

## **New Zealand 3 Argentina 3**

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

70' Another cracking flick from SHAW to his preferred top right corner restores the draw only seconds from the end of the match but the one point gained from this match is enough to see ARG through to the final for a rematch with the Blacksticks tomorrow.

70' Green card for VIVALDI for time wasting.

70' PC for NZL.

### **\*\* Goal: Lucas VILA (PC) \*\***

68' Lucas VILA flicks the ball to the right side of the goal. The ball hits PONTIFEX' glove and is deflected down but only to deflect it past the post man.

67' NZL play around the back but on a sloppy pass lose the ball to ARG. ZYLBERBERG wins a PC for ARG.

65' ZYLBERBERG is back on the field for ARG, whereas LOMBI and ALMADA have not yet come on in this second half. Quite possibly in ALMADA's case, this is a preventive measure to avoid him picking up another card that would in all likelihood see him suspended for tomorrow's match.

64' Important moment for ARG as Simon CHILD gets into the circle and launches a gerat reverse stcik shot. A fabulous save from VIVALDI however denies him and allows ARG to hold on to the draw.

61' The match has turned a bit erratic now, the ball travelling back and forth from one end of the field to the other fast, but both teams' efforts are currently not very well organized.

58' ARG are back to 11 players but continue without ZYLBERBERG.

58' High and wide aerial ball for Bevan HARI but he cannot control it. On the counter attack down the other side of the field, Tomas ARGENTO has similar trouble controlling the pass for him. The ball is out the back and ARGENTO crashes into the advertising boards.

56' Free hit for ARG at the dge of the circle on the right. IBARRA's hit is good but goes straight through, no takers.

51' Yellow card for ZYLBERBERG after skirmish with Phillip BURROWS in the middle of the field. The majority of players have run up, but the tussle dissolves as quickly as it has happened and paly continues with ARG one man down.

51' Solo run into the circle by BURROWS on the far right side. His reverse stick shot bangs into the outside of the goal.

49' IBARRA's flick is once again cut short by runner HAYWARD, the ball this time bouncing onto HAYWARD's foot. Free hit for NZL.

49' IBARRA's flick is cut short by the defense. GILARDI tries to get a shot in on the rebound, but has his feet taken out from under him by Dean COUZINS. PC for ARG.

48' PC for ARG.

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

46' A near perfect flick from Hayden SHAW on this corner, lightning fast and well placed into the top right corner. This is the equalizer for the Blacksticks.

46' PC for NZL.

46' Hayden SHAW's flick is cut short by runner Lucas ARGENTO who takes the raw

force of the SHAW flick with his body and has to be carried off on a stretcher. Twin brother Tomas replaces him as the runner on the PC.

45' Phillip BURROWS wins a PC for NZL.

43' Nice attack by NZL as CHILD and KOSOOF team up. KOSOOF gets into the circle and runs towards the back line but GILARDI blocks his shot. Long corner for NZL but nothing comes of it.

42' ARG coach Cacho VIGIL is playing this second half with the younger players on the field, veterans LOMBI, ALMADA and ZYLBERBERG all out on the bench.

41' Time is stopped for Rodri VILA who is down at the edge of the NZL circle after a collision. Play resumes quickly and he stays on the field.

40' ARG are still the more active side, while the Blacksticks look like they cannot quite get their bearings.

39' ARG are in the NZL circle and Rodri VILA tries to get a shot in but he falls and cannot.

36' Brilliant effort by Bevan HARI, hitting the ball on goal in turning, but VIVALDI makes an excellent save.

35' ARG are looking good on their way to the final, currently 2-1 in the lead and looking the stronger team.

35' GILARDI flicks to the right side but PONTIFEX saves.

34' PC for ARG.

32' ARG is the more aggressive side now, working hard and attacking relentlessly but currently unable to penetrate ranks of the Blacksticks.

30' Time is stopped for Bradley SHAW who is down on the base line. He has to leave the field and is replaced by Dean COUZINS.

29' Shot on goal by Tomas ARGENTO from the edge of the circle. Kyle PONTIFEX saves.

28' Free hit for NZL near the ARG circle. Hayden SHAW's halfhearted hit is stopped by Tomas ARGENTO some 4m away.

**\*\* Goal: Juan GARRETA (FG) \*\***

27' The NZL defense is under severe pressure now. A pass across the crowded circle from Tomas ARGENTO is deflected by Juan GARRETA for the lead for the South Americans.

25' On the other side, somewhat careless defending by the Kiwis gives Tomas ARGENTO an opportunity. He has a shot from a narrow angle from the right but the ball is wide.

25' COLLIER goes for the goal but gets stuck amidst 4 ARG defenders and cannot get a shot in.

23' Time is stopped for Lucas VILA who has gone down in midfield after a blow to the face in a collision. He is ok and play resumes quickly.

21' Free hit for ARG on the edge of the circle. GILARDI drills it in towards the far post. Lucas VILA deflects it almost perfectly but the it is just wide off the left post.

18' ARG are now pressing hard, attacking the NZL defense aggressively up high.

**\*\* Goal: Lucas VILA (FG) \*\***

16' But ARG strike right back with a field goal from Lucas VILA. Fantastic goal as he runs into the circle on the left side and down towards the back line, then launches a reverse stick shot from a narrow angle that bangs into the far top corner of the goal.

**\*\* Goal: Phillip BURROWS (PC) \*\***

15' A low hit from Hayden SHAW is deflected over VIVALDI up into the roof of the goal by Phillip BURROWS.

15' Green card for Lucas ARGENTO for repeatedly breaking the line early.

13' PC for NZL.

- 13' The flick from LOMBI is saved by PONTIFEX. The ball leaves the circle but is still with ARG. Rodri VILA has an opportunity with a reverse stick hit but the ball is high and wide.
- 12' PC for ARG.
- 10' A jerky game in this phase, with lots of errors and turnovers on both sides. NZL are slightly stronger and more successful in applying pressure on the opponent's defense but the ARG defense holds up well.
- 9' Good shot on goal from Lloyd STEPHENSON who outplays a defender at the top of the circle, then launches a low hit. VIVALDI coolly kicks the shot away.
- 5' Flick from Hayden SHAW to the left side of the goal, but VIVALDI saves easily.
- 4' PC for NZL.
- 3' Long run from Lucas ARGENTO down the right side but Andrew HAYWARD, who is playing his first match in this tournament, denies him.
- 2' First good attack from ARG as IBARRA plays a long pass diagonally down the field for ALMADA but COUZINS intercepts it and clears.
- 0' After more rain this morning, it is currently cloudy but dry in Boom, where table leaders New Zealand take on Argentina in the last round of pool matches. Argentina need a point from this encounter to secure a berth in the final independent of the result of India's match later today, and it looks good for them, Mario ALMADA on the field despite two yellow cards in the tournament, while their opponents have to do without Ryan ARCHIBALD, who is injured and Bryce COLLINS. Phillip BURROWS is wearing the captain's armband for NZL.
- 0' The umpires in this match are Dekang CHEN (CHN) and Hong Lae KIM (KOR).