

Belgium 1 Japan 2

- 70' JPN bag three points from this encounter and will be content to have come out on top in this close encounter. Hosts BEL are visibly disappointed at having given away this game between the two lowest ranked teams in the event in which they certainly had their opportunities but had to concede victory to an energetic JPN side.
- 69' The match is getting increasingly hectic now, BEL desperate to salvage a point while JPN aren't about to give up their win. The noise level has increased noticeably both on the pitch as from the benches.
- 68' BEL are back to full strength with de COCK returning after his suspension.
- 66' As the minutes tick down, JPN try desperately to make good use of their advantage in numbers but to no avail.
- 63' Yellow card for Amaury de COCK after a brash attack on his opponent.
- 62' An overly complicated variation is cut short by Loic VANDEWEGHE, setting off on a fast counter attack but Yuji CHAKI intercepts the ball into the circle to stop BEL.
- 61' ANAI wins another PC for JPN.
- 60' DEKEYSER's flick to the left of the goal is deflected just wide by NAGAOKA going for a diving save.
- 59' PC for BEL.
- ** Goal: Takahiko YAMABORI (PC) ****
- 58' YOSHIDA peels off to the left and Takahiko YAMABORI flicks to the top right corner of the goal for the lead for JPN.
- 57' PC for JPN.
- 55' Good flick from DEKEYSER but it is saved by NAGAOKA.
- 55' Charles VANDEWEGHE wins a PC for BEL.
- 54' Counter attack for BEL but BOURDEAUD'HUI is stopped by ITO.
- 53' Green card for Thomas BRIELS for rough play.
- 50' Great play from BEL now with LUYCX passing into the circle for BRIELS whose shot is ever so slightly wide.
- 49' Upon a free hit near the circle umpire PRASAD has to stop time to calm down the situation when the physical play threatens to take over.
- 48' While still fast-paced, the game now lacks the high quality of the first half, neither side able to get up to the level of the first 35 minutes.
- 45' YOSHIDA's flick is well saved by DEGREVE.
- 44' JPN win a PC, their first of the game.
- 43' A little brawl between KATAYAMA and Charles VANDEWEGHE on the right side of the field results in a green card for KATAYAMA.
- 42' Another time stop with Loic VANDEWEGHE down on the ground again after a knock to the face. He seems ok and play continues.
- 40' Lovely run into the circle by Charles VANDEWEGHE but NAGAOKA denies him.
- 38' Time is stopped with Loic VANDEWEGHE on the ground after a hit into the circle was deflected high and into him from close range. He has been hit on the thigh but quickly is back up and ready to continue.
- 37' JPN have found their way into the match faster than BEL and are on the attack

while BEL are currently struggling a bit.

- 36' No more rain here in Boom, with the sun finally starting to come through a dense layer of still dark clouds.
- 35' A fast-paced and exciting game here in Boom so far. BEL got on the scoreboard first, but JPN responded fast with FURUSATO's equalizer. Anything is possible in this match.
- 34' A highly physical phase in this game now, both sides doing a fair bit of pushing and shoving. Umpire PILGRIM responds with a green card for OZAWA.
- 33' Time is stopped after a clash of players in the JPN circle has left one JPN defender on the ground. The player leaves the field and play resumes.
- 32' Patient passing around the back by JPN, trying to find a way through the BEL ranks. The ball finds ANAI on the right who sets off on a long run down the side line. He ends up in a falling and claims an offense but play continues.
- 31' JPN immediately hit back and have a shot on goal of their own but DEGREVE is having a good match and is not beat that easily.
- 30' Lovely run from GOLDBERG, getting to the right goal post and passing the ball back for C. VANDEWEGHE. It is deflected slightly but importantly by a JPN defender, putting the ball just out of VANDEWEGHE's reach.
- 28' Free hit for JPN near the circle. MIZAWA hits the ball towards the goal and the umpires give a free hit to BEL. JPN claim a short corner but to no avail.
- 25' Nice flick from DEKEYSER towards the top right corner of the goal but it is high and wide.
- 24' Charles VANDEWEGHE wins a PC for BEL.
- 23' Mistake in the JPN defense on a ball across missed by YOSHIDA, but MIZAWA reacts excellently and with a great run recovers the ball.
- 21' Despite the bad weather, the sizeable crowd is getting good value here, the match is fast-paced and exciting. A lovely reverse stick shot from Philippe GOLDBERG from the edge of the circle but it is just high and wide.
- 20' Another great opportunity for JPN as ITO deflects a long corner hit but DEGREVE deflects the shot off his shoulder and it goes just wide.
- 19' TRUYENS makes a run into the circle for BEL but collides with a JPN defender. Umpire PRASAD gives the ball to JPN.

**** Goal: Ryuji FURUSATO (FG) ****

- 16' Ryuji FURUSATO immediately makes up for his mistake however, taking advantage of a lovely pass he picks up near the circle and to hit it across from right to left past DEGREVE for the equalizer in this fast paced match.
- 16' Opportunity for JPN now with FURUSATO in front of the goal but his wild swing misses the ball.

**** Goal: Charles VANDEWEGHE (FG) ****

- 12' Free hit for BEL near the circle. LUYCX hits the ball towards the right post, and a lovely touch from VANDEWEGHE deflects it past NAGAOKA.
- 9' JPN now have found their forward drive and pressure the BEL defense that is looking a bit shaky currently. Loic VANDEWEGHE clears to attacks in quick succession.
- 7' JPN have a first circle penetration and shot on goal, which DEGREVE just about manages to ward off with a stumbling save.
- 6' JPN are having severe difficulties to get through the BEL midfield, let alone near the goal. BEL defend well and attack frequently.
- 5' No luck in Boom today, the rain is already back. It is only a brief shower however, and is over already.
- 4' BEL is the more active team in this early phase, immediately pushing into the circle again. A great ball across finds TRUYENS in front of the goal but he cannot control

it.

2' BOURDEAUD'HUI has a first great opportunity, making it into the circle from the right. The JPN defense wins the ball with BOURDEAUD'HUI claiming obstruction but the umpire has play continue.

1' The rain has ceased now, and while still cloudy, it looks like this might be a match without more water from above.

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0' Umpires for this game are James PILGRIM (ENG) and Raghu PRASAD (IND).