

World Cup glory at last for Kookaburras

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REVENGE was sweet as the power-packed Australian men's field hockey team downed Germany 2-1 in the World Cup final overnight. It was third time lucky for the Kookaburras as they reversed the result of the 2002 and 2006 finals to take their first World Cup title in 24 years.

Man-of-the-match Luke Doerner scored the winning penalty corner 11 minutes from the end.

Eddie Edwards Ockenden had put the Kookaburras ahead in the ninth minute, but Moritz Furtach drew level for Germany in the 48th.



Doerner's eighth goal in the tournament made him the joint leading scorer with another penalty corner specialist Teunis Taekema of the Netherlands.

Australia, whose only previous World Cup title came way back in 1996, had lost the last two finals against Germany.

The Germans, hoping to become the first team in history to bag a hat-trick of titles to add to the Beijing Olympic gold medal two years ago, were outpaced by the speedy Australians.

Answer the following questions in full sentences.

1. What did the Kookaburra's win?
2. What was the score?
3. What happened in the 2002 and 2006 finals against Germany?
4. Who was the man of the match?
5. What did he do?
6. Doerner became the joint leading scorer. Who was the other leading scorer?
7. When did Australia last win a World Cup title?
8. What did the German's hope to do?
9. How do you think the Australian's felt at the end of the game?
10. How do you think the German's felt at the end of the game?
11. In one paragraph describe the last team game you played.
12. What is your favorite team sport and why?