

## New Zealand 2 Argentina 3

### **\*\* Goal: Jorge LOMBI (PC) \*\***

- 75' And LOMBI sinks the corner in style. He may have wasted a few corners in this match, but he sunk the ones that matters. Man of the match: Jorge LOMBI!
- 74' Mario ALMADA wins a PC for ARG.
- 73' Free hit for NZL near the circle, Brad SHAW hits it in but the ball travels through the circle and out the other side.
- 72' Both teams are showing nerves here, very intent on not making any mistake that will allow the opponent to get an advantage.
- 71' NZL attack first but ARG win the ball and set off on a counter attack down the left side line. They win a free hit but can't do anything with it. On their counter attack, NZL falter as well and the ball goes out the back.
- 70' After a five minute break, the two teams are now headed into overtime, two times 7,5min with golden goal.
- 70' Once again, ARG break the line early. When NZL finally get the ball in and stop it, umpire KIM blows his whistle before they can get a shot, citing an infraction on their part and signalling the end of regulation time.
- 70' SHAW's flat hit is deflected wide but has hit a foot. Another PC for NZL.
- 70' The horn signals the end of regulation time. The whole NZL team is lined up on the circle.
- 70' A high aerial ball far down the field gives BURROWS the ball in the circle. ARG try too hard to stop him from getting a shot. PC for NZL.
- 69' The seconds ticking away, NZL push for a regulation time win but ARG desperately cling to the draw.
- 68' Yellow card for Lucas ARGENTO.

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- 67' And there's the equalizer. After a string of missed chances, the ever reliable Jorge LOMBI produced when it counted.
- 66' ARG are desperate to move the game along now and level the score to make it to overtime. They frantically attack and win another PC.

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- 65' Finally, LOMBI is successful, slotting a ball into the bottom left corner of the goal.
- 65' The minutes ticking down, another attempt goes awry for ARG but they win another PC.
- 64' LOMBI puts in a low ball for a deflection, it is saved by PONTIFEX. Lucas VILA tries for a hit on the rebound, another PC for ARG.
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- 62' LOMBI slips it to GILARDI on his left. GILARDI's flick is saved by PONTIFEX.
- 61' PC for ARG.
- 60' LOMBI's flick is aimed for the middle of the goal, just under the crossbar. PONTIFEX deflects it over the bar with his glove.
- 59' PC for ARG.
- 58' Time is stopped for VIVALDI to receive treatment, both teams go into huddles.

- 57' LOMBI tries a tempered shot to the left side of the goal but it is saved.
- 56' Flick from LOMBI but PONTIFEX is ready. The ball gets caught in his guards however and another PC for ARG follows.
- 56' A complicated variation is blocked but a second PC for ARG follows.
- 55' PC for ARG.
- 54' Free hit for NZL near the circle on the far left. HENWOOD for ARCHIBALD but ARCHIBALD steps on the ball, the opportunity gone.
- 53' CORRADINI has a shot on goal from a narrow angle from the right but PONTIFEX reacts well. A shot on the rebound is dangerous and the ball is NZL's.

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

- 49' Hayden SHAW goes for a low flick to the left side of the goal this time and apparently surprises the ARG defense. This is SHAW's 9th goal of the event.
- 48' BURROWS wins a PC for NZL.
- 47' Great run from Ryan ARCHIBALD, followed by a well aimed pass for STEPHENSON. STEPHENSON slides in but a good reaction from VIVALDI denies him.
- 47' ARG now look a little off balance, suddenly one goal down and one man short.

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- 44' Another cracking penalty corner flick from Hayden SHAW. NZL take the lead.
- 44' Yellow card for Ignacio BERGNER for once more breaking the line early. He is replaced by Rodri VILA in the PC defense.
- 43' Again, ARG have broken the line early. Another attempt for NZL.
- 43' Green card for Lucas ARGENTO for repeatedly breaking the line early.
- 42' PC for NZL. ARG protest furiously but to no avail.
- 40' Dean COUZINS attempts a hit diagonally across the circle from the right side but it is slightly wide off the left post.
- 39' SHAW's flick is saved, another PC follows.
- 38' Simon CHILD wins a PC for NZL.
- 36' The second half starts and ARG immediately attack, winning a free hit near the edge of the circle but IBARRA's hit is intercepted by the defense.
- 35' NZL and ARG go into half time without goals, even though not for want of trying. Both teams have had their opportunities, and an exciting second half is guaranteed.
- 34' Long aerial ball looking for Lucas VILA near the NZL circle, but Dean COUZINS is closer and wins the ball for NZL.
- 33' Great opportunity for NZL to pull away before the break, but in a crowded circle, they cannot get a good shot in and the opportunity is wasted.
- 32' Green card for Casey HENWOOD.
- 31' Free hit for ARG about 10m from the circle bt the ball goes through everyone and out.
- 28' Rodri VILA tries for a solo run through the middle but there's no assistance from his team mates and he is eventually stopped by a four man NZL defense.
- 27' Excellent opportunity for Lucas CAMMARERI from the edge of the circle. A high hit goes high over the crossbar.
- 26' It is not an overly pretty game, the last few minutes marked by increasing physicality from both sides as the players' nerves are starting to fray.
- 25' The game is an open battle, both teams equal. ARG have been slightly more aggressive so far and have better been able to put pressure on the opponent's defense, but shots on goal have been few.
- 20' Blair HOPPING misses a ball across from Hayden SHAW in the defense which gives ARG the ball high up in the NZL half. GILARDI carelessly hits it in, it is high and is awarded to NZL by umpire KIM.

- 19' Lucas VILA gets into the circle, trying to find a foot but he is unsuccessful and the ball goes out the back.
- 17' ARG are patiently building around the back, trying to find an opening to go through. Coach Cacho VIGIL can be heard shouting non-stop, amongst the instructions voicing his satisfaction with the team's game.
- 13' Runner Lucas ARGENTO blocks the shot, ARG set off on a furious counter attack but get stuck without entering the circle.
- 12' Shot on goal by Simon CHILD from a narrow angle on the left, VIVALDI blocks it but the ball is high and dangerous. PC for NZL.
- 8' Time is briefly stopped for VIVALDI to receive treatment.
- 7' Bryce COLLINS with a nice opportunity for NZL, VIVALDI saves. NZL try to get in another shot in the overcrowded circle but fail, ARG win the ball.
- 6' Free hit for NZL near the circle. Two fakes, then Hayden SHAW plays it in, but the ball is lost out the back.
- 3' L. ARGENTO loses the ball to Phillip BURROWS who sets off on an attack but the ball goes out the back. Another attack by ARG quickly follows, but the shot is wide.
- 2' The ball is not stopped properly and striker IBARRA cannot control it. It hits a foot and is the Blacksticks'.
- 2' PC for ARG.
- 1' ARG immediately attack, and time has to be stopped for Mario ALMADA who has received a blow to the head in a collision with HENWOOD. He continues, free hit for ARG.
- 1' NZL surprisingly play with regular captain Ryan ARCHIBALD who twisted his ankle yesterday but would not miss today's final.
- 0' Welcome to the final of the BDO Champions Challenge 2007 in Boom, where New Zealand meet Argentina in a rematch of yesterday's 3-3 draw.
- 0' The umpires in this match are James PILGRIM (ENG) and Hong Lae KIM (KOR).