



AtaHolding Champions Challenge – Women
Thursday 14 June 2007
13:30

USA 1

New Zealand 0

70' FULL TIME: USA 1:0 NEW ZEALAND

**** Goal: April FRONZONI ****

70' USA win it with the last hit of the game, with FRONZONI deflecting in Rachel DAWSON's strike

70' USA - PC:

67' USA - PC: an interchange of passes at the top of the circle sees Rachel DAWSON receive the ball and flick for goal, but it is blocked by NZL and cleared forward

63' DAWSON is back on the field. Have NZL missed their chance?

60' PC - NZL: USA clear, but the danger is still not over as NZL keep possession. Caryn PAEWAI does well on the right and sends a fantastic pass into Kimberley NOAKES at the far post, but she cannot turn the ball into the goal. A good spell for NZL

57' USA's Rachel DAWSON is given a YELLOW CARD by umpire HENNING for what looked like a deliberate foot. Can NZL capitalize?

53' Sarah DAWSON is again in the action, this time getting into the NZL circle and attempting a reverse stick shot, but it does not trouble WAWATAI

51' Caryn PAEWAI is shoulder-charged off the ball illegally by Sarah DAWSON, who is trying to assert her authority in midfield

50' Michelle KASOLD cannot control in the NZL circle, putting the ball onto her own foot, much to the relief of the NZL defenders

49' Jaimee CLAXTON is called over by Umpire HENNING for disagreeing with a decision to award a long corner instead of a penalty corner, but no card is shown

47' Lauren CRANDALL looks threatening just outside the NZL circle, but NZL put in some strong tackles to stop the threat

44' USA are the better team, but NZL are starting to have spells of possession

40' NZL defending in numbers as USA still applying the pressure, with SNOW looking as though she wants to be involved in every attacking move that USA put together

38' USA continuing their strong finish to the first half with two good attacking moves, but the NZL defence holds strong

36' Second half underway

35' HALF TIME: USA 0:0 NEW ZEALAND

33' USA - PC: The drag flick attempt is well blocked by Kimberley NOAKES, who shows real bravery to put herself in the way of the shot. NZL clear to safety

32' USA fire a free hit into the circle and the ball deflects into the NZL goal, but not from a USA stick. USA really looking dangerous though

- 30'** USA - PC: It is hit low and hard, but WAWATAI is comfortable with it and clears
- 29'** USA starting to put NZL under some real pressure, with NZL unable to effectively clear
- 26'** Melissa LEONETTI (USA) makes an excellent reverse stick tackle on Honor DILLON just inside the NZL circle, killing off any chance of a score from the attack
- 25'** April FRONZONI moves down the left for the USA, and attempts to cross the ball into the circle on here reverse stick, but nothing comes of it. With 10 minutes to go in the first half, neither team is dominating
- 23'** Tiffany SNOW (USA) has a reverse stick shot at the top of the circle, but it is well wide of the target.
- 19'** Charlotte HARRISON thinks that she has won a PC for NZL, but ran the ball out of play before hitting the foot of a USA defender
- 18'** USA - PC: Laura CRANDALL strikes for goal, but Anita WAWATAI kicks clear
- 16'** Emily NAYLOR loses possession, immediately putting her team under pressure. USA capitalise, winning a penalty corner.
- 15'** Krystal FORGESSON picks up the ball in space down the left and heads for the circle, but excellent defending from USA blocks out the danger
- 13'** More good work from USA, with Tiffany SNOW doing well down the right, but lifts her cross dangerously and NZL are awarded the free hit
- 11'** USA free hit just to the left of the circle is driven into the danger area, but NZL pick up the ball and clear
- 9'** A hopeful pass down the left by NZL is too strong for Charlotte HARRISON, who does her best to keep the ball in play
- 5'** Melissa LEONETTI cannot find a USA player with her pass, gifting possession to NZL, but USA defend well
- 3'** USA - PC: Not controlled at the top of the circle, and NZL clear
- 2'** NZL immediately pressing USA back into their own half, and are currently enjoying a lot of possession. Suddenly USA break forward with April FRONZONI driving into the circle, but she is tackled well
- 1'** Match underway
- 0'** The umpires for this game are Dawn HENNING (ENG) and Nor Piza HASSAN (MAS)
- 0'** Welcome to the first match of Day 4 at the AtaHolding Champions Challenge, where USA take on New Zealand. NZL's Lizzy IGASAN is not in the squad, but is watching the match with heavy strapping around her hand.