

## Belgium 2 England 6

70' A well deserved win for ENG, they have clearly been the better team today. BEL did not have much to offer in this encounter and will now have to face Japan tomorrow to avoid finishing last in their home tournament while England will take on India in the match for bronze.

**\*\* Goal: Simon MANTELL (FG) \*\***

70' And with a mere 5 seconds on the clock, Simon MANTELL gets in the circle alone and loops another ball past DEGREVE for the 6-2 final result.

69' ENG are playing for time, passing around the back, job done.

67' Time is stopped for Brett GARRARD who has been hit across the face with the stick by Xavier RECKINGER but he is ok and play continues.

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

65' CLARKE makes a great run into the circle and to the right post, and as goalkeeper DEGREVE steps out to block the pass across to the other ENG player this far up the field, CLARKE slots the ball neatly between DEGREVE and the near post to crush BEL's aspirations for the bronze medal match.

**\*\* Goal: Gregory GUCASOFF (PC) \*\***

60' GUCASOFF's hit straight to the center of the goal goes through everyone to hit the back board but BEL's plight to reach a draw is still a difficult one, they now need 2 goals with little over 10 minutes remaining.

59' PC for BEL.

**\*\* Goal: Matt DALY (FG) \*\***

58' Ball into the circle by KIRKHAM, deflected to go over DEGREVE and end up in the net. Umpire Deon NEL requests the video umpire to determine whether it was Matt DALY or a defender's stick that deflected the ball, and a goal is given.

56' A string of chances now for ENG, the BEL defense has to give it all they got.

55' A quick counter attack from ENG gives them a 3 on 1 advantage, with only the goalkeeper between the three ENG forwards. GARRARD tries for a shot from the right but can't make the goal happen.

54' Both BEL team and spectators are now increasingly irritated with the umpires, having felt hard done by quite a few times now.

**\*\* Goal: Simon MANTELL (FG) \*\***

53' A shot from the left is saved by DEGRVE but the ball falls to another ENG player, a second shot follows that DEGREVE deflects up high in the air. Simon MANTELL swings through the air to hit it in and give ENG back a safe two goal lead.

53' Green card for Simon MANTELL for a tackle in midfield.

52' Richard MANTELL's low ball to the right side is just wide.

52' Another ENG attack. The ball comes high off a defender's stick and hits James TINDALL on the head. PC for ENG, TINDALL has to come off.

51' Great attacking from ENG now, Ashley JACKSON making his way down the right side. The pass is for Martin JONES who gets a shot in but it is wide.

**\*\* Goal: Jerome DEKEYSER (PC) \*\***

47' DEKEYSER flicks to the right side of the goal, perfectly fitted just inside the post. BEL are back in the game. All they need to make the bronze medal match is the

equalizer.

46' PC for BEL.

44' BEL are pressing now, trying everything to get back into the match.

41' Gregory GUCASOFF misses a high aerial ball to give ENG an advantage deep in the BEL half. Luckily for the hosts, HOUSSEIN recovers the ball quickly.

40' Shot on goal for BEL but it is wide.

38' BEL give away the ball too easily up front and pay the price in the defense which is under constant pressure.

37' BEL are still struggling in this encounter. Martin JONES gets into the circle and tries to force the PC, but he fails.

35' After a fairly even beginning, ENG took charge late in the first 35 minutes and with a double hit in less than 2 minutes have gotten themselves in a very good position to claim the berth in the bronze medal match that is at stake here. BEL are having considerable trouble in getting their act together and will have to step their game up if they want to challenge ENG in the second half.

35' With the final whistle for the first half, BEL are awarded a penalty corner. DEKEYSER's flick is saved, a shot on the rebound goes wide.

35' BEL struggle now but are trying desperately to get one back before the break to make their plight in the second half easier.

31' The ball is not stopped well and hits an ENG foot.

30' PC for ENG.

**\*\* Goal: Matt DALY (FG) \*\***

28' Free hit for ENG about two meters from the circle. JACKSON fakes, Richard MANTELL hits the ball in, and DALY deflects the ball to go through between DEGREVE's legs, and suddenly ENG are two goals in the lead.

**\*\* Goal: Martin JONES (FG) \*\***

26' In the crowded BEL circle, the ball falls to Martin JONES on the left side who does not hesitate to hit it into the far side of the goal. ENG are in the lead.

24' Yellow card for Amaury de COCK after a hard tackle. If the match continues to be played as physically as it has been until now, this will not be the last suspension.

21' The ball is played into the circle well upon a BEL attack, but there is no forward to take advantage of it.

20' Green card for Glenn KIRKHAM after a hard tackle in midfield.

18' Good shot by Simon MANTELL from an narrow angle from the left but the ball is high and wide.

15' Green card for Gregory GUCASOFF for a wild tackle.

15' The ball now moves up and down the entire length of the pitch quickly, the teams taking turns in taking shots on goal.

14' KIRKHAM for DALY in the circle, the ball goes in the direction of the goal. MOORE dives in to deflect it, but an excellent reaction from DEGREVE avoids the goal.

13' Amaury de COCK tries for a reverse stick hit from the top of the circle but the defense is already there and takes the ball off him.

12' BEL try to slowly build to make their way into the ENG circle but there is no way past the ENG.

9' A little skirmish between Richard ALEXANDER and Max LUYCX in midfield but play continues.

6' A dynamic game without any favorite for the time being. Both teams have had their attacks but shots on goal have been few.

2' DALY's flick to the left side of the goal is saved by DEGREVE.

2' Good first attack by ENG. Simon MANTELL has a shot on goal that is saved, the ENG try for a shot on the rebound but the whistle has gone, PC for ENG.

- 1' BEL's very first attack sees them into the ENG circle but the ball goes out the back. Time is briefly stopped for Jerome TRUYENS who is on the ground after a clash. He continues.
- 1' The weather is still holding up, lovely weather for hockey actually, with temperatures around 20 degrees and a breeze but no rain.
- 1' Welcome to the last pool match in this BDO Champions Challenge here in Boom, a decisive encounter between Belgium and England as the European summit in this event will determine which of the two teams goes to the bronze medal match and which to the 5th place game. Belgium are in a slightly better position, only needing a draw, while only a win will see England through to the 3rd place match against India tomorrow.
- 0' The umpires in this match are Deon NEL (RSA) and Raghu PRASAD (IND).