

AtaHolding Champions Challenge – Women
Saturday 16 June 2007
16:30

Azerbaijan 1

USA 2

70' FULL TIME: AZERBAIJAN 1:2 USA

68' AZE having a good spell of pressure as they search for an equaliser

67' Inoyathon JAFAROVA fires a shot into the USA circle that Liana NURIYEVA cannot deflect towards the goal

**** Goal: Laura CRANDALL ****

64' Laura CRANDALL gives USA the lead from a penalty corner, much to the dismay of the AZE players who think the initial shot is too high

62' Khatira ALIYEVA's deflected shot flies over the fence and hits one of the black BMW's parked behind the goal, but it doesn't look damaged!

60' Dilfuza MIRZALIYEVA strikes a free hit towards goal from outside the circle, but no AZE player can get onto it

58' PC - AZE: The attempted drag flick is poor, and USA get the ball and head forward, but AZE defend well.

56' Zeynab NURIYEVA (C) receives her second GREEN CARD of the game, for questioning umpire HENNING's decision

54' AZE - PC: USA reserve keeper Jill DEDMAN - on as a second half substitute - makes an excellent save, but another PC is awarded

51' Dilfuza MIRZALIYEVA bursts through towards the USA goal before sending a good pass to Lyubov DRUJININA, who looks certain to score but puts it wide of the target

47' USA - PC: The strike at goal is cleared well by AZE

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

42' FRONZONI levels the score, tapping in to an open goal after a great ball in to the danger area from wide right

40' USA are looking for a quick response, having had most of the possession and best chances of the first half. AZE are being pressed back deep into their own half

**** Goal: Inoyathon JAFAROVA ****

38' AZE have taken the lead with a slick penalty corner routine, slapped into the goal from the left by Inoyathon JAFAROVA.

38' AZE on the attack, with Liana NURIYEVA winning a penalty corner for the home favourites.

36' Second half underway

35' HALF TIME: AZERBAIJAN 0:0 USA

34' Zeynab NURIYEVA (C) receives a GREEN CARD from umpire HENNING, with Marina ALIYEVA being given a YELLOW CARD moments later by umpire KLASSEN for a bad stick challenge. AZE are clearly frustrated

- 33'** PC - USA: the initial strike is saved, but USA get another PC, but AZE defend it well and break forward. Lyubov DRUJININA moves well down the right but cannot keep the ball in play
- 27'** USA still continue to pressure, but cannot get the breakthrough at the moment
- 23'** PC - USA: LEONETTI strikes for goal but it is kicked by Seda KYEIROVA straight onto the stick of Rachel DAWSON, but she fails to get her shot away
- 17'** Dana SENSINIG shoots for goal and sparks a frantic spell of defending by AZE. USA are definitely on top so far
- 12'** Still the USA dominate, with Michelle KASOLD in particular having an impressive game
- 10'** PC - USA: Sarah DAWSON just fails to get onto a pass near the right post from a improvised penalty corner
- 9'** USA are having all the pressure at the moment, with AZE struggling to clear
- 5'** April FRONZONI wastes a wonderful chance to give USA the lead with just the keeper to beat
- 4'** PC - USA: First attempt blocked, another is awarded. AZE clear the attempted strike from Rachel DAWSON
- 2'** April FRONZONI has the first real chance of the game, but her reverse stick shot is easily cleared
- 1'** Match underway
- 0'** Welcome to the third match of Day 5 here in Baku, where Azerbaijan face USA. The umpires for this match are Dawn HENNING (ENG) and Lisette KLASSEN (NED)