

New Zealand 4 Japan 0

- 70' An easy win for NZL today that takes them to the top of the standings - at least until the end of the second game where Argentina meet Belgium. JPN looked good at the beginning of the match but faded after the NZL double hit at the end of the first half.
- 69' SHAW's flick is stopped by NAGAOKA, and the JPN defense eventually clears.
- 69' BURROWS wins a PC for NZL.
- 67' Again, time has to be stopped because NZL are taking their time. When JPN get to take the corner, the low shot is stopped by a NZL defender. JPN try to get to the rebound but can't and NZL have the ball.
- 67' PC for JPN.
- 64' With H. SHAW not on the field, NZL opt for COLLINS to execute the PC. His shot is blocked by NAGAOKA, COLLIER trying to get a shot in on the rebound but umpire UYTENHOVE has already blown his whistle and awarded the ball to JPN.
- 64' PC for NZL.
- 63' NZL still firmly control the game, the ball rarely venturing out of the JPN half now.
- 60' CHAKI is taken off the field on a stretcher, his head still tightly clenched in his hands.
- 60' Free hit for NZL from near the circle. BURROWS tries to power his way into the circle, leaving Yuji CHAKI on the ground, holding his head after the collision.
- 57' JPN seem resigned to their fate now, the four goal lead of the Kiwis insurmountable. JPN need to conserve their energies to avoid more damage done.
- 53' Time is stopped as NZL take their time getting ready to defend the PC. A good attempt from JPN on this PC, with WOOLFORD blocking a first low shot as well as another attempt on the rebound.
- 52' Ryuji FURUSATO wins a first PC for JPN.
- ** Goal: Phillip BURROWS (FG) ****
- 49' Great play from NZL as Ben COLLIER gets the ball in midfield and makes a run into the circle, laying the ball off to BURROWS on the left who hammers it diagonally across past NAGAOKA.
- 46' JPN are trying their best but failing to get through the tightly packed NZL ranks.
- 42' SHAW's flick is deflected high and over the crossbar by NAGAOKA.
- 41' Another PC for NZL. The penalty corners are coming fast now.
- 40' H. SHAW is going for a hatrick here, but his low shot to the left side of the goal is blocked bz the defense.
- 40' Another PC for NZL, won by Philip BURROWS.
- ** Goal: Hayden SHAW (PC) ****
- 38' Another first class flick from Hayden SHAW to the top right corner of the goal. NAGAOKA gets a hand to it and deflects it a little, but the shot is too powerful and he cannot prevent it from ending up in the net.
- 37' Simon CHILD wins a PC for NZL.
- 36' Play gets underway again here in Boom with JPN starting in the second half.
- 35' JPN are unlucky to find themselves two down as the first half ends, having played well but conceded two late goals. NZL look like they will take over and control the

game from here.

**** Goal: Ryan ARCHIBALD (FG) ****

33' A ball across the circle finds ARCHIBALD in front of the goal and he deflects the ball for NZL's second.

32' This time, SHAW's flick is blocked by NAGAOKA and goes out to the side.

32' PC for NZL.

**** Goal: Hayden SHAW (PC) ****

31' PC for NZL. H. SHAW puts away a powerful flick to the top right corner.

29' Great opportunity for NZL with a shot that is deflected from close range but it meets a good reaction from a JPN defender who deflects over the crossbar.

27' H. SHAW is back from the bench for NZL and makes a run down the right but his pass across the circle finds no taker.

25' This time, B. SHAW goes for a low ball to the left for COUZINS to deflect but he does not reach the ball and it goes out the back.

24' Another low ball from SHAW, and again it hits a JPN player's body, another PC.

23' Low ball from B. SHAW. It is deflected high by a defender, another PC follows.

22' Good run into the circle by ARCHIBALD, he wins a PC for NZL.

20' Beautiful reverse stick shot from Simon CHILD but it is wide.

19' Free hit for JPN and a hard hit across but the ball goes through.

18' Green card for Takahiko YAMABORI.

15' Philip BURROWS goes on a solo run but is stopped bz the JPN defense.

14' Green card for Casey HENWOOD.

13' Play moves back and forth with neither team able to create any danger. Meanwhile, the rain has started again here in Boom.

9' The first few minutes have seen a very active JPN side, moving fast and dictating play. Now, NZL is getting into the game better and taking initiative more often.

8' Simon CHILD gets into the circle for NZL but loses the ball to the JPN defense.

4' Long run from ARCHIBALD down the left side and into the circle. He passes the ball to KOSOOF who takes a shot in turning but it is wide.

2' First great opportunity for JPN with the ball coming into the circle from the left. YAMABORI deflects it but it goes just wide.

0' The umpires for this match are Raghu PRASAD (IND) and Gregory UYTENHOVE (BEL).