



Pool B – Sunday 30 April
16:00

Japan 3

China 0

FULL TIME: A very impressive overall team performance from JPN as they become the first team from this tournament to qualify for the Samsung Hockey World Cup in Madrid. This result also means that if ENG win or draw against SCO in the next match, they will join JPN in Madrid. CHN, the world number five, look headed for a surprise place in the 5-8 playoff matches

- 67 CHN still have ball in JPN half but have been unable to take it into the circle with control
- 65 JPN under pressure in defence but CHN are unable to find a way through
- 64 Good team defence by JPN stops another CHN entry into their circle
- 62 Good defence by JPN closes down the option for CHN as they threatened on the left
- 59 CHN win possession and ball moves into the midfield
- 58 JPN with ball in attack
- 58 Green Card MA Yi Bo (CHN)
- 56 Shot by CHEN Zhao Xia flashes wide of the left post
- 56 CHN PC. Quick turnover and counter attack with CHN taking ball down left wing before earning PC after save from JPN GK is lifted
- 55 CHN falling apart at the back with another error giving JPN possession deep in attack
- ** Goal: Yukari YAMAMOTO (JPN) ****
- 53 JPN Goal. Yukari YAMAMOTO scores with a variation to the left post. JPN look headed to the World Cup in Madrid
- 52 Repeat PC. Ball becomes stuck near the CHN GK
- 52 JPN PC. Pressure from JPN causes an error from CHN inside their circle when in possession
- ** Goal: Mayumi ONO (JPN) ****
- 50 JPN Goal. Mayumi ONO's strike sneaks underneath the CHN GK and dribbles into the goal
- 50 JPN PC. The ball strikes the foot of a CHN defender
- 48 GAO Li Hua and SONG Qing Ling combine to give CHN half a chance down the left but JPN cover the threat
- 45 Period of play with CHN having most of the possession, but JPN are continuing to work extremely hard off the ball to limit their opposition's time and options
- 43 Tight contest with no space or opportunities provided to either team
- 40 The swarming midfield defence of both teams is restricting the flow of play
- 36 Desperate defence from CHN on their goal line as JPN looked certain to score

36	Second half underway
35	HALF TIME: JPN with a late goal to hold the lead at the break. JPN took the early advantage before CHN worked their way into the contest
35	JPN save the PC, with an air swing by the CHN striker giving them time to close down the option to the left
35	CHN PC. CHN win a PC with only seconds remaining in the first half
** Goal: Tomomi KOMORI (JPN) **	
34	JPN Goal. Pressure by the JPN strikers causes a turnover deep in attack and Tomomi KOMORI takes the ball into the circle before firing a reverse stick into the right corner from the left
33	Tackle by Hiromi HASHIMOTO gives her team possession at a crucial stage as CHN enters their circle
32	FU Bao Rong (CHN) given space at the top of the circle but her shot hits the side of the goal on the right
31	CHN having the better of play
29	Quickly-taken free hit near the top of the circle by CHN almost catches JPN
26	Pass from the right in attack for JPN travels across the circle without being touched by either team
24	Akemi KATO makes another save on the left post after a double dummy to the left by CHN on the PC variation
23	CHN PC. Bad turnover by JPN gives CHN ball deep into attack which they take into the circle and win another PC
22	It's now JPN's turn to endure extended defensive pressure
21	Another chance for CHN but the shot slides wide of the left post
21	JPN GK makes the first block and then Akemi KATO saves on the goal line from the rebound
20	CHN PC
20	JPN GK Rie TERAZONO forced off her line after a missed trap inside the circle fell for ZHOU Wan Feng. JPN win free hit but CHN recover possession and are in attack
18	CHN into attack but the JPN defence has them covered easily
17	Great ball from the right sideline to Tomomi KOMORI (JPN) to the top of the circle but she can't control the ball and it deflects off her stick over the backline
15	Green Card MAI Shao Yan (CHN)
14	It's all out attack for JPN as they keep the pressure on the CHN defence
13	Brilliant save by CHN GK ZHANG Yi Meng as Rika KOMAZAWA dived near the right post or the deflection
12	JPN PC. Turnovers and pressure inside their half eventually tells on CHN and they concede their first PC
11	Waves of JPN attacks at their scoring circle are so far being covered by the CHN defence
10	CHN win possession but JPN work hard off the ball to cause a turnover in midfield
9	Quick ball movement has given JPN possession near the edge of the circle
7	Defensive error from CHN gives Kaori CHIBA a chance to shoot a reverse stick but the ball balloons off her stick high over the goal

- 6 CHN this time have to defend inside their circle but they too are able to handle the challenge presented by their opposition
- 3 CHN enter JPN circle but the defence covers in time to win possession after FU Bao Rong (CHN) dribbled the ball in from the left
- 2 High tempo start as expected
- 1 Match underway
- 0 JPN can secure a place at the Samsung Hockey World Cup with a victory in this match while CHN must win to keep alive their hopes of a top two finish in Pool A
- 0 The umpires for this match are Peri BUCKLEY (AUS) and Lisette KLASSEN (NED)