



2005 IFWLA WORLD CUP • DAILY BULLETIN

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Today's Games

11 a.m. – 9th-place match
Germany vs. New Zealand
2 p.m. – 7th-place match
Scotland vs. Czech Republic
5 p.m. – World Cup Semifinal
England vs. United States
7:30 p.m. – World Cup Semifinal
Canada vs. Australia

Yesterday's Results–Quarterfinals

Canada 13, Japan 11
England 6, Wales 5 (OT)
United States, Scotland 0
Australia 26, Czech Republic 2

Team Standings

**playoff seeds in parentheses*

Team	W	L	T
*#Australia (1)	5	0	1
#United States (2)	5	0	1
**Japan (5)	5	1	0
#England (3)	4	2	0
Scotland (7)	4	3	0
#Canada (4)	3	3	0
Germany (8)	2	4	0
Czech Republic (9)	2	5	0
Wales (6)	0	6	0
New Zealand (10)	0	6	0

*won Pool A title

**won Pool B title

advanced to medal round



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GAME SUMMARIES - QUARTERFINALS (games played Thursday)

CANADA 13, JAPAN 11

Fourth-seeded Canada rallied from four goals down midway through the second half to defeat No. 5 Japan 13-11 in the first quarterfinal game. Canada (3-3) went on a 6-0 run to close out the game to advance to today's semifinal game, where it meets No. 1 Australia.

Jessica Brownridge scored three of her team-high four goals in the decisive six-goal run and was named the player of the match. Japan (5-1) broke open a 7-7 tie in the second half by scoring the first four goals. Shiho Tokunaga scored a team-high four goals and added two assists.

ENGLAND 6, WALES 5 (Overtime)

Lucy Lynch scored in the first overtime period as time expired, propelling No. 3 England to a 6-5 victory over No.6 Wales in a quarterfinal match. Sarah Butt worked inside to feed Lynch with one second remaining in the first of two 3-minute overtimes, and Lynch stuffed the shot before the horn blew, though the consensus from Wales was that the shot had not crossed the goal line in time.

It negated a spirited comeback effort for the Welsh, who missed on three free positions in the second overtime. Wales' Laura Warren, the player of the match, had previously scored on a backdoor feed from Rosalind Lloyd with 5.8 seconds remaining in regulation to send it into overtime.

UNITED STATES 23, SCOTLAND 0

The United States erased any suspense of making its seventh consecutive IFWLA World Cup semifinal appearance by scoring early and often against No. 7 Scotland en route to a 23-0 shutout victory in the quarterfinal round before 3,500 at Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium, the highest attendance of any World Cup match thus far.

Randall Goldsborough and Lauren Aumiller scored four goals each to pace the high-octane offense for No. 2 U.S., which will face No. 3 England today in the first semifinal game at 5 p.m. Crista Samaras scored three goals and had three assists to garner player of the match honors.

AUSTRALIA 26, CZECH REPUBLIC 2

Top-seeded Australia (5-0-1) breezed through its quarterfinal match against No. 9 Czech Republic (2-5) with a 26-2 victory.

Australia's Sarah Falcione scored five goals and added an assist to earn player of the match honors. Teammate Jen Adams matched Falcione's five goals and added two assists. Sarah Morlang scored a hat trick and had three assists.

Australia outshot the Czech Republic 38-5 and led 16-1 at the half.



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Scoring Leaders

Player	G	A	P
Uwai, Jap	25	6	31
Wada, Jap	23	7	30
Adams, Aus	13	17	30
McKie, Scot	18	9	27
Houston, Scot	19	5	24
Morlang, Aus	14	8	22
Carney, US	19	2	21
Gallagher, US	7	14	21
Foote, Can	16	3	19
Aumiller, US	16	2	18
Johnson, Can	11	7	18
Brownridge, Can	9	9	18
Samaras, US	8	10	18
Yamada, Jap	12	4	16
Falcione, Aus	11	5	16
Bennett, Eng	8	7	15
Hanawa, Jap	7	8	15
Goldsborough, US	7	8	15

Goalie Leaders

Player	GA	Sv	%
McSolvin, Aus	18	23	.561
Wilk, US	15	19	.559
Nishimura, Jap	24	29	.547
Lindsey, US	9	10	.526
Haldeman, Can	40	39	.494
Paul, Germ	69	61	.469
Cassidy, Can	26	22	.458
Demetriadi, Scot	68	47	.409

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Heartbreak for Wales on Controversial Call

You might say they played a 'Wale' of a quarterfinal – as United States head coach Sue Stahl later put it – but at this point it would be entirely too trite. Besides, the Welsh players are none too happy to be playing in a consolation fifth-place match tomorrow when they had a monumental upset yesterday within their grasp, and could very well have been playing today in England's stead.

The records show that Wales (0-6), which has not won a game, has had a most difficult venture in the 2005 IFWLA World Cup. The Welsh fell victim yesterday to a controversial goal in the first of two 3-minute overtimes, when England's Lucy Lynch stuffed a feed inside apparently as time expired. While Lynch clearly got the shot off in time, according to IFWLA rules, the ball must cross the goal line before the horn blows. Wales, which missed three free position shots in the second overtime, contended that Lynch's game-winner should not have been a goal based on that definition.

"We felt [Lynch] got the shot off as the horn went, but that the ball had not actually crossed the line until after the horn," said a visibly upset Karen Owen, goalkeeper for Wales, regarding the game-winning goal. "We feel gutted."

Wales' evasive path to that first win will have to go through Japan, but Owen alluded to the quarterfinal call as added incentive. "To lose it on such a controversial call is upsetting," she said, "but we'll fight back."

Kangaroo Antics

Neil Goulding, press officer for the English Lacrosse Association, has perhaps the most fascinating beat of this World Cup – namely tracking the whereabouts of Skippy the Kangaroo, Australia's team mascot hijacked by England during an evening dorm raid and recovered by the Australians in an equally surreptitious endeavor.

According to Goulding, Skippy was stolen by the English the evening of June 26, and promptly renamed the inflatable kangaroo Skipette. After enjoying a pre-game "soak" in the plastic pool with its new mascot, England defeated Canada 11-6 Monday in its Pool A finale against Canada.

"We met Skippy in the corridor and we decided to ask for his help," said England reserve Eleanor Garnier. "We were only too glad to incorporate him into our team."

Australia eventually recovered Skippy, ambushing the English sidelines after the Canada game, and has since left the kangaroo on lockdown – chained to the dorm room door.

For more on this story, visit <http://www.englishlacrosse.co.uk/>.

U.S. Coach Supports Eyewear Mandate

Of the 10 World Cup participants, you might notice that the United States is the only team outfitted entirely in eyewear. Though eyewear is not required under international governance, head coach Sue Stahl thought it appropriate to comply with domestic standards – which as per a 2003 decision by the US Lacrosse Women's Division mandated that, beginning in 2005, all women's lacrosse players use protective eyewear.

"The U.S. rules require eyewear for safety, and this is a U.S. team. How could you come to the World Cup and not wear them?" Stahl remarked. "I work in the pleasure of the U.S. I'm happy to follow, and the girls have no problem with it either."

Canadian Injury Update

As reported in Thursday's daily bulletin, six of Canada's 16 players have suffered injuries during the World Cup. Debbie Mendel, out for the duration, was joined by Margaret McKee, who aggravated a knee injury Tuesday and was on crutches during the team's 13-11 quarterfinal win over Japan. Canada plays No.1 Australia in today's semifinal round.

"We just knew were weren't going home," attacker Troyhann Santos said afterward, adding of Canada's run after being down 11-7, "it was do-or-die, go time right there."