

Ireland 0:1 Korea - July 4th 2009 FK Indjija, Indjija Ireland completed their final group game at the World Student Games back again north of Belgrade for the second time and the second time the game was live on local Indjija TV. Irish manager Kiran Harding made nine chances to side that lost to Italy. Ciaran Boyd and Mark Surgenor the only ever-presents. They faced a neat passing Korea side hoping to win the game and top the group, however Ireland had other ideas at the start of the first half were able to control the pace of the game. Korea's Yun Young was booked for a dangerous tackle on John Mulroy, Graham Rusk in the Irish wall blocked a Korean free-kick he would do this twice more in the match. The Koreans started to get on top and Surgenor was brilliant in denying Kim Bo. Boyd had to retire before half-time by Gareth Harkin. Korean upped their game and Ryan Coulter had to be sharp to deny Kim Bo and Kim Min with his feet. In between that John Mulroy made a run into the box to shoot past the post. Into the second half and both sides kept the ball well. With Korea being the more sharper. The half opened up on 52 minutes with an Irish clearance from defence to James Costello under pressure headed to Mulroy who found space and took a few paces forward but his shot flew wide. Up the other end and Lee Jae rounded Coulter, while the keeper was in mid-flight Ciaran Forde dived simulation-style into Coulter. With both Irish defenders on the ground the Korean's shot hit the outside of the post and wide. Irish captain Stephen Roche held off a challenge to allow Rusk give a pass intended for Mulroy but the Korean defence got in ahead of him to clear the ball. The only goal of the game came as Hwang Il made a run down right side of Ireland's defence and Lee Jae a threat to the Irish all morning scored from close range. Ireland continued to threaten with Brendan Daly feeding Costello who put his effort wide. Ireland made a double substitution and brought on David O'Sullivan and Peter McMahan who scored Ireland only goal so far in the tournament. But McMahan was booked while on the field a few minutes. But the momentum was with Korea and they continued to pepper the Irish goal through Hwang Il, Kim Bo and Cho Yung. Dean Zambra who was breaking up the play of the Koreans chested the ball facing his own goal and acrobatically cleared. Mark Forker came on for Daly and Ireland were looking to get in behind their opponents. O'Sullivan brought a good save from the keeper for a corner and he forced a second after good work from Rusk. McMahan held the ball up turned his man in the penalty area but bent his shot two yards wide. McMahan again was strong in holding off a challenge and passing to Roche who was caught in two minds to shot or pass eventually miscued his shot. Zambra's run was ended with McMahan shooting wide. Forker's shot was blocked before Ireland's best move of the tournament so far. On the edge and inside the area Forker, O'Sullivan and Forde linked up before Alan Teggert set up Surgenor whose volley from two yards was saved by Oh Seung in goal. The players will need to raise themselves for Monday and Canada as they play out the ranking positions. Ireland: Coulter, Zambra, Boyd (Harkin 36'), Surgenor, Forde, Rusk, Teggert, Roche (c), Daly (Forker 78'), Mulroy (McMahan 71'), Costello (O'Sullivan 71'). Korea: Oh Seung, Oh Jae, Kim Yong, Choi Hyn, Yun Young, Kim Bo, Lee Yong, Seo Yong (Hwang Hun 68'), Kim Min (Cho Yung 78'), Lee Jae, Nam Joon (Hwang Il 57').