



Action from the third day of men's Olympic competition: Belgium vs. New Zealand, Pakistan vs. Australia, Spain vs. China and Netherlands vs. Canada

Dwyer and Brooks inspire Australia

Australia secured yet another win but had to fight back from a goal down to defeat Pakistan 3:1 in Pool B. The Greenshirts took a shock lead when Shakeel Abbasi brilliantly touched in a cross from the left wing, but a field goal from Grant Schubert levelled the scores just before half time.

Inevitably, Jamie Dwyer tapped in the all-important second goal before a Travis Brooks deflection completed the scoring to make Australia strong favourites for the semi finals.

Pool A: Spain still have a 100% record after defeating China 2:1, but were made to work hard for it. China's Na Yubo gave his side the lead before Xavier Ribas and a late strike from Pol Amat gave Spain the win.

Germany could only manage a 3:3 draw with Korea, a result which puts a big dent in their semi-final ambitions. Korea were twice ahead in the second half, but goals from Matthias Witthaus and Christopher Zeller ensured at least a point for the World Champions. New Zealand are now second in the table after they defeated Belgium 4:2, thanks to goals from Simon Child (2), Gareth Brooks and Shea McAleese.

Pool B: The Netherlands stayed in touch with Australia due to a 4:2 win over Canada. Taeke Taekema scored a brilliant hat-trick with Roderick Weusthof scoring the fourth for the Dutchmen. Great Britain are now third in Pool B after a 2:0 win over South Africa, with James Tindall and Matt Daly the scorers.

Program of the Day (Women) --- 16 August 2008

08:30 New Zealand v USA
10:30 Australia v Netherlands
18:00 Germany v Argentina

18:30 Korea v China
20:30 Great Britain v Japan
21:00 Spain v South Africa

Player to Watch: Luciana Aymar (ARG)



Without question one of the finest players to have graced the game, this brilliant attacking midfielder claimed an incredible fourth WorldHockey Player of the Year award in 2007, having previously won the prize in 2001, 2004 and 2005. She is bang in form, having guided Argentina to the 2008 Champions Trophy with a series of stunning performances.

Hockey Celebrates 100 Years at the Olympic Games

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

Moscow 1980: It may have been hit by boycotts, but hockey took a huge step forward by introducing the women's competition in Moscow.

Despite being invited just five weeks before the event, Zimbabwe won a fairytale Gold medal, with Czechoslovakia and the Soviet Union taking Silver and Bronze respectively.

In the men's event, India won their eighth Gold medal by defeating Spain 4-3.

Tomorrow: Los Angeles 1984



Identical twin sisters Sonia Robertson and Sandra Chick of Zimbabwe won a Gold medal at Moscow 1980. They were the first twin Gold medallists in hockey history.

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Rogge returns to cheer Belgium!

On Friday, IOC President Jacques Rogge made his second appearance at the Olympic hockey event during the Beijing Olympic Games.

Dr Rogge attended the evening match between his native Belgium and Pool A rivals New Zealand alongside FIH President and IOC Member Els van Breda Vriesman.

Sadly for the IOC President, his side lost the match 4:2, with Simon Child (2), Gareth Brooks and Shea McAleese doing the damage for New Zealand.

Despite the result, Dr Rogge had another enjoyable evening watching the hockey, and may well return again later in the tournament.



Hockey visited by Tennis Ace Nalbandian

Argentinean tennis superstar David Nalbandian came to the hockey stadium on Thursday to support Las Leonas in their crucial triumph over Japan.

Nalbandian, who has eight career ATP titles and is currently ranked 8th in the world, sat through a tense encounter between his countrywomen and Japan.

The match was a must-win game for Argentina, but Nalbandian saw his team keep their Olympic Gold medal dream alive by taking a 2:1 victory with goals from Alejandra Gulla and Claudia Burkart. Nalbandian's own dreams of winning Olympic Gold in Beijing when he was knocked out of the tennis competition in the 3rd round by Frenchman Gael Monfils.



Day 7 Preview: Las Leonas desperate for victory

Two massive fixtures dominate proceedings today. The top sides in each pool are playing each other, with the winner almost certainly sealing a place in the semi-finals.

Pool A: Australia versus The Netherlands – who both have three wins from three matches – could be a classic, with the sides facing each other at 10:30 on Pitch 1. Nikki Hudson's Hockeyroos are in top form, but are challenged by a Netherlands team boosted by a 1:0 victory over China on Thursday. The host nation aim to recover from that defeat by claiming victory over Korea in the 18:30 match on Pitch 1.

Sadly, Korea are already out of contention for a medal, but will want to restore some pride in this match. Spain will be looking for their second tournament win when they play a South Africa team yet to claim a point.

Pool B: New Zealand play USA in the opening match of the day at 08:30 on Pitch 1, with the Americans needing a victory to stay in the medal hunt.

The biggest match of the day, if not the entire Olympic hockey tournament so far, is the clash between Germany and Argentina on Pitch 2 at 18:00. World number 2 side Argentina have to win to keep alive any chance of becoming Olympic champions, and in table-toppers Germany face formidable opponents. However, Argentina's four-time World Player of the Year Luciana Aymar has the ability to unlock a defence that has conceded just four goals in three games.

A win for either Great Britain or Japan in their 20:30 match on Pitch 2 will keep one team in the race for a semi final spot.



Nikki Hudson of Australia won her 300th cap in Australia's match against South Africa on Thursday.

Injured Bimson withdraws from GB squad

Sad news for Great Britain fans. Veteran midfielder Jennie Bimson has been forced to withdraw from the GB squad due to a torn calf muscle, being replaced by 20-year-old Scot Laura Bartlett.

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 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	
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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 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

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 2:1 (1:1)
15 Aug 18:00 BEL v NZL 2:4 (0:3)
15 Aug 20:30 KOR v GER 3:3 (1:1)
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 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 4:2 (3:1)
15 Aug 18:30 PAK v AUS 1:3 (1:1)
15 Aug 21:00 RSA v GBR 0:2 (0:1)
17 Aug 08:30 GBR v CAN
17 Aug 18:00 PAK v RSA
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3. Germany	3	1	2	0	8:5	5
4. Korea	3	1	1	1	9:8	4
5. Belgium	3	0	1	2	5:9	1
6. China	3	0	0	3	4:11	0

Men Pool B	M	W	D	L	Goals	P
1. Australia	3	3	0	0	19:2	9
2. Netherlands	3	3	0	0	10:2	9
3. Great Britain	3	2	0	1	6:3	6
4. Pakistan	3	1	0	2	6:8	3
5. Canada	3	0	0	3	4:13	0
6. South Africa	3	0	0	3	0:17	0

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 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

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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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 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

Goalscorers Men
1. Taeke TAEKEMA (NED) 6 goals
2. Desmond ABBOTT (AUS) 4 goals
Jong Hyun JANG (KOR) 4 goals
3. Jamie DWYER (AUS) 3 goals

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