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Time	Nigeria	Result	GK	Sup.	Def.	USA
1. period						
1'		0:0			6-0	DONLIN A. (17) Technical Fault
2'	SHAGARI J. (15) from Center Back saved				6-0	(GK: Merkovszky P.)
2'	(GK: Okwor O.)	0:1			In tr.	DONLIN A. (17) Goal from Center 6m
2'					6-0	STROMBERG J. (6) Assist
2'	YUSUF F. (2) Goal from Center Back	1:1			6-0	(GK: Merkovszky P.)
3'					6-0	DONLIN A. (17) Earned 7m penalty
3'	SHAGARI J. (15) Committed 7m penalty				6-0	
3'	(GK: Okwor O.)	1:2			6-0	STROMBERG J. (6) Goal Penalty (7m)
3'	CHAHUL J. (18) Technical Fault				6-0	
4'	(GK: Okwor O.)	1:3			6-0	AMITOVIC A. (5) Goal from Center Back
4'	CHAHUL J. (18) Technical Fault				6-0	
4'					6-0	DONLIN A. (17) Technical Fault
5'	YUSUF S. (22) Earned 7m penalty				6-0	
5'					6-0	DONLIN A. (17) Committed 7m penalty
5'	YUSUF F. (2) Penalty (7m) miss.				6-0	
6'					6-0	WALKER M. (26) Technical Fault
6'	OWOLABI I. (27) Steal				6-0	
6'	AJIBIKE K. (7) Goal Fastbreak	2:3			6-0	(GK: Merkovszky P.)
6'	SHAGARI J. (15) Assist				6-0	
7'	(GK: Okwor O.)	2:4			6-0	HANSEN L. (15) Goal from Left Wing
7'					6-0	AMITOVIC A. (5) Assist
7'	AJIBIKE K. (7) Goal from Left Wing	3:4			6-0	(GK: Merkovszky P.)
7'	SHAGARI J. (15) Assist				6-0	
7'					6-0	STROMBERG J. (6) Technical Fault
7'	SHAGARI J. (15) Steal				6-0	
7'	CHAHUL J. (18) Fastbreak saved				6-0	(GK: Merkovszky P.)
7'	OKWOR O. (16) Pass for clear chance				6-0	
8'	AJIBIKE K. (7) Technical Fault				6-0	
8'	(GK: Okwor O.)	3:5			6-0	PHILLIPS G. (2) Goal Breakthrough
9'	SHAGARI J. (15) from Center Back post				6-0	
9'	(GK: Okwor O.)	3:6			6-0	HANSEN L. (15) Goal Fastbreak
9'	SHAGARI J. (15) Technical Fault				6-0	
10'	(GK: Okwor O.)	3:7			6-0	STROMBERG J. (6) Goal Breakthrough
10'					6-0	AMITOVIC A. (5) Assist
11'	SHAGARI J. (15) from Center Back miss.				6-0	
12'	(GK: Okwor O.)	3:8			6-0	STROMBERG J. (6) Goal from Center Back
13'	YUSUF F. (2) from Right Back miss.				6-0	
13'	(GK: Nliam A.)				6-0	DONLIN A. (17) from Center 6m saved
14'	SHAGARI J. (15) Technical Fault				6-0	
14'	(GK: Nliam A.)				In tr.	PHILLIPS G. (2) from Right Wing saved
14'					6-0	DONLIN A. (17) Pass for clear chance
15'					6-0	AMITOVIC A. (5) Technical Fault
15'	AJIBIKE K. (7) Steal				6-0	
15'	YUSUF F. (2) Goal Fastbreak	4:8			6-0	(GK: Merkovszky P.)
16'					6-0	HUNYADI D. (10) from Left 6m post

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1. period						
16'					6-0	AMITOVIC A. (5) Pass for clear chance
16'	YUSUF S. (22) Technical Fault				6-0	
16'	(GK: Nliam A.)	4:9			6-0	HANSEN L. (15) Goal Fastbreak
16'					6-0	HUNYADI D. (10) Assist
18'	YUSUF F. (2) Goal from Center Back	5:9			6-0	(GK: Merkovszky P.)
18'	AJIBIKE K. (7) Yellow card				6-0	
18'	(GK: Nliam A.)	5:10			6-0	AMITOVIC A. (5) Goal Breakthrough
20'	YUSUF S. (22) Technical Fault				6-0	
20'	(GK: Nliam A.)	5:11			6-0	HANSEN L. (15) Goal Fastbreak
20'					6-0	HUNYADI D. (10) Assist
20'	Team Timeout				6-0	
20'	SHAGARI J. (15) Goal Breakthrough	6:11			6-0	(GK: Merkovszky P.)
20'					6-0	AMITOVIC A. (5) Technical Fault
21'	AJIBIKE K. (7) Goal Breakthrough	7:11			In tr.	(GK: Merkovszky P.)
21'	SHAGARI J. (15) Assist				6-0	
21'					6-0	HUNYADI D. (10) Technical Fault
22'	OWOLABI I. (27) from Center Back saved				6-0	(GK: Merkovszky P.)
22'	(GK: Nliam A.)	7:12			In tr.	DONLIN A. (17) Goal Fastbreak
22'					6-0	HANSEN L. (15) Assist
22'	YUSUF F. (2) Technical Fault				6-0	
22'					6-0	AMITOVIC A. (5) Technical Fault
23'	ANTHONY E. (40) Goal Fastbreak	8:12			6-0	(GK: Merkovszky P.)
23'	YUSUF F. (2) Assist				6-0	
23'					6-0	AMITOVIC A. (5) Technical Fault
24'	ANTHONY E. (40) Steal				6-0	
24'	CHAHUL J. (18) Goal from Right Wing	9:12			6-0	(GK: Merkovszky P.)
24'	OWOLABI I. (27) Assist				6-0	
25'					6-0	STROMBERG J. (6) from Center Back post
25'					6-0	GUARINO S. (29) Earned 7m penalty
25'	OWOLABI I. (27) Committed 7m penalty				6-0	
25'	(GK: Nliam A.)	9:13			6-0	STROMBERG J. (6) Goal Penalty (7m)
26'	SHAGARI J. (15) Breakthrough saved				6-0	(GK: Merkovszky P.)
26'	YUSUF F. (2) Pass for clear chance				6-0	
26'	(GK: Nliam A.)	9:14			6-0	EDWARDS O. (22) Goal Fastbreak
26'					6-0	MERKOVSZKY P. (1) Assist
26'	SHAGARI J. (15) Goal from Center Back	10:14			6-0	(GK: Merkovszky P.)
26'	(GK: Nliam A.)	10:15			6-0	GUARINO S. (29) Goal Breakthrough
27'					6-0	STROMBERG J. (6) Assist
27'	YUSUF F. (2) Goal from Right Back	11:15			6-0	(GK: Merkovszky P.)
27'					6-0	GUARINO S. (29) Earned 7m penalty
27'	SHAGARI J. (15) Committed 7m penalty				6-0	
27'	(GK: Okwor O.)	11:16			6-0	STROMBERG J. (6) Goal Penalty (7m)
27'	ISA T. (9) Goal from Right Back	12:16			6-0	(GK: Merkovszky P.)
28'	(GK: Nliam A.)	12:17			6-0	STROMBERG J. (6) Goal from Right Back
28'	ISA T. (9) from Center Back saved				5-1	(GK: Merkovszky P.)
29'					6-0	AMITOVIC A. (5) Technical Fault
29'	SHAGARI J. (15) Goal from Center Back	13:17			5-1	(GK: Merkovszky P.)
29'	(GK: Nliam A.)	13:18			In tr.	BINDERIS M. (48) Goal from Right 6m

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1. period						
29'					6-0	AMITOVIC A. (5) Assist
30'	SHAGARI J. (15) Technical Fault				5-1	
30'	(GK: Nliam A.)	13:19			6-0	AMITOVIC A. (5) Goal Fastbreak
30'	SHAGARI J. (15) Goal Breakthrough	14:19			5-1	(GK: Merkovszky P.)
30'					5-1	Team Timeout
30'			GK out		6-0	DONLIN A. (17) Technical Fault
2. period						
31'	CHAHUL J. (18) from Right Wing saved				6-0	(GK: Merkovszky P.)
31'	YUSUF F. (2) Pass for clear chance				6-0	
32'	(GK: Okwar O.)	14:20			6-0	HANSEN L. (15) Goal from Right Wing
32'					6-0	WALKER M. (26) Assist
32'	BELLO D. (99) from Center 6m saved				6-0	(GK: Merkovszky P.)
32'	YUSUF F. (2) Pass for clear chance				6-0	
32'					6-0	AMITOVIC A. (5) Assist
32'	(GK: Okwar O.)	14:21			6-0	HANSEN L. (15) Goal Fastbreak
33'	SHAGARI J. (15) Technical Fault				6-0	
34'	(GK: Okwar O.)				6-0	EDWARDS O. (22) from Left Wing saved
34'					6-0	AMITOVIC A. (5) Pass for clear chance
34'	SHAGARI J. (15) from Center Back saved				6-0	(GK: Merkovszky P.)
34'					6-0	HUNYADI D. (10) Technical Fault
35'	YUSUF F. (2) Goal Breakthrough	15:21			6-0	(GK: Merkovszky P.)
35'	(GK: Okwar O.)	15:22			In tr.	DONLIN A. (17) Goal from Center 6m
35'					6-0	STROMBERG J. (6) Assist
35'	BELLO D. (99) from Center 6m miss.				6-0	
35'	OWOLABI I. (27) Pass for clear chance				6-0	
36'					6-0	WALKER M. (26) Earned 7m penalty
36'	BELLO D. (99) Committed 7m penalty				6-0	
36'	(GK: Okwar O.)				6-0	STROMBERG J. (6) Penalty (7m) saved
37'	AJIBIKE K. (7) Technical Fault				6-0	
37'	(GK: Okwar O.)				In tr.	EDWARDS O. (22) from Left Wing saved
37'					6-0	MERKOVSZKY P. (1) Pass for clear chance
38'	YUSUF S. (22) Technical Fault				6-0	
38'	(GK: Okwar O.)				6-0	PHILLIPS G. (2) Fastbreak saved
38'	(GK: Okwar O.)	15:23			In tr.	PHILLIPS G. (2) Goal Breakthrough
38'					6-0	HAMM A. (56) Assist
38'	YUSUF F. (2) Technical Fault				6-0	
39'					6-0	PHILLIPS G. (2) Technical Fault
39'	YUSUF S. (22) Steal				6-0	
39'	OWOLABI I. (27) from Left Back miss.				6-0	
39'					6-0	HAMM A. (56) Technical Fault
39'	AJIBIKE K. (7) Steal				6-0	
39'	YUSUF F. (2) Goal Fastbreak	16:23			6-0	(GK: Merkovszky P.)
39'	OWOLABI I. (27) Assist				6-0	
40'					6-0	STROMBERG J. (6) Technical Fault
40'	YUSUF F. (2) Goal Fastbreak	17:23			6-0	(GK: Merkovszky P.)
40'	OKWOR O. (16) Assist				6-0	
40'					6-0	STROMBERG J. (6) Technical Fault

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40'	BELLO D. (99) Assist				6-0	
40'	AJIBIKE K. (7) Goal Fastbreak	18:23			6-0	(GK: Merkovszky P.)
40'					6-0	Team Timeout
40'					6-0	DONLIN A. (17) Technical Fault
42'	YUSUF F. (2) Technical Fault				6-0	
42'					6-0	DONLIN A. (17) Earned 7m penalty
42'	IORTYER S. (23) Committed 7m penalty				6-0	
42'	(GK: Okwar O.)	18:24			6-0	PHILLIPS G. (2) Goal Penalty (7m)
43'				A+1	6-0	STROMBERG J. (6) Suspension
43'	IORTYER S. (23) Earned suspension			A+1	6-0	
43'	YUSUF S. (22) Technical Fault			A+1	6-0	
43'				A+1	6-0	PHILLIPS G. (2) Steal
44'			GK out	A+1	6-0	DONLIN A. (17) Technical Fault
44'	YUSUF F. (2) Technical Fault			A+1	6-0	
44'	(GK: Okwar O.)	18:25		A+1	6-0	BINDERIS M. (48) Goal Fastbreak
44'				A+1	6-0	MERKOVSZKY P. (1) Assist
45'	CHAHUL J. (18) from Right Wing saved			A+1	6-0	(GK: Merkovszky P.)
45'	OWOLABI I. (27) Pass for clear chance			A+1	6-0	
45'			GK out		6-0	PHILLIPS G. (2) Technical Fault
45'	YUSUF S. (22) Steal				6-0	
45'	YUSUF F. (2) Goal Long Distance	19:25			6-0	(Empty goal)
46'	(GK: Okwar O.)	19:26	GK out		6-0	PHILLIPS G. (2) Goal Breakthrough
46'	AJIBIKE K. (7) Technical Fault				6-0	
46'	(GK: Okwar O.)	19:27			6-0	HANSEN L. (15) Goal Fastbreak
46'					6-0	AMITOVIC A. (5) Assist
47'	YUSUF F. (2) Goal Breakthrough	20:27			6-0	(GK: Merkovszky P.)
47'	(GK: Okwar O.)	20:28			6-0	PHILLIPS G. (2) Goal Breakthrough
48'	IORTYER S. (23) Earned 7m penalty				6-0	
48'					6-0	DONLIN A. (17) Committed 7m penalty
49'	YUSUF F. (2) Goal Penalty (7m)	21:28			6-0	(GK: Merkovszky P.)
49'	BELLO D. (99) Committed 7m penalty				6-0	
49'	BELLO D. (99) Suspension			B+1	6-0	
49'				B+1	6-0	DONLIN A. (17) Earned suspension
49'				B+1	6-0	DONLIN A. (17) Earned 7m penalty
49'	(GK: Okwar O.)			B+1	6-0	PHILLIPS G. (2) Penalty (7m) saved
50'	YUSUF F. (2) Breakthrough saved			B+1	6-0	(GK: Merkovszky P.)
50'	(GK: Okwar O.)			B+1	6-0	AMITOVIC A. (5) from Center Back saved
51'	OWOLABI I. (27) Goal from Center 6m	22:28		B+1	6-0	(GK: Merkovszky P.)
51'	AJIBIKE K. (7) Assist			B+1	6-0	
51'	(GK: Okwar O.)	22:29			6-0	STROMBERG J. (6) Goal from Right Back
52'	YUSUF F. (2) from Center Back block				6-0	
52'					6-0	STROMBERG J. (6) Blocked shot
53'	YUSUF F. (2) Goal from Right Back	23:29			6-0	(GK: Merkovszky P.)
53'					6-0	AMITOVIC A. (5) Technical Fault
53'	CHAHUL J. (18) Steal				6-0	
53'	Team Timeout				6-0	
54'	OWOLABI I. (27) Goal Breakthrough	24:29			6-0	(GK: Merkovszky P.)
55'					6-0	AMITOVIC A. (5) Earned 7m penalty

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55'	OWOLABI I. (27) Committed 7m penalty				6-0	
55'	(GK: Okwar O.)	24:30			6-0	STROMBERG J. (6) Goal Penalty (7m)
56'	YUSUF F. (2) Goal from Center Back	25:30			6-0	(GK: Merkovszky P.)
56'					6-0	GUARINO S. (29) Earned 7m penalty
56'					6-0	GUARINO S. (29) Earned suspension
56'	YUSUF S. (22) Suspension			B+1	6-0	
56'	YUSUF S. (22) Committed 7m penalty			B+1	6-0	
56'	(GK: Okwar O.)			B+1	6-0	STROMBERG J. (6) Penalty (7m) saved
57'	AJIBIKE K. (7) Technical Fault			B+1	5-1	
57'	(GK: Okwar O.)	25:31		B+1	6-0	HANSEN L. (15) Goal Fastbreak
57'				B+1	6-0	STROMBERG J. (6) Assist
58'	OWOLABI I. (27) Goal Breakthrough	26:31		B+1	5-1	(GK: Merkovszky P.)
58'				B+1	6-0	GUARINO S. (29) Technical Fault
58'	YUSUF F. (2) Steal			B+1	6-0	
58'	YUSUF F. (2) Goal Fastbreak	27:31		B+1	5-1	(GK: Merkovszky P.)
58'				B+1	6-0	STROMBERG J. (6) from Left Back miss.
59'	YUSUF S. (22) from Center Back miss.				6-0	
59'			GK out		6-0	GUARINO S. (29) Earned 7m penalty
59'	AJIBIKE K. (7) Committed 7m penalty				6-0	
60'	(GK: Okwar O.)		GK out		6-0	HANSEN L. (15) Penalty (7m) saved
60'	OWOLABI I. (27) Breakthrough saved				6-0	(GK: Merkovszky P.)
60'					6-0	HANSEN L. (15) Fastbreak miss.
60'	CHAHUL J. (18) Goal from Right Wing	28:31			6-0	(GK: Merkovszky P.)
60'	YUSUF F. (2) Assist				6-0	

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