Princess Anne and Lord Coe in the stands at the Olympic hockey stadium

Team Coaches: A few Olympic facts

- Jenny King, coach of the South Africa women's team, is the only female coach among the 24 teams participating in Beijing.
- Netherlands men's coach Roelant Oltmans used to coach Olympic rivals Pakistan, while current Spain men's coach Maurits Hendriks took The Netherlands to the Olympic Gold medal at Sydney 2000.
- Before taking over as coach of Germany men, Markus Weise took Germany women to Olympic Gold at the Athens 2004 Games.
- At just 32 years old, Belgium's Adam Commens is the tournament's youngest coach. Commens also has an Olympic medal, winning Bronze at Sydney 2000 with Australia. Former Belgium coach Gilles Bonnet is now an assistant coach for the Chinese men.
- Until the Athens Games, Chinese men's head coach Kim Sang Ryul was responsible for the Korean women. Before him, the Korean women were coached by Kim Chang Back who is in Beijing as head coach of the Chinese women.

Day 6 Preview: Santi Freixa's Spain look for third victory

Pool A: Much fancied Spain – who have had a good start to their Olympic campaign with victories over Belgium and New Zealand – face a China team twice defeated yet growing in confidence after solid performances against both Germany and Korea. The Spanish front line of Pol Amat, Santi Freixa and Edi Tubau is arguably the finest in world hockey, and should be too hot for the host nation to handle (08:30, Pitch 1).

Belgium's credible draw against Germany on Wednesday will give them confidence going into their match with New Zealand (18:00, Pitch 2), a side that lost against Spain with just four seconds remaining in their previous match. Germany and Korea face each other at 20:30 on Pitch 2, with the winner giving themselves a genuine chance of reaching the semi-finals ahead of the final Pool games.

Pool B: Netherlands and Canada will contest the first Pool B encounter of the day, which takes place on Pitch 1 at 10:30. Canada were defeated 3:1 by Pakistan on Wednesday, and face a Netherlands side that is full of superstars and has not yet dropped a point here in Beijing.

Matches between Pakistan and Australia (18:30, Pitch 1) have been intense affairs in recent times, and this one is expected to be no different. The Kookaburras have been simply awesome here in Beijing, and anything other than an Aussie win would be a shock.

Great Britain aim to bounce back from their 1:0 defeat to The Netherlands by getting the right result against South Africa (21:00, Pitch 1). South Africa are feeling sore from the 10:0 thrashing dished out by Australia, and will aim to restore some much needed pride.



Spain's number 2, Santi Freixa

Women Pool A	
10 Aug 10:30 CHN v ESP 3:0 (2:0)	
10 Aug 18:00 AUS v KOR 5:4 (1:4)	
10 Aug 20:30 NED v RSA 6:0 (2:0)	
12 Aug 10:30 AUS v ESP 6:1 (1:1)	
12 Aug 18:30 CHN v RSA 3:0 (2:0)	
12 Aug 20:30 NED v KOR 3:2 (2:1)	
14 Aug 08:30 CHN v NED 0:1 (0:1)	
14 Aug 18:00 ESP v KOR 2:1 (2:0)	
14 Aug 20:30 RSA v AUS 0:3 (0:1)	
16 Aug 10:30 AUS v NED	
16 Aug 18:30 KOR v CHN	
16 Aug 21:00 ESP v RSA	
18 Aug 10:30 KOR v RSA	
18 Aug 18:30 NED v ESP	
18 Aug 21:00 CHN v AUS	

Women Classification Day 1	
20 Aug 08:30 9th/10th Place	
20 Aug 11:00 7th/8th Place	
20 Aug 18:00 Semifinal 01	
20 Aug 20:30 Semifinal 02	

Women Pool B	
10 Aug 08:30 JPN v NZL 2:1 (2:1)	
10 Aug 18:30 ARG v USA 2:2 (2:1)	
10 Aug 21:00 GER v GBR 5:1 (2:1)	
12 Aug 08:30 ARG v GBR 2:2 (2:0)	
12 Aug 18:00 USA v JPN 1:1 (0:1)	
12 Aug 21:00 GER v NZL 2:1 (0:1)	
14 Aug 10:30 USA v GER 2:4 (1:1)	
14 Aug 18:30 JPN v ARG 1:2 (0:0)	
14 Aug 21:00 NZL v GBR 1:2 (1:1)	
16 Aug 08:30 NZL v USA	
16 Aug 18:00 GER v ARG	
16 Aug 20:30 GBR v JPN	
18 Aug 08:30 GER v JPN	
18 Aug 18:00 GBR v USA	
18 Aug 20:30 ARG v NZL	

Women Classification Day 1	
22 Aug 08:30 11th/12th Place	
22 Aug 11:00 5th/6th Place	
22 Aug 18:00 Bronze Medal Match	
22 Aug 20:30 Gold Medal Match	
22 Aug 22:30 Medal Ceremony	

Women Pool A	M	W	D	L	Goals	P
1. Australia	3	3	0	0	14:5	9
2. Netherlands	3	3	0	0	10:2	9
3. China	3	2	0	1	6:1	6
4. Spain	3	1	0	2	3:10	3
5. Korea	3	0	0	3	7:10	0
6. South Africa	3	0	0	3	0:12	0

Women Pool B	M	W	D	L	Goals	P
1. Germany	3	3	0	0	11:4	9
2. Argentina	3	1	2	0	6:5	5
3. Japan	3	1	1	1	4:4	4
4. Great Britain	3	1	1	1	5:8	4
5. USA	3	0	2	1	5:7	2
6. New Zealand	3	0	0	3	3:6	0

Goalscorers Women	
1. Maartje PAUMEN (NED) 5 goals	
2. Casey EASTHAM (AUS) 3 goals	
Nikki HUDSON (AUS) 3 goals	
Angie LAMBERT (AUS) 3 goals	

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Men Pool A	
11 Aug 08:30 GER v CHN 4:1 (1:1)	
11 Aug 18:00 KOR v NZL 1:3 (1:1)	
11 Aug 20:30 ESP v BEL 4:2 (2:1)	
13 Aug 10:30 CHN v KOR 2:5 (2:2)	
13 Aug 18:30 BEL v GER 1:1 (1:1)	
13 Aug 20:30 NZL v ESP 0:1 (0:0)	
15 Aug 08:30 ESP v CHN	
15 Aug 18:00 BEL v NZL	
15 Aug 20:30 KOR v GER	
17 Aug 10:30 KOR v BEL	
17 Aug 18:30 NZL v CHN	
17 Aug 21:00 GER v ESP	
19 Aug 10:30 GER v NZL	
19 Aug 18:30 KOR v ESP	
19 Aug 21:00 CHN v BEL	

Men Classification Day 1	
21 Aug 08:30 9th/10th Place	
21 Aug 11:00 7th/8th Place	
21 Aug 18:00 Semifinal 01	
21 Aug 20:30 Semifinal 02	

Men Pool B	
11 Aug 10:30 PAK v GBR 2:4 (0:3)	
11 Aug 18:30 AUS v CAN 6:1 (3:0)	
11 Aug 21:00 NED v RSA 5:0 (2:0)	
13 Aug 08:30 RSA v AUS 0:10 (0:5)	
13 Aug 18:00 CAN v PAK 1:3 (1:0)	
13 Aug 21:00 NED v GBR 1:0 (0:0)	
15 Aug 10:30 NED v CAN	
15 Aug 18:30 PAK v AUS	
15 Aug 21:00 RSA v GBR	
17 Aug 08:30 GBR v CAN	
17 Aug 18:00 PAK v RSA	
17 Aug 20:30 AUS v NED	
19 Aug 08:30 NED v PAK	
19 Aug 18:00 CAN v RSA	
19 Aug 20:30 AUS v GBR	

Men Classification Day 2	
23 Aug 08:30 11th/12th Place	
23 Aug 11:00 5th/6th Place	
23 Aug 18:00 Bronze Medal Match	
23 Aug 20:30 Gold Medal Match	
23 Aug 22:30 Medal Ceremony	

Men Pool A	M	W	D	L	Goals	P
1. Spain	2	2	0	0	5:2	6
2. Germany	2	1	1	0	5:2	4
3. Korea	2	1	0	1	6:5	3
4. New Zealand	2	1	0	1	3:2	3
5. Belgium	2	0	1	1	3:5	1
6. China	2	0	0	2	3:9	0

Men Pool B	M	W	D	L	Goals	P
1. Australia	2	2	0	0	16:1	6
2. Netherlands	2	2	0	0	6:0	6
3. Great Britain	2	1	0	1	4:3	3
4. Pakistan	2	1	0	1	5:5	3
5. Canada	2	0	0	2	2:9	0
6. South Africa	2	0	0	2	0:15	0

Goalscorers Men	
1. Desmond ABBOTT (AUS) 4 goals	
2. Jong Hyun JANG (KOR) 3 goals	
Eli MATHESON (AUS) 3 goals	
Hayden SHAW (NZL) 3 goals	

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