



Action from the last pool day of women's Olympic competition: Germany vs. Japan, Korea vs. South Africa, Great Britain vs. USA and Netherlands vs. Spain.

Host Nation reach last four!

On a day of high drama, host nation China delighted a huge crowd by drawing with Australia, putting them into the Olympic semi-finals alongside Germany, The Netherlands and Argentina.

With The Netherlands already qualified for the medal matches, China versus Australia was a "winner takes all" contest, although a draw would be good enough for China due to their superior goal difference. China went 2:0 up thanks to a couple of great strikes from Li Hong Xia, but goals from Casey Eastham and Sarah Young pulled it back to 2:2 with just eight minutes left to play. Australia pressed hard, but China secured the draw they needed to reach the Olympic semi-finals.

China will face defending champions Germany in the last four, having defeated Japan 1:0 in a tense early morning encounter. The only goal of the game came from Janine Beermann, who deflected a Maik Stoeckel free hit into the net.

The Netherlands continued their fine form with a 2:0 win over Spain. They are surely favourites for Gold, being the only team to win all of their pool matches. Their opponents will be Argentina, who ran out 3:2 winners against New Zealand to confirm their place in the last four. Argentina had pretty much qualified for the semi finals even before the match due to Great Britain's 0:0 draw with USA. That result put Great Britain in the 5th/6th place play-off match, where they will face Australia. In the day's other match, Korea defeated South Africa 5:2.

Player to Watch: Christopher Zeller (GER)



Christopher Zeller may have had an injury-hit year, but when Germany's prized asset plays he always seems to makes a difference.

Germany struggle without him, but when he is fully fit there are very few players in the world capable of playing at his level. This supremely talented individual is likely to be closely marked.

Program of the Day (Men)	---	19 August 2008
08:30 Netherlands v Pakistan		18:30 Korea v Spain
10:30 Germany v New Zealand		20:30 Australia v Great Britain
18:00 Canada v South Africa		21:00 China v Belgium

Hockey Celebrates 100 Years at the Olympic Games

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

Barcelona 1992: With Spain being the location, it was only fitting that a Spanish team would perform well in Barcelona, but no-one predicted that it would be the women.



The un-fancied Spanish overcame Germany in the women's final by two goals to one, producing one of the biggest shocks recent times.

A winner from Eli Maragall thirteen minutes into extra time secured the victory.

The men's Gold medal went to Germany, who defeated Australia 2:1 with two goals from Michael Hilgers.

Tomorrow: Atlanta 1996

Lee Bodimeade, who is the USA women's head coach here in Beijing played on the Australian team that took Silver in Barcelona in 1992.

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The Hockey Families!

For one family member to make an international hockey team is impressive, but for two to achieve that feat is nothing short of remarkable.

Siblings Roc and Georgina Oliva are representing the Spanish teams here in Beijing, being supported by their father Jordi, who played at the 1984 and 1988 Olympic Games. Spain also has the Alegre brothers, David and Ramon, as well as cousins Francisco and Alex Fabregas also in the team.

Brother and sister combo Florian and Natascha Keller represent each of the Germany teams, with two sets of brothers playing for Germany men – Christopher and Philipp Zeller joined by Benjamin and Timo Wess.

Incredibly, brothers also represent teams from The Netherlands (The Brouwers), Belgium (The Vandeweghes), New Zealand (The Shaws), and Canada (The Shorts), with sisters Vida and Vidette Ryan taking to the field for South Africa.



Georgina Oliva was first selected for the Spanish women's team at the age of 15.

Quotes of the Day

Vida RYAN (RSA) on the Olympic Games: 'It is organised superbly and there are a lot of stars. The Olympic Games is just an amazing event. I am looking forward to attending the next one.'

KIM Eun Sil (KOR) on the Olympic Tournament: 'To be honest the Games are not over yet, but I think it is a pity because we aimed for Gold and we didn't win any match until today's win over South Africa.'

German head coach Michael BEHRMANN (GER): 'We played well. For the semi-final we have to combine the skills with the passion as we did in the matches against Great Britain and New Zealand.'

Day 9 Preview: Semi-final places still up for grabs

The line-up for the women's semi-finals have been decided, but there is still the small matter of the men's competition!

Not one team is 100% certain of a place in the semi-finals as we go into the last round of pool games, with Spain, Germany, New Zealand and Korea all capable of filling the two available spots in Pool A, with Australia, The Netherlands and Great Britain fighting it out in Pool B.

Pool A: Germany play New Zealand at 10:30 on Pitch 1; a Germany win would confirm their semi-final place. However, a win for New Zealand and their outstanding young striker Simon Child would put them in a terrific position ahead of the evening matches. For New Zealand to progress they would need Spain to get a result against Korea in their Pitch 1 match at 18.30, but a Korea victory is likely to put them through due to having scored more goals than the Black Sticks. China and Belgium play each other at 21:00 on Pitch 1; the final match of Pool A.

Pool B: The Netherlands just need a point against Pakistan to seal their progress into the semi-finals in the 08:30 match on Pitch 1. Form suggests that they will do it, but Pakistan are more than capable of upsetting the odds. Canada and South Africa clash heads at 18:00 on Pitch 1.

The final Pool B match should be an absolute classic. A Netherlands loss would give GB a good chance of reaching the semi-final stage, but defeating reigning Olympic champions Australia, who have virtually qualified already, will not be easy.

The business end of the tournament is very much in sight, and with so much left to play for, the action should be exciting from start to finish.



New Zealand's outstanding young striker Simon Child hopes to fire his team into the semi-finals.

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 5:2 (4:0)	
18 Aug 18:30 NED v ESP 2:0 (1:0)	
18 Aug 21:00 CHN v AUS 2:2 (1:0)	

Women Classification Day 1	
20 Aug 08:30 9th/10th KOR v JPN	
20 Aug 11:00 7th/8th ESP v USA	
20 Aug 18:00 Semi 1 GER v CHN	
20 Aug 20:30 Semi 2 NED v ARG	

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 1:0 (0:0)	
18 Aug 18:00 GBR v USA 0:0 (0:0)	
18 Aug 20:30 ARG v NZL 3:2 (1:1)	

Women Classification Day 1	
22 Aug 08:30 11th/12th RSA v NZL	
22 Aug 11:00 5th/6th AUS v GBR	
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. Netherlands	5	5	0	0	14:3	15
2. China	5	3	1	1	14:4	10
3. Australia	5	3	1	1	17:9	10
4. Spain	5	2	0	3	4:12	6
5. Korea	5	1	0	4	13:18	3
6. South Africa	5	0	0	5	2:18	0

Women Pool B	M	W	D	L	Goals	P
1. Germany	5	4	0	1	12:8	12
2. Argentina	5	3	2	0	13:7	11
3. Great Britain	5	2	2	1	7:9	8
4. USA	5	1	3	1	9:8	6
5. Japan	5	1	1	3	5:7	4
6. New Zealand	5	0	0	5	6:13	0

Goalscorers Women	
1. Maartje PAUMEN (NED) 8 goals	
2. Fu Baorong (CHN) 5 goals	
Seon Ok LEE (KOR) 5 goals	
3. Casey EASTHAM (AUS) 4 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 3:1 (0:1)	
17 Aug 18:30 NZL v CHN 2:2 (1:2)	
17 Aug 21:00 GER v ESP 1:0 (1:0)	
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 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 1:1 (0:0)	
17 Aug 18:00 PAK v RSA 3:1 (1:1)	
17 Aug 20:30 AUS v NED 2:2 (0:0)	
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	4	3	0	1	7:4	9
2. Germany	4	2	2	0	9:5	8
3. Korea	4	2	1	1	12:8	7
4. New Zealand	4	2	1	1	9:6	7
5. Belgium	4	0	1	3	6:12	1
6. China	4	0	1	3	6:13	1

Men Pool B	M	W	D	L	Goals	P
1. Australia	4	3	1	0	21:4	10
2. Netherlands	4	3	1	0	12:4	10
3. Great Britain	4	2	1	1	7:4	7
4. Pakistan	4	2	0	2	9:9	6
5. Canada	4	0	1	3	5:14	1
6. South Africa	4	0	0	4	1:20	0

Goalscorers Men	
1. Taeke TAEKEMA (NED) 8 goals	
2. Jong Hyun JANG (KOR) 5 goals	
3. Desmond ABBOTT (AUS) 4 goals	
4. Shakeel ABBASI (PAK) 3 goals	

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