



AtaHolding Champions Challenge – Women
Sunday 10 June 2007
18:00

Azerbaijan 0

New Zealand 1

- 70'** FULL TIME: AZERBAIJAN 0:1 NEW ZEALAND. New Zealand take their first points of the tournament with a battling win over Azerbaijan
 - 65'** NZL seem to have soaked up most of the pressure, with AZE looking demoralised after not making the most of their chances
 - 60'** NZL put together a good attacking move and look to be playing for the PC, but AZE clear
 - 57'** Still AZE pressurise, but they just cannot find that killer touch in front of goal.
 - 54'** AZE - PC: The direct strike is well saved, but Zeynab NURIYEVA is furious with the umpires' decision to award a NZL free hit
 - 50'** The game is starting to get extremely physical, and the NZL players do not look to happy about it. I would not be surprised to see a card... or two
 - 45'** PC - AZE: The PC is fired to the right of the post, but no attacker could get onto it. NZL have possession and a chance to clear
 - 41'** Even at this early stage in the second half, NZL look they will be difficult to break down. AZE have not scored over 100 minutes of tournament hockey so far, although they are certainly putting the pressure on
 - 38'** PC - AZE: although the strike is well saved, Zarifahon ZEYNALOVA picks up the lose ball on her reverse stick, but flicks over the bar. NZL look relieved
 - 37'** IGASAN is very much back on the field, and shows her disagreement about the penalty corner awarded against her side to the umpire. The PC is a good routine well kept out by NZL
 - 36'** Second half underway
 - 35'** HALF TIME: Azerbaijan 0:1 New Zealand
 - 33'** The influential IGASAN leaves the field of play with injury, but it appears to be precautionary as we approach the end of the half
 - 32'** The initial PC is saved, but another is awarded. NZL clear and head forward, but do not make the most of the break
 - 31'** Zeynab NURIYEVA has a chance to score right in front of goal, but JURGELEIT's save results in a AZE PC
 - 29'** AZE back on the attack in search of an equaliser. The goal seems to have opened up what was a cagey affair
- ** Goal: Caryn PAEWAI ****
- 27'** NZL take the lead with a corner that looked to be going nowhere until a clever ball from IGASAN found PAEWAI who scored with ease
 - 26'** PC - NZL: The first PC is blocked illegally, and another PC is awarded
 - 25'** PC - NZL: A deliberate back stick outside the circle gives NZL a chance to open the scoring

- 23'** NZL move promisingly down the left, but Honor DILLON fails to control in the circle.
- 20'** it is an extremely tight match, with AZE looking very comfortable at the back. NZL are still having a lot of possession but are having very few circle penetrations
- 14'** NZL having quite a lot of possession, but are not causing the AZE defence any trouble currently.
- 10'** After ten minutes of play, all of the action has come from penalty corners, but neither team has looked likely to break the deadlock.
- 7'** PC AZE: Nazira HIDAYATOVA slaps a pass to the right post, but no AZE attacker could get onto it. Free hit to NZL
- 5'** NZL PC: NZL get their first chance to do some damage, but nothing comes of it.
- 2'** PC - AZE: The routine moves the ball left, but the shot goes wide of the target.
- 0'** Welcome to the last match of the day here in Baku, Azerbaijan, as the host nation take on New Zealand. Both teams will be looking to kick-start their tournament after both suffering defeats yesterday.