



France v Netherlands.



Germany v Italy.

A quickfire start from the Swiss took the second ranked Spaniards by surprise on Thursday.

Shane and Livio Vogeli combined well to help world number nine Switzerland register a famous 6-3 win.

The Italians, up against Great Britain, conceded after only 17 seconds of play but Gianmarco Emanuele pulled one back soon after.

However, nothing could stop captain fantastic Suryan McCutcheon, who powered Britain to victory. Leading from the front, he bagged another hat trick as they won 3-2.

The race for semi finals saw Germany, Poland, Denmark and France all come out on top in the men's category. Rene Kirchhoff and Erik Beukenbusch stood out with a two goal performance for the Germans against Portugal.

Earlier in the day the fight for second position in the men's Group A went down to the wire with Japan and Belgium giving it their all.

The exhilarating match ended in heartbreak for Japan, who squandered their lead twice.

Skipper Ryota Kimura's hat trick was in vain as the Belgians did enough to edge the game 5-4.

The women's competition saw the Netherlands entertain the crowds by edging second ranked France 6-5.

The nailbiter saw the French lead 4-3 at half time, only for Selina Dijkstra to level things up.

Alisha Van Den Berg and Astrid Van Der Maas stood out for the Netherlands as they scripted a memorable win at the Deqing County International Convention Centre (Fengqi Lake).

Germany's women's team made light work of hosts China, defeating them 17-1.

Katharin Gruenewald starred with five goals and skipper Svenja Schaeper got a hat trick. They went on to make it two from two against world number eight, Denmark, 7-0.

Singapore women came up with one of the results of the tournament, drawing 2-2 with the in form Spaniards.

A brace from Jia Xin Ong almost got them a surprise win against the Super Cup champions, only for the sensational Beatriz Carmona Quevedo to equalize with two minutes remaining.

Learning their lesson against Singapore, Spain took a cautious approach to beat higher ranked Italy to finish the day on a high.

France and Italy won both their games in the U21 men's category, bagging crucial points in the second phase of group stages.

World number one, Spain, was in front against third ranked Italy thanks to the ever reliable Jose Luis Aguilar but failed to keep up the momentum as the Italians came back to win 3-1.

Spain did just about enough to beat the Netherlands 4-3 in their first game of the day to remain in contention for the semi finals.

Poland was embracing the giant killer role, following in the footsteps of the senior team, beating second ranked Germany 3-2.



Spain v Hong Kong.

Winner at the death is an understatement as Dominik Taluk scored with one second remaining to help the Poles victory.

In the U21 women's category, Spain and France got the better of the Netherlands, 3-2 and 5-2 respectively.

The defeat against Spain would have been hard to digest for the Dutch after two goals in the last moments almost sparked a comeback.

New Zealand were well on course for defending their title after a stunning 3-2 win over Great Britain.

Defending champions Germany lost both of their games on Friday as semi final lineups were confirmed in the U21 categories.

Germany's title defence was hanging in the balance after Italy and Denmark surprised the number one ranked team in the world.

Sylvia Cogoni came up with the sucker punch with 37 seconds remaining as world number three, Italy, beat them 1-0.

Later in the day Lara Charlotte Robra found the back of the net in both halves to script a famous 3-2 victory for the Danes.

There was another upset as world number six, Spain, were shocked by Iran. Skipper Elahe Pourabdian Limoudehi scored the decisive goal to help the Asians win 3-2.

Iran, however, were unlucky to lose their second match against the Netherlands by a whisker but would take plenty of confidence from the win earlier as they looked to reach the last four.

Early second half goals from Alyssa Shepherd and Klara Richter ensured France did not have it easy against New Zealand. They went on to win the game 2-0, putting themselves in contention for the semi finals.

With Spain drawing 1-1 against Great Britain, the penultimate day was sure to provide all the drama and emotions.

Semi finalists were confirmed in the women's and men's U21 categories.

The top four teams qualified among women with defending champions New Zealand set to take on France while world number one Germany would face Spain.

Four entertaining 3-3 draws between Germany and Spain, France and Great Britain, Czechia and Lithuania and New Zealand and Great Britain were the highlights of the men's U21 competition.

The results meant that Germany would not play for the title along with Great Britain.

France would be up against Spain for a place in the final while Denmark would battle it out with Italy in the other U21 men's semi finals.

The Italians joined the senior women's team in inflicting more pain on the Germans.

An early goal from Henning May put the Germans in front but a lack of creativity cost them as Tommaso Gaetano Lampo' bagged the winner for the Italians with three and a half minutes remaining.

The senior men's competition on Friday saw France and Spain come up with a blockbuster.

Both sides shared leads at various points in the game but the scoreline read 3-2 in favour of the second ranked Spaniards thanks to a Samuel Lorenzo Pardavilla strike with more than four minutes remaining.

However, Baptiste Cotta ensured that sixth ranked France shared the spoils.

Close encounters were the theme of the day with world number 22 Iran stretching 12th ranked New Zealand. The Kiwis eventually won 6-5.

Poland edged Sweden 4-3 while Portugal was made to work hard against Chinese Taipei before winning by the same scoreline.