

England 4 Japan 3

**** Goal: Takahiko YAMABORI (PC) ****

- 71' Another YAMABORI flick to the low left, and it goes in. It is only a small consolation for JPN however that does not help them to avoid ENG taking their first points in this event.
- 70' YAMABORI's flick is saved by BROTHERS, but another PC is given just as the match ends.
- 70' With 44 seconds to go, JPN win a PC.
- 69' Fast attack from JPN, Ryuji FURUSATO takes a hit on goal from the right side but it is high and wide.
- 68' Two fantastic saves from NAGAOKA, denying first HAWES, then ALEXANDER on the rebound.

**** Goal: Rob MOORE (FG) ****

- 66' In a situation that did not look dangerous, MOORE suddenly launches a cracking reverse stick shot from the edge of the circle. It catches NAGAOKA on the wrong foot, ENG are two goals up.
- 62' Another brief time stop after TSUBOUCHI has been hit in the chest in another player collision.

**** Goal: Jonty CLARKE (FG) ****

- 61' An attack from ENG sees CLARKE into the circle. He makes his way through a couple of JPN defenders, lovely skills here, and lobs the ball past NAGAOKA. ENG are back in the lead.
- 60' YAMABORI aims for the bottom left again but BROTHERS has anticipated it and saves. ALEXANDER clears.
- 60' After a period of ENG dominance, JPN are now back with a vengeance. They attack aggressively and win a PC.
- 59' Time is briefly stopped after a player collision leaves MIDDLETON on the ground. He is ok and play resumes quickly.

**** Goal: Yoshihiro ANAI (PC) ****

- 59' Poor defending from ENG as YAMABORI sets a slow flick to the bottom left corner of the goal. ANAI deflects it a little way for JPN's 2nd goal.
- 58' PC for JPN. ENG protest loudly but to no avail.
- 56' Opportunity for Ryuji FURUSATO as he gets to a bouncy ball in front of the goal. He aims for just under the crossbar but the ball is high.

**** Goal: Richard ALEXANDER (PC) ****

- 50' ENG play a slow corner, looking for space. HAWES plays out to the right, a first shot is saved by NAGAOKA, but the ball falls to DALY who plays across and ALEXANDER, down on the ground, tips it in.
- 50' A chance for Brett GARRARD on the right but the ball hits a JPN defender again. Yet another PC for ENG.
- 49' Green card for CHAKI for repeatedly breaking the line early.
- 48' Another flick, another body, another PC for ENG.
- 48' MANTELL's flick hits the JPN runner. Another PC for ENG.
- 47' Mistake in the JPN defense as CHAKI knocks away the ball on an ENG free hit,

- preventing them from taking it.
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- 43' JPN's first promising attack in the second half sees them into the circle. Kazuyuki OZAWA tries to scoop the ball past BROTHERS in a very good attempt but the ball is deflected away by an ENG player.
- 40' MANTELL's next attempt is aimed just under the crossbar, but another good save from NAGAOKA denies him.
- 40' MANTELL's flick is saved by NAGAOKA but the ball goes high in the attempt to clear, another PC for ENG.
- 39' PC for ENG, their second in this match.
- 36' Jason LEE's half time yelling seems to have done the deed, ENG are now more aggressive and attack but cannot create any real danger.
- 35' ENG have taken a long time to get into the match but have finally gotten up to speed in the last 5 or 10 minutes. With their weak start, they are lucky however to enter half time with a tie. Coach Jason LEE is not happy with their performance and can be heard yelling at his players loudly in the tent to which they have retreated for their half time talk.
- 35' A weak shot is easily saved by R. MANTELL. ENG set off on a counter attack which sees TINDALL get into the circle in the middle. He is tackled and JPN win the ball. TINDALL complains furiously, asking for the PC but to no avail. The horn signals the end of the first half.
- 35' On the counter attack, JPN win a PC.
- 34' ENG are still in the attack and switches sides from right to left and back, but there is simply no space to get through.
- 34' Attack down the right for ENG but they cannot get through the ranks of JPN.
- 33' ENG get into the JPN circle but cannot get a shot on goal.
- 32' Good run from Kei KAWAKAMI diagonally across the top of the circle. He has been left alone by the ENG defense and seizes the opportunity to launch a powerful shot from the right but it is wide.
- 31' Green card for Takahiko YAMABORI after a stick tackle.
- ** Goal: Richard MANTELL (PC) ****
- 29' Tough luck for JPN at this PC as MANTELL's flick is almost saved by NAGAOKA. The GK deflects the ball down but it travels on, hitting YOSHIDA's leg on the line and bouncing into the goal from there. YOSHIDA can't believe what is happening but he really had no chance, seeing the ball too late from his stance behind NAGAOKA.
- 27' Free hit for ENG about 5m from the circle. MANTELL plays it to MIDDLETON, lovely skills here weaving through the JPN defenders, and the ball across goes high off a JPN stick, PC for ENG.
- 24' The ball ends up in the ENG goal and JPN immediately cheer but umpire UYTENHOVE is not fooled. No JPN attacker has touched the ball inside the circle, no goal.
- 22' Green card for Akira ITO after a stick tackle on Rob MOORE.
- 19' In one of their so far few attacks, ENG get into the JPN circle. HAWES gets in a shot on goal, but it is met by a good save from NAGAOKA.
- 16' Shot saved by BROTHERS.
- 16' PC for JPN.
- 14' MIDDLETON tries to avoid a turnover in midfield only to deflect the ball onto

another JPN stick. JPN immediately attack and it does not look good for ENG until veteran GARRARD intervenes with a good tackle at the top of the circle to recover the ball.

**** Goal: Takahiko YAMABORI (PC) ****

- 10' YAMABORI's flick to the bottom left corner of the goal is well aimed and out of reach for BROTHERS.
- 10' Long corner for JPN, the circle is congested. The ball goes up from an ENG stick, PC for JPN.
- 9' The ENG defense is under severe pressure here, JPN are in the circle again but BROTHERS clears.
- 7' ENG GK Nick BROTHERS is kept busy by the JPN offense, another shot on goal, and BROTHERS saves and clears.
- 6' YAMABORI's low flick is saved by BROTHERS. JPN try to get in another shot on goal on the rebound but the ENG defense holds up and MANTELL clears out to the left.
- 5' PC for JPN after a tackle from Richard MANTELL on a JPN attacker
- 1' Welcome to day 4 of the BDO Champions Challenge in Boom, a warm and sunny day for a change but still with a bit of wind. England and Japan are starting the day, with ENG still without points, while JPN have the opportunity to stay in the running for a berth in the final if they win this match. ENG lineup for this game sports a noticeable absence in Simon Mantell who stays in the stands today.
- 0' The umpires in this match are Simon TAYLOR (NZL) and Gregory UYTENHOVE (BEL).