



Action from the fourth day of women's Olympic competition: New Zealand vs. USA, Australia vs. Netherlands and Great Britain vs. Japan.

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## Two-goal Paumen stuns Hockeyroos

The Netherlands women hockey team have a true superstar at Beijing 2008 - Maartje Paumen. The penalty corner expert was the difference between the top two teams in Pool A, scoring a brace of superb goals as The Netherlands sealed their spot in the semi finals. Paumen's tournament tally now stands at seven, just one behind the record number of goals in an Olympic Games. With 3 matches left to play, she will surely take the record jointly held by Alyson Annan (AUS), Lisanne Lejeune (NED), Beth Anders (USA) and Eun Jung Chang (KOR).

The other matches in Pool A saw China bounce back from their defeat to The Netherlands by crushing Korea 6:1, with hat-tricks for Chunling Tang and Baorong Fu. In the final match of the day, Spain were tested all the way by South Africa, but a penalty corner from Maria Romagosa proved to be enough for a 1:0 win.

Argentina overcame Germany 4:0 in the big match from Pool B, putting themselves firmly within reach of the semi finals. Goals from Claudia Burkart, Alejandra Gulla (2) and a marvellous strike from Luciana Aymar secured victory. A win against bottom side New Zealand would seal their progress. The Blacksticks were defeated 4:0 by the USA, and their struggle to find good form only enhances the possibility of Argentinean success.

A last-gasp strike from Crista Cullen gave Great Britain a 2:1 win over Japan, keeping their semi final hopes alive and kicking.

Program of the Day (Men)	---	17 August 2008
08:30 Great Britain v Canada		18:30 New Zealand v China
10:30 Korea v Belgium		20:30 Australia v Netherlands
18:00 Pakistan v South Africa		21:00 Germany v Spain

## Player to Watch: Jong Hyun Jang (KOR)



Not only is Jong Hyun Jang one of the world's best penalty corner takers, he is also a superb defender with extraordinary levels of fitness.

Jang was named Asian Player of the Year in 2007 and is more than capable of having an impact at either end of the field for Korea in Beijing.

## Hockey Celebrates 100 Years at the Olympic Games

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

**Los Angeles 1984:** Despite Australia winning the five previous tournaments that they entered, it would be Pakistan and Germany who competed for Gold in what was a re-match of the 1972 final.



However, this time it was Pakistan's turn to triumph, securing a 2-1 win.

The Netherlands women grabbed the country's first ever Olympic hockey Gold medal after dominating the women's competition.

### Tomorrow: Seoul 1988

Volker Fried (left) finished second with Germany men. Sean Kerly finished third with Great Britain in Los Angeles but went on to win Gold four years later in Seoul.

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## World's finest umpires on show

As would be expected for the world's finest hockey tournament, the best umpires in the world are blowing their whistles here at Beijing 2008.

All four of the umpires that were in charge of the finals at Athens 2004 are present here. Three of them are still umpiring, with one, Ray O'Connor, being an Umpires Manager. South Africa's Marelize de Klerk and Soledad Iparraguirre from Argentina were the umpires for the women's final at Athens 2004, played between Germany and The Netherlands.

The men's final that year was played between Australia and The Netherlands, being controlled by Irishman O'Connor and John Wright of South Africa.

A total of 30 umpires will take charge of the 78 matches that take place throughout the tournament.

Soledad Iparraguirre from Argentina returns to the Olympic Games in Beijing after umpiring the women's final in Athens.



## More celebrity fans for Germany women

After Dirk Nowitzki earlier this week, the German women had a visitor from another sport today as swimmer Thomas Rupprath came to see today's match against Argentina.

Unfortunately for team and visitor, the current Olympic champions suffered a heavy 0-4 defeat.

Rupprath, who was World Champion in the 50m backstroke in 2003 and won a silver medal in the 4x100m medley relay at the Olympic Games in Athens, failed to fulfill his ambitions in Beijing but was happy to support the German women here in Beijing who despite today's defeat are still on track for a medal.



Also in the crowd: Patrick Kühnen, former tennis player and since 2003 captain of the German Davis Cup team.

## Day 8 Preview: Can de Nooijer destroy the Aussies?

Another cracking couple of matches are sure to excite the many spectators likely to attend the Olympic hockey arena today.

**Pool A's** big match sees struggling Germany play top of the table Spain, with the Spanish aiming to get revenge on the side that defeated them in the World Cup semi finals two years ago. If Spain win and New Zealand defeat China in the match preceding it (18:30, Pitch 1), the World Champions would be out of the medal race – a situation almost unimaginable for one of the pre-tournament favourites.

A win for Korea against Belgium at 10:30 on Pitch 1 should keep them in the hunt for a semi-final place, but defeat is likely to end their chances of winning a medal. New Zealand will be hoping to beat a steadily improving China at 18:30 on Pitch 1 to further enhance their medal prospects.

**Pool B** sees fierce rivals Australia and The Netherlands coming together, with both sides having maximum points after three games. The Dutch were triumphant when the women's sides met yesterday, adding more fuel to the fire for this mouth-watering clash. Netherlands superstar Teun de Nooijer has the skill to break through the Australian defence, but can they out-score a side that has scored 19 times in just three games?

Great Britain and Canada play each other at 08:30 on Pitch 1, with GB needing victory to keep putting pressure on the top two. Pakistan will be aiming to take all the points against South Africa (18:00, Pitch 2) in their bid to finish third in the pool, which would put them in the 5th / 6th place play-off match.



Teun de Nooijer in action in the match against Great Britain last Wednesday.

## De Nooijer, Delmee and Vogels may become record medal winners

Seven players of India share the record for most Olympic Gold medals won in hockey with one Australian woman: Richard James Allen (1928, 1932, 1936), Dhyan Chand (1928, 1932, 1936), Leslie Claudius (1948, 1952, 1956), Balbir Singh (1948, 1952, 1956), Randhir Gentle (1948, 1952, 1956), Ranganandhan Francis (1948, 1952, 1956), Udham Singh (1952, 1956, 1964) and Rechelle Hawkes (1988, 1996, 2000) each boast three Golds.

Dutchmen Teun de Nooijer, Jeroen Delmee and Guus Vogels will join the elite club if they win Gold in Beijing.

### 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	1:2 (1:1)
16 Aug 18:30	KOR v CHN	1:6 (0:2)
16 Aug 21:00	ESP v RSA	1:0 (1:0)
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	1:4 (0:2)
16 Aug 18:00	GER v ARG	0:4 (0:0)
16 Aug 20:30	GBR v JPN	2:1 (1:0)
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. Netherlands	4	4	0	0	12:3	12
2. China	4	3	0	1	12:2	9
3. Australia	4	3	0	1	15:7	9
4. Spain	4	2	0	2	4:10	6
5. Korea	4	0	0	4	8:16	0
6. South Africa	4	0	0	4	0:13	0

### Women Pool B

	M	W	D	L	Goals	P
1. Germany	4	3	0	1	11:8	9
2. Argentina	4	2	2	0	10:5	8
3. Great Britain	4	2	1	1	7:9	7
4. USA	4	1	2	1	9:8	5
5. Japan	4	1	1	2	5:6	4
6. New Zealand	4	0	0	4	4:10	0

### Goalscorers Women

- Maartje PAUMEN (NED) 7 goals
  - Fu Baorong (CHN) 4 goals
  - Alejandra GULLA (ARG) 4 goals
  - Crista CULLEN (GBR) 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	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	
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 Pool A

	M	W	D	L	Goals	P
1. Spain	3	3	0	0	7:3	9
2. New Zealand	3	2	0	1	7:4	6
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 2

- 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

### 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 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

- Taeke TAEKEMA (NED) 6 goals
  - Desmond ABBOTT (AUS) 4 goals
  - Jong Hyun JANG (KOR) 4 goals
  - Jamie DWYER (AUS) 3 goals
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