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China  
Japan



3 CHEN Zhao Xia

4 MA Yi Bo (C)

5 CHENG Hui

7 HUANG Jun Xia

8 FU Bao Rong

9 LI Shuang

10 GAO Li Hua

11 TANG Chun Ling

12 ZHOU Wan Feng

13 SUN Zhen

16 ZHANG Yi Meng (GK)

17 LI Hong Xia

18 REN Ye

19 CHEN Quiqi

21 ZHAO Yu Diao

22 SONG Qing Ling

Off-Field Staff

Coach: Kim CHANG BACK

Asst Coach: LAO Xiao Bing

Manager: HAI Xian

1 Ikuko OKAMURA (GK)

2 Keiko MIURA

4 Mayumi ONO

5 Chie KIMURA

6 Rika KOMAZAWA

7 Miyuki NAKAGAWA

8 Sakae MORIMOTO

- 9 Kaori CHIBA
- 10 Yukari YAMAMOTO
- 11 Toshie TSUKUI
- 12 Yuku KITANO
- 13 Sachimi IWAO
- 14 Akemi KATO (C)
- 15 Tomomi KOMORI
- 18 Misaki OZAWA
- 22 Yuka YOSHIKAWA (GK)

Off-Field Staff

Coach: Yoo SEUNG JIN

Asst Coach: Jogi HIYOYUKI

Manager: Nakamura MARI

- Full Time -



70' FULL TIME - CHN 3-3 JPN: A great game with lots of interesting moments and some excellent goals.

70' Just one more minute to go now - are we going to see the second drawn match of the day? At least there were some goals in this one

69' CHN have been pressing hard for a winner, but JPN have been defending brilliantly

**\*\* Goal: MA Yi Bo \*\***

64' The goal is given! **MA Yi Bo**'s strike was deemed to be legal, so the scores are tied again!

64' **MA Yi Bo** strikes into the goal, and we now have the first video umpire decision of the tournament. It was thought that an earlier decision was a video umpire call, but this was not the case. So, was there an infringement to stop a goal being awarded?

64' PC - CHN: Japan just cannot seem to keep the ball away from their feet in the circle at the moment, giving CHN another chance to equalise

61' The first effort is blocked, but another is corner awarded. The second effort is cleared

60' PC - CHN:

**\*\* Goal: Kaori CHIBA \*\***

54' What a goal! **Kaori CHIBA** dives full length to divert a sensational pass from **Keiko MIURA** into the CHN goal to put JPN back into the lead

**\*\* Goal: ZHOU Wan Feng \*\***

51' **ZHOU Wan Feng** gets a great deflection at the right post, and CHN are level again!

50' **GAO Li Hua** hits the foot of **Chie KIMURA** in the circle, to bring up penalty corner number 10 for CHN

47' CHN have failed to score in nine penalty corner attempts in this game, well below their normal standards

46' A good effort on goal from **MA Yi Bo**, but JPN defend well again. Moments later another CHN pc is awarded, but this time the effort is wide of the left post

45' First PC effort is well blocked, but CHN are awarded another PC.

44' PC - CHN:

44' JPN are looking threatening now, boosted by the goal, and win a free hit just outside the circle. The ball is smashed into the danger area, and **Sakae MORIMOTO** almost deflects the ball into the goal

**\*\* Goal: Kaori CHIBA \*\***

40' **Kaori CHIBA** finds the back of the net, deflecting in a cross from the left directly in front of goal. Terrible marking from CHN, and **Kaori CHIBA** makes no mistake

38' **REN Ye** almost scores! Directly in front of goal, she turns and aims for the corner, but **Ikuko OKAMURA** pulls off a great save with her stick

36' SECOND HALF UNDERWAY

35' HALF TIME - CHN 1-1 JPN: CHN clearly the more dominant side, but the scores are level

34'  **Chie KIMURA**

**\*\* Goal: ZHAO Yu Diao \*\***

33' **ZHAO Yu Diao** gets the equaliser for CHN, but knows nothing about it! A really lucky goal, but it is given despite much protestations from JPN

32' **MA Yi Bo** flicks high, but another stunning save from **Ikuko OKAMURA** keeps the ball out of the goal.

32' **MA Yi Bo** flicks hard, but finds another JPN foot. PC number 6 for CHN

31' A good move down the left leads to another penalty corner for CHN

29' CHN's routine goes wrong at the top of the circle, and an improvised passing move leads to a shot which is high and wide of the target

29' The flick is hard, but hits **Toshie TSUKUI**, and another pc is awarded

28' PC - CHN: A chance for **MA Yi Bo** to bring her side back into the game

25' The effort is wide of the post, and CHN put together a string of quick passes to move upfield, but JPN again defend excellently

24' PC - JPN: Can JPN make it 2-0 completely against the run of play?

23' CHN are still continuing to dominate, with every JPN player sitting inside their own 25 metre line

**20'** **SONG Qing Ling** passes to **TANG Chun Ling** in the circle, with the latter having a powerful shot at goal, but **Ikuko OKAMURA** saves well. CHN are looking likely to score an equaliser

**18'** CHN immediately on the attack, in search of an equaliser

**\*\* Goal: Toshie TSUKUI \*\***

**16'** **Toshie TSUKUI** scores with ease from the penalty stroke to give Japan a shock lead in this game

**16'** The penalty corner is taken, there is a shot on goal but it seems to hit a foot. The umpire asks the video umpire! After a short break a penalty stroke is awarded!

**16'** **Rika KOMAZAWA** stikes a cross into the CHN circle, and **ZHOU Wan Feng** cannot control the ball, conceding a penalty corner

**14'** CHN are back on the attack now, but cannot win anything in the circle when it looked as though they were playing for a penalty corner

**14'** JPN break forward, and **Sakae MORIMOTO** sends a wonderful through-ball into the path of **Tomomi KOMORI**, but **ZHANG Yi Meng** charges out of her goal and makes a brilliant save.

**11'** CHN are still the dominant force in this game, but JPN seem to be coping well with the numerous attacks from their opponents

**8'** **Toshie TSUKUI** takes a free hit deep in the CHN half, but completely ruins the chance, hitting the ball directly out of play

**6'** JPN seem to have soaked up all of the early domination from CHN and are now beginning to assert themselves in this match

**5'** PC - CHN: Another penalty corner for CHN, but this effort is deflected over the bar by **Rika KOMAZAWA**. A good start from CHN, putting JPN under considerable early pressure

**4'** **MA Yi Bo** flicks the penalty corner high towards the top right corner, but **Ikuko OKAMURA** saves excellently

**3'** PC - CHN:

**3'** The pace of the game is already so much quicker than the previous match - between Germany and Argentina. It looks like this could be an exciting encounter

**1'** FIRST HALF UNDERWAY:

**0'** The teams are warmed up and ready to go

**0'** Two players have reached international milestones today, with 150 caps for China's ZHOU Wan Feng and Japan's Chie KIMURA - Congratulations to them both.

**0'** Champions Trophy Head-to-Heads > This is the first ever encounter between China and Japan in Champions Trophy history. > Their last meeting came in September 2007 at the Asia Cup, when Japan beat China 2-1. > China's last win over Japan came in December 2006, in the final of the 2006 Asia Games (1-0). > The last meeting between China and Japan at a WorldHockey tournament came at the 2004 Athens Olympics, where China beat Japan 3-0.

**0'** The players missing the match today for CHN are: LI Ai Li, and PAN Feng Zhen. For JPN, Chinami KOZAKURA and Chie AKUTSU are missing out today

**0'** Welcome to the second match of Day Six here in Monchengladbach, where China (CHN) take on Japan (JPN). The umpires for this match are Anne McRAE (SCO) and Frances BLOCK (ENG)