

Malaysia : Japan

Pool A

12 April 2006

Start Time: 20:00

0 MALAYSIA

1 JAPAN

Takahiko YAMABORI (PC)

53:43

Time	Commentary
70:00	JPN hang on to record a very important victory 1-0. Takahiko YAMABORI`s flick midway through the second half proved to be the difference in a very scrappy match. Both teams have tomorrow off, with their Pool B matches resuming on Friday
66:21	MAS are running out of time to score a leveler
64:22	Kazuo YOSHIDA`s drag flick is well saved by MAS GK, Mohd Nasihin Nubli IBRAHIM
63:12	JPN make the most of their chance by streaking down field and earning a PC
62:34	Logan Raj KALI KAVANDAN gets a golden opportunity to tie the match up, unfortunately for MAS his shot from about seven yards just misses
60:40	JPN shoot wide
58:50	MAS with a long corner on the right
57:02	Both teams are throwing a lot of over heads to progress down field
53:43	Goal The deadlock is finally broken, with JPN`s Takahiko YAMABORI powerfully drag flicking the ball into the net. JPN 1-0
53:16	JPN streak down field and get their own PC
51:44	The third corner attempt is for a deflection, it too does not bring a goal though
50:20	The ball gets tangled in JPN`s GK, another PC
49:47	The first shot is saved, but a bad tackle by JPN`s Yuji CHAKI leads to another PC
48:39	MAS are awarded a PC, which almost all the JPN argue
46:37	MAS are looking to individual in attack, instead of trying to pass the ball around like a team they are running it away from each other
44:53	Play remains free flowing, but still with little conviction from either side
39:11	This time it is JPN`s turn, earning a PC. Naohiko TOBITA`s flick is saved and cleared
37:41	Desperate defending keeps it out, as bodies dive all over the circle
36:27	A foot gives MAS a second corner

35:52	MAS start the second half promisingly, earning a PC
35:00	The first half comes to and end with the scores still locked 1-all. It has been a very poor performance from both teams, with very few scoring chances created at either end. The crowd will be hoping the coaches fire their respective teams up for a much improved second half.
31:56	Keevan Raj KALI KAVANDAN hobbles off with the assistance of his manager. Play resumes
31:37	Time out as a MAS player goes down injured after being struck by the ball
30:22	MAS tries to spread JPN`s defence by sending three strikers high while they pass the ball around the back
29:04	Mitsuru ITO in possession going forward for JPN
27:16	JPN with free hit on the edge of the circle. Slap pass flies past the far post un touched. Still 0-0
24:36	MAS have the ball near their circle, but don't seem to be pushing enough players forward to create a good chance
22:22	JPN have free hit near the top of circle, which leads to a long corner
21:48	Poor turnover from MAS gives JPN a chance through OZAWA
19:30	Both teams rolling through substitutions midway through the first half
17:11	Nor Azlan BAKAR is doing very well deep in defence when called upon for MAS
15:22	Play flowing from end-to-end, but neither side is able to create a good goal scoring chance
13:28	MAS have a long corner
11:56	JPN looking good early. Their captain Kazuyuki OZAWA is playing well in midfield
10:57	Scrambling defence manages to keep the scores level
10:16	JPN earn their first PC
03:43	JPN have their first attacking opportunity, but MAS defend their circle well
02:49	JPN first PC of the match
02:17	Umpire GRIME tells a MAS to settle after a rough reverse stick tackle
00:53	MAS with the ball deep in their attacking zone early
00:02	The final match of day one gets underway, with a battle of two Asian teams taking place, MAS and JPN
00:01	Malaysia: 1. Mohd Nasihin Nubli IBRAHIM (GK), 2. Muhamad Amin RAHIM, 3. Chua BOON HUAT, 4. Logan Raj KALI KAVANDAN, 5. Kuhan SHANMUGANATHAN (C), 6. Nor Azlan BAKAR, 8. Jiwa MOHAN, 10. Tengku Ahmad Tajuddin TENGKU ABDUL JALIL, 12. Keevan Raj KALI KAVANDAN, 13. Ismail ABU, 14. Azlan MISRON, INT 7. Megat Azrafiq MEGAT TERMIZI, 9. Mohd Madzli Ikmar MOHD NOR, 11. Mohd Rodzhanizam MAT RADZI, 16. Mohamad Sukri ABDUL MUTALIB, 17. Jivan MOHAN
00:01	Japan: 1. Hirofumi MIYOSHI (GK), 3. Kazuo YOSHIDA, 4. Mitsuru ITO, 5. Yutaka BITO, 8. Kenichi KATAYAMA, 9. Kazuyuki OZAWA (C), 10. Kazuhiro

	TSUBOUCHI, 12. Takahiko YAMABORI, 16. Yasuaki MNISHIMURA, 17. Yuji CHAKI, 23. Naohiko TOBITA, INT 2. Shunsuke NAGAOKA (GK), 7. Kei KAWAKAMI, 15. Akira ITO, 19. Takayasu MIZAWA, 21. Yoshihiro ANAI
00:00	Umpires: Andy MAIR (SCO), Murray GRIME (AUS)