



5th IHF Men's Emerging Nations Championship 2025



Group B, 1. round

Play by play

USA 31 - 31 Nigeria

11.3.2025. 15:45

Match No. 1

(18 - 12) (13 - 19)

Attendance: 50

Palace of Culture and Sports

Referees: Yulian Goretsov (BUL) / Zoran Loncar (CRO) / Karl Thygesen (DEN)

Time	USA	Result	GKo	Sup.	Def.	Nigeria
1. period						
1'	DONLIN A. (17) Goal from Center 6m	1:0			6-0	(GK: Okwor O.)
1'	STROMBERG J. (6) Assist				6-0	
2'	(GK: Merkovszky P.)	1:1			6-0	AJIBIKE K. (7) Goal from Left Wing
2'	(GK: Merkovszky P.)				6-0	YUSUF S. (22) Breakthrough saved
2'	DONLIN A. (17) Goal from Center 6m	2:1			6-0	(GK: Okwor O.)
2'	STROMBERG J. (6) Assist				6-0	
3'					6-0	SHAGARI J. (15) Technical Fault
3'	DONLIN A. (17) Assist				6-0	
4'	AMITOVIC A. (5) Goal Fastbreak	3:1			6-0	(GK: Okwor O.)
4'	AMITOVIC A. (5) Steal				6-0	
4'					6-0	CHAHUL J. (18) Technical Fault
4'	HANSEN L. (15) Goal Fastbreak	4:1			6-0	(GK: Okwor O.)
4'	STROMBERG J. (6) Steal				6-0	
4'					6-0	YUSUF S. (22) Technical Fault
5'	BINDERIS M. (48) Goal Fastbreak	5:1			6-0	(GK: Okwor O.)
5'	STROMBERG J. (6) Assist				6-0	
5'	(GK: Merkovszky P.)				6-0	SHAGARI J. (15) from Center Back saved
5'					6-0	AJIBIKE K. (7) Technical Fault
5'	DONLIN A. (17) Goal from Center 6m	6:1			6-0	(GK: Okwor O.)
5'	AMITOVIC A. (5) Assist				6-0	
6'					6-0	CHAHUL J. (18) Breakthrough post
6'	(GK: Merkovszky P.)				6-0	IORTYER S. (23) from Center 6m saved
6'	HANSEN L. (15) from Left Wing saved				6-0	(GK: Okwor O.)
6'					6-0	YUSUF S. (22) Technical Fault
6'	HANSEN L. (15) Goal Fastbreak	7:1			6-0	(GK: Okwor O.)
7'					6-0	SHAGARI J. (15) Technical Fault
7'	AMITOVIC A. (5) Earned 7m penalty				6-0	
7'					6-0	YUSUF S. (22) Committed 7m penalty
8'	HANSEN L. (15) Penalty (7m) post				6-0	
8'					6-0	SHAGARI J. (15) from Left Back block
9'	WALKER M. (26) Breakthrough saved				6-0	(GK: Okwor O.)
9'	STROMBERG J. (6) Blocked shot				6-0	
10'	(GK: Merkovszky P.)				6-0	IORTYER S. (23) from Center 6m saved
10'	HANSEN L. (15) Fastbreak post				6-0	
10'	MERKOVSZKY P. (1) Pass for clear chance				6-0	
10'					6-0	YUSUF S. (22) Technical Fault
11'	DONLIN A. (17) Earned 7m penalty				6-0	
11'					6-0	BELLO D. (99) Committed 7m penalty
11'				A+1	6-0	IORTYER S. (23) Suspension
11'	STROMBERG J. (6) Earned suspension			A+1	6-0	
11'	BINDERIS M. (48) Penalty (7m) miss.			A+1	6-0	
12'	(GK: Merkovszky P.)	7:2		A+1	6-0	ISA T. (9) Goal from Center Back
12'	DONLIN A. (17) Goal from Center 6m	8:2		A+1	6-0	(GK: Okwor O.)
12'	AMITOVIC A. (5) Assist			A+1	6-0	
13'	(GK: Merkovszky P.)			A+1	6-0	ISA T. (9) from Right Back saved

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1. period						
13'	MERKOVSZKY P. (1) Technical Fault			A+1	6-0	
13'				A+1	6-0	YUSUF S. (22) Steal
13'					6-0	YUSUF S. (22) from Center Back block
13'	DONLIN A. (17) Blocked shot				6-0	
14'	AMITOVIC A. (5) Goal Fastbreak	9:2			6-0	(GK: Okwor O.)
14'	(GK: Merkovszky P.)	9:3			6-0	CHAHUL J. (18) Goal from Right Wing
14'					6-0	SHAGARI J. (15) Assist
15'	STROMBERG J. (6) Technical Fault				6-0	
15'	(GK: Merkovszky P.)				6-0	ISA T. (9) Breakthrough saved
16'	STROMBERG J. (6) Technical Fault				6-0	
16'	(GK: Merkovszky P.)	9:4			6-0	IORTYER S. (23) Goal from Center 6m
16'					6-0	AJIBIKE K. (7) Assist
16'	DONLIN A. (17) from Center 6m saved				6-0	(GK: Okwor O.)
16'	STROMBERG J. (6) Pass for clear chance				6-0	
16'	AMITOVIC A. (5) Goal from Left Breakthrough	10:4			6-0	(GK: Okwor O.)
17'	HUNYADI D. (10) Suspension			B+1	6-0	
17'				B+1	6-0	OWOLABI I. (27) Earned suspension
17'	(GK: Merkovszky P.)	10:5		B+1	6-0	ISA T. (9) Goal from Center Back
18'	AMITOVIC A. (5) Breakthrough saved			B+1	6-0	(GK: Okwor O.)
18'				B+1	6-0	OKWOR O. (16) Long Distance miss.
19'	DONLIN A. (17) Technical Fault			B+1	6-0	
19'				B+1	6-0	OWOLABI I. (27) Assist
19'	(Empty goal)	10:6		B+1	6-0	ISA T. (9) Goal Fastbreak
19'				B+1	6-0	ISA T. (9) Steal
19'	STROMBERG J. (6) Technical Fault			B+1	6-0	
19'	(Empty goal)	10:7			6-0	ISA T. (9) Goal Fastbreak
20'	PHILLIPS G. (2) Goal from Right Wing	11:7			6-0	(GK: Okwor O.)
20'	STROMBERG J. (6) Assist				6-0	
20'	(GK: Merkovszky P.)	11:8			6-0	SHAGARI J. (15) Goal from Center Back
21'	DONLIN A. (17) Goal from Center 6m	12:8	GK out		6-0	(GK: Okwor O.)
21'	AMITOVIC A. (5) Assist				6-0	
21'					6-0	Team Timeout
22'					6-0	OWOLABI I. (27) Technical Fault
22'	EDWARDS O. (22) Fastbreak post				6-0	
22'	DONLIN A. (17) Pass for clear chance				6-0	
22'					6-0	SHAGARI J. (15) Technical Fault
23'	AMITOVIC A. (5) Goal from Center Back	13:8			6-0	(GK: Okwor O.)
23'					6-0	OWOLABI I. (27) Technical Fault
24'	EDWARDS O. (22) from Left Wing saved				6-0	(GK: Okwor O.)
24'	DONLIN A. (17) Pass for clear chance				6-0	
24'	(GK: Merkovszky P.)				6-0	ISA T. (9) from Right Back saved
24'	(GK: Merkovszky P.)	13:9			6-0	AJIBIKE K. (7) Goal from Left Wing
24'	DONLIN A. (17) from Center 6m saved				6-0	(GK: Okwor O.)
24'	STROMBERG J. (6) Pass for clear chance				6-0	
25'					6-0	BELLO D. (99) Fastbreak post
25'	DONLIN A. (17) Goal from Center 6m	14:9			6-0	(GK: Okwor O.)
25'	STROMBERG J. (6) Assist				6-0	
25'	(GK: Merkovszky P.)				6-0	IORTYER S. (23) from Center 6m saved

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1. period						
25'	PHILLIPS G. (2) Goal from Right Wing	15:9			6-0	(GK: Okwor O.)
26'	(GK: Merkovszky P.)				6-0	SHAGARI J. (15) from Center Back saved
26'	AMITOVIC A. (5) Goal Breakthrough	16:9			6-0	(GK: Okwor O.)
27'	(GK: Merkovszky P.)	16:10			6-0	SHAGARI J. (15) Goal Breakthrough
27'					6-0	ISA T. (9) Steal
27'	STROMBERG J. (6) Technical Fault				6-0	
27'	(GK: Merkovszky P.)	16:11			6-0	YUSUF S. (22) Goal Fastbreak
28'	WALKER M. (26) from Center Back saved				6-0	(GK: Okwor O.)
28'					6-0	SHAGARI J. (15) Technical Fault
28'	DONLIN A. (17) Goal from Center 6m	17:11			6-0	(GK: Okwor O.)
29'	AMITOVIC A. (5) Assist				6-0	
29'	(GK: Merkovszky P.)	17:12			6-0	ISA T. (9) Goal from Right Back
30'	WALKER M. (26) Goal from Center Back	18:12			6-0	(GK: Okwor O.)
30'					6-0	AJIBIKE K. (7) Technical Fault
30'	EDWARDS O. (22) Technical Fault				6-0	
2. period						
31'					6-0	YUSUF F. (2) Technical Fault
31'	DONLIN A. (17) Steal				6-0	
31'	HANSEN L. (15) Goal Fastbreak	19:12			6-0	(GK: Okwor O.)
31'	HUNYADI D. (10) Assist				6-0	
32'	(GK: Merkovszky P.)				6-0	SHAGARI J. (15) from Center Back saved
32'	DONLIN A. (17) Earned 7m penalty				6-0	
32'					6-0	YUSUF F. (2) Committed 7m penalty
32'	EDWARDS O. (22) Goal Penalty (7m)	20:12			6-0	(GK: Okwor O.)
33'	(GK: Merkovszky P.)	20:13			6-0	YUSUF S. (22) Goal Breakthrough
33'	BINDERIS M. (48) Goal from Right Wing	21:13			6-0	(GK: Okwor O.)
33'	STROMBERG J. (6) Assist				6-0	
34'	(GK: Merkovszky P.)	21:14			6-0	YUSUF F. (2) Goal Breakthrough
34'	AMITOVIC A. (5) from Center Back block				6-0	
34'					6-0	BELLO D. (99) Blocked shot
34'	AMITOVIC A. (5) Breakthrough post				6-0	
35'	(GK: Merkovszky P.)	21:15			6-0	CHAHUL J. (18) Goal from Right Wing
35'					6-0	YUSUF F. (2) Assist
35'	STROMBERG J. (6) Goal from Right Back	22:15			6-0	(GK: Okwor O.)
36'	(GK: Merkovszky P.)	22:16			6-0	YUSUF F. (2) Goal Breakthrough
36'				A+1	6-0	AJIBIKE K. (7) Suspension
36'	STROMBERG J. (6) from Right Back miss.			A+1	6-0	
37'				A+1	6-0	YUSUF F. (2) Technical Fault
37'	AMITOVIC A. (5) Goal Fastbreak	23:16		A+1	6-0	(GK: Okwor O.)
38'	AMITOVIC A. (5) Suspension				6-0	
38'					6-0	OWOLABI I. (27) Earned suspension
38'					6-0	YUSUF S. (22) Earned 7m penalty
38'	DONLIN A. (17) Committed 7m penalty				6-0	
38'	(GK: Merkovszky P.)	23:17		B+1	6-0	SHAGARI J. (15) Goal Penalty (7m)
39'	BINDERIS M. (48) from Right Wing saved		GK out	B+1	6-0	(GK: Okwor O.)
39'	STROMBERG J. (6) Pass for clear chance			B+1	6-0	
40'	(GK: Merkovszky P.)	23:18		B+1	6-0	YUSUF S. (22) Goal Breakthrough

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2. period						
40'	AMITOVIC A. (5) Breakthrough saved		GK out		6-0	(GK: Okwor O.)
41'	(GK: Merkovszky P.)				6-0	SHAGARI J. (15) from Center Back saved
41'	WALKER M. (26) Technical Fault				6-0	
41'					6-0	BELLO D. (99) Technical Fault
42'	STROMBERG J. (6) Technical Fault				6-0	
42'					6-0	OWOLABI I. (27) Steal
42'	(GK: Merkovszky P.)	23:19			6-0	CHAHUL J. (18) Goal Fastbreak
42'					6-0	SHAGARI J. (15) Assist
42'	STROMBERG J. (6) from Right Back post				6-0	
43'	(GK: Merkovszky P.)				6-0	CHAHUL J. (18) from Right Wing saved
43'					6-0	YUSUF S. (22) Pass for clear chance
43'					6-0	YUSUF S. (22) Earned 7m penalty
43'	DONLIN A. (17) Committed 7m penalty				6-0	
44'					6-0	SHAGARI J. (15) Penalty (7m) miss.
44'	Team Timeout				6-0	
44'	AMITOVIC A. (5) Goal from Center Back	24:19			6-0	(GK: Okwor O.)
45'	(GK: Merkovszky P.)	24:20			6-0	IORTYER S. (23) Goal from Center 6m
45'					6-0	YUSUF S. (22) Assist
45'			A+1		6-0	SHAGARI J. (15) Suspension
45'	WALKER M. (26) Earned suspension		A+1		6-0	
46'			A+1		6-0	YUSUF F. (2) Breakthrough post
46'	AMITOVIC A. (5) Technical Fault		A+1		6-0	
47'	(GK: Merkovszky P.)	24:21			6-0	OWOLABI I. (27) Goal from Center 6m
47'					6-0	YUSUF F. (2) Assist
47'	AMITOVIC A. (5) Breakthrough saved				6-0	(GK: Okwor O.)
48'					6-0	YUSUF S. (22) from Center Back block
48'	DONLIN A. (17) Blocked shot				6-0	
48'					6-0	YUSUF S. (22) Technical Fault
48'	PHILLIPS G. (2) from Center 6m saved			In tr.	(GK: Okwor O.)	
48'	(GK: Merkovszky P.)	24:22			6-0	SHAGARI J. (15) Goal Fastbreak
49'	AMITOVIC A. (5) Breakthrough saved				6-0	(GK: Okwor O.)
50'	DONLIN A. (17) Committed 7m penalty				6-0	
50'	DONLIN A. (17) Suspension			B+1	6-0	
50'				B+1	6-0	YUSUF F. (2) Earned suspension
50'				B+1	6-0	YUSUF F. (2) Earned 7m penalty
50'	(GK: Merkovszky P.)			B+1	6-0	YUSUF F. (2) Penalty (7m) saved
51'	AMITOVIC A. (5) Goal Breakthrough	25:22	GK out	B+1	6-0	(GK: Okwor O.)
51'	HERTELT A. () Yellow card			B+1	6-0	
51'	(GK: Merkovszky P.)	25:23		B+1	6-0	SHAGARI J. (15) Goal Breakthrough
52'	AMITOVIC A. (5) Technical Fault		GK out		6-0	
52'	(GK: Merkovszky P.)	25:24			6-0	YUSUF F. (2) Goal Fastbreak
52'					6-0	OKWOR O. (16) Assist
53'	WALKER M. (26) Technical Fault		GK out		6-0	
53'					6-0	SHAGARI J. (15) Steal
53'	(Empty goal)	25:25			6-0	SHAGARI J. (15) Goal Long Distance
53'	WALKER M. (26) from Center Back block		GK out		6-0	
53'					6-0	SHAGARI J. (15) Blocked shot
53'	DONLIN A. (17) Goal from Left 6m	26:25			6-0	(GK: Okwor O.)

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54'	PHILLIPS G. (2) Goal from Right Wing	27:26			6-0	(GK: Okwor O.)
54'	STROMBERG J. (6) Assist				6-0	
55'					6-0	Team Timeout
55'	(GK: Merkovszky P.)	27:27			6-0	YUSUF F. (2) Goal Breakthrough
55'	EDWARDS O. (22) Goal from Left Wing	28:27			6-0	(GK: Okwor O.)
55'	AMITOVIC A. (5) Assist				6-0	
56'					6-0	YUSUF F. (2) Earned suspension
56'	HUNYADI D. (10) Suspension			B+1	6-0	
56'	(GK: Merkovszky P.)	28:28		B+1	6-0	YUSUF F. (2) Goal from Center Back
57'	DONLIN A. (17) Earned 7m penalty		GK out	B+1	6-0	
57'				B+1	6-0	OWOLABI I. (27) Committed 7m penalty
57'	EDWARDS O. (22) Penalty (7m) saved		GK out	B+1	6-0	(GK: Okwor O.)
57'	(GK: Merkovszky P.)	28:29		B+1	6-0	CHAHUL J. (18) Goal from Right Wing
58'	PHILLIPS G. (2) Goal from Right Wing	29:29	GK out		6-0	(GK: Okwor O.)
58'	AMITOVIC A. (5) Assist				6-0	
59'					6-0	IORTYER S. (23) Earned 7m penalty
59'	AMITOVIC A. (5) Committed 7m penalty				6-0	
59'	(GK: Merkovszky P.)	29:30			6-0	YUSUF S. (22) Goal Penalty (7m)
59'	AMITOVIC A. (5) Goal from Center Back	30:30	GK out		6-0	(GK: Okwor O.)
60'					6-0	Team Timeout
60'	(GK: Merkovszky P.)	30:31			6-0	AJIBIKE K. (7) Goal from Left Wing
60'					6-0	YUSUF F. (2) Assist
60'				A+1	6-0	YUSUF F. (2) Suspension
60'	AMITOVIC A. (5) Earned suspension			A+1	6-0	
60'	Team Timeout			A+1	6-0	
60'	EDWARDS O. (22) Earned 7m penalty			A+1	6-0	
60'				A+1	6-0	CHAHUL J. (18) Committed 7m penalty
60'				A+2	6-0	CHAHUL J. (18) Suspension
60'	EDWARDS O. (22) Earned suspension			A+2	6-0	
60'	AMITOVIC A. (5) Goal Penalty (7m)	31:31		A+2	6-0	(GK: Okwor O.)

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