



FIFA Beach Soccer World Cup 2008 Qualifier Durban Durban, South Africa – March 25 to 30

Day 1 Recap

Results and match schedule (GMT +2)

March 25 (Tuesday) – Matches

11:00am Cameroon 8 vs. 3 Cape Verde Islands
Followed by Egypt 8 vs. 3 Mozambique
Followed by Nigeria 4 vs. 5 Côte d'Ivoire
Followed by South Africa 4 vs. 8 Senegal

March 26 (Wednesday) – Matches

11:00am Côte d'Ivoire vs. Cameroon
Followed by Senegal vs. Egypt
Followed by Cape Verde Islands vs. Nigeria
Followed by Mozambique vs. South Africa

March 27 (Thursday) – Matches

11:00am Côte d'Ivoire vs. Cape Verde Islands
Followed by Senegal vs. Mozambique
Followed by Nigeria vs. Cameroon
Followed by South Africa vs. Egypt

March 28 (Friday) – Rest Day

March 29 (Saturday) – Matches

12:45pm - (Semi-final 1): 1st Group B vs. 2nd Group A
Followed by (Semi-final 2): 1st Group A vs. 2nd Group B

March 30 (Sunday) – Matches

12:45pm - (Play Off 3rd & 4th): Loser Semi-final 1 vs. Loser Semi-final 2
Followed by (Final): Winner Semi final 1 vs. Winner Semi-final 2

Standings

<u>Group A</u>	Team	Points	Goals sc.	Goals rec.	Goal diff	Red Cards	Yellow Cards
1	Egypt	3	8	3	+5	0	1
2	Senegal	3	8	4	+4	0	2
4	South Africa	0	4	8	-4	0	0
3	Mozambique	0	3	8	-5	0	2

<u>Group B</u>	Team	Points	Goals sc.	Goals rec.	Goal diff	Red Cards	Yellow Cards
1	Cameroon	3	8	3	+5	0	0
2	Côte d'Ivoire	3	5	4	+1	0	1
3	Nigeria	0	4	5	-1	1	0
4	Cape Verde Islands	0	3	8	-5	0	0

The eight countries playing the FIFA Beach Soccer World Cup 2008 Qualifier Durban were drawn into two groups. The top two teams from each of them will qualify for the semi finals, and the two finalists will be the African representatives in the FIFA Beach Soccer World Cup 2008, which will be played from July 17 to 27 in Marseilles, France.

Match reports

Match 1 – Group B – Tuesday, March 25

FINAL SCORE: Cameroon 8 vs. 3 Cape Verde Islands

No surprises in the opening game of this year's edition of the FIFA Beach Soccer World Cup 2008 Durban. Cameroon beat a disappointing Cape Verde Islands side 8-3 with an outstanding performance from Batoum who scored 4 goals.

Cameroon			Cape Verde Islands		
#	PLAYER	Starters	#	PLAYER	Starters
1	Kengne	x	1	Mitó	x
2	Batoum	x	2	Gild	
4	Abissonono	x	3	Nico	x
5	Eyoum	x	4	Yoya	
6	Etame		5	Nilson	
7	Abouem		7	Tazinho	x
9	Yopa		12	Bety	
10	Yombi	x	14	Pú	x
11	Ndengue		15	Micau	x
12	Belle Ngoh		17	Dixinha	
Head coach: Louis Bertin			Head coach: Almerindo de Jesus		



Referees:

- 1st Mohamed Morsi (EGY)
- 2nd Sameh El Shorbage (EGY)
- 3rd Fabio Polito (ITA)
- 4th Istvan Meszaros (HUN)

SCORE CHART:

Goal scorer	Time left	Period	CMR	CIV
#7 Tazinho(own goal)	7'11	1	1	0
#15 Micau	6'43	1	1	1
#2 Batoum(pen)	5'18	1	2	1
#2 Batoum	4'05	1	3	1
#6 Etame	0'43	1	4	1
#9 Yopa	7'38	2	5	1
#2 Batoum	4'16	2	6	1
#2 Gild	0'31	2	6	2
#2 Batoum	4'16	3	7	2
#15 Micau	2'20	3	7	3
#10 Yombi	0'47	3	8	3

TEAM	Player	CARDS		
		Card*	Period	Time left
Cameroon				
Cape Verde Islands				

* Y: yellow; R: red

Cameroon player BATOUM

The first game in any tournament is always the most important one, so obviously I'm very happy we've won. We're here to represent our country and are delighted that there were so many fellow countrymen in the stands. It motivates us to do even better in the next game, which will probably be more complicated than the one against Cape Verde Islands

Match 2 – Group A – Tuesday, March 25

FINAL SCORE: Egypt 8 vs. 3 Mozambique

Egypt battled hard to conquer their first 3 points of the tournament against a very competitive Mozambique side. Final score 8-3.

Egypt			Mozambique		
#	PLAYER	Starters	#	PLAYER	Starters
1	M.Fawzy	x	1	Barca	X
3	Hamborya		2	Ernesto	
6	M.Ibrahim		3	Rafique	X
7	Abouserie	X	4	Sataca	X
9	Mido		5	Ilidio	
10	Hany	X	6	Angelo	X
11	Aly	X	7	Danito	
15	Khaled		9	Samora	
16	M.Azab	X	10	Bila	X
20	El-Oib		12	Raimundo	
Head coach: Badr El Dim Kahilil			Head coach: Pascoal Loforte		

Referees:

- 1st Sylvain Palhies (FRA)
- 2nd Ales Brejnik (CZE)
- 3rd Jelili Ogunmuyiwa (NGA)
- 4th Fabio Polito (ITA)

SCORE CHART:

Goal scorer	Time left	Period	EGY	MOZ
#10 Bila	10'01	1	0	1
#3 Hamborya	4'26	1	1	1
#7 Abouserie	2'46	1	2	1
#7 Abouserie	11'40	2	3	1
#10 Hany	6'30	2	4	1
#3 Hamborya	0'08	2	5	1
#5 Ilidio	10'02	3	5	2
#6 Angelo	7'50	3	5	3
#9 Mido	5'18	3	6	3
#20 El-Oib	2'45	3	7	3
#20 El-Oib	0'46	3	8	3

TEAM	Player	CARDS		
		Card*	Period	Time left
Egypt	#6 M.Ibrahim	Y	2	2'09
Mozambique	#9 Samora	Y	2	7'34
	#4 Sataca	Y	3	9'34

* Y: yellow; R: red

Egypt coach Badr El-Dim Khalil

We came to Durban with a new tactic and it worked out exactly as I had in mind. We showed a lot of confidence and played some very good Beach Soccer, although we don't want to jump to conclusions too fast. Tomorrow's game against Senegal will be a whole different story.

Match 3 – Group B – Tuesday, March 25

FINAL SCORE: Nigeria 4 vs. 5 Côte d'Ivoire

The most exciting game of the tournament so far, a true battle between two Beach Soccer Nations who came to Durban with just one goal in mind, qualify for the World Cup in Marseilles this July. The big star of the game was the MVP of the two last editions, Frederick Aka. He demonstrated all his skills, scored three goals and led his team to victory. Final score: 4-5

Nigeria			Côte d'Ivoire		
#	PLAYER	Starters	#	PLAYER	Starters
1	Isa	x	1	Enam	x
2	Osahon		2	Soro	x
3	Jimoh		3	Traore	x
4	Okemmiri	x	4	Konate	
6	Suleman		5	Kabletchi	
7	Olawale	x	6	Ditch	
8	Idoko	x	8	Bobou	x
9	Ibenegbu	x	9	Wawa	
11	Idowu		10	Aka	x
12	Gaddi		12	Bamba	
Head coach: Kelechi Emeteole			Head coach: Emmanuel Aka		

Referees:

- 1st Istvan Meszaros (HUN)
- 2nd Mohamed Morsi (EGY)
- 3rd Sameh El Shorbage (EGY)
- 4th Sylvain Palhies (FRA)

SCORE CHART:

Goal scorer	Time left	Period	NGA	CIV
#6 Suleman	5'19	1	1	0
#7 Olawale	1'51	1	2	0
#10 Aka	10'47	2	2	1
#10 Aka	8'43	2	2	2
#9 Ibenegbu	5'57	2	3	2
#8 Bobou	3'07	2	3	3
#8 Idoko	0'54	2	4	3
#10 Aka	3'26	3	4	4
#8 Bobou	2'18	3	4	5

TEAM	Player	CARDS		
		Card*	Period	Time left
Nigeria	#1 Isa	R	3	3'28
Côte d'Ivoire	#10 Aka	Y	3	10'43

* Y: yellow; R: red

Côte d'Ivoire coach Emmanuel Aka

I'm so happy with this result. We knew this first game was going to be tough. My boys had to battle to the end to beat a very strong Nigeria side. Two years ago we finished fourth, last year third, and after this victory, I think that Côte d'Ivoire has a good opportunity to qualify for the World Cup.



Match 4 – Group A – Tuesday, March 25

FINAL SCORE: South Africa 4 vs. 8 Senegal

Senegal was just too strong for a young South African team in the last game of day one at the FIFA Beach Soccer World Cup 2008 Qualifier Durban. The Beach Bafana Boys showed a lot of courage but still have a long way to go if they want to qualify for the World Cup for the first time in its history. Final score 4-8.

South Africa			Senegal		
#	PLAYER	Starters	#	PLAYER	Starters
1	Mbatha	x	1	Ndiaye	x
2	Kinsey	x	3	Koukpaki	x
3	Shange	x	4	Ba	
4	P.Gumede		6	Konate	
5	Dlamini	x	7	Dioum	
7	Phakatki		8	MB Mbengue	
8	Ntetha		9	Sylla	x
9	Lekena	x	10	Dieng	x
11	Gumede		11	MG Mbengue	x
12	Mbambo		12	Ndoye	
Head coach: Lindan Shezi			Head coach: Amadou Diop		

Referees:

- 1st Fabio Polito (ITA)
- 2nd Jelili Ogunmuyiwa (NGA)
- 3rd Sylvain Palhies (FRA)
- 4th Istvan Meszaros (HUN)

Goal scorer	Time left	Period	RSA	SEN
#9 Lekena	7'33	1	1	0
#7 Phakathi	5'24	1	2	0
#3 Koukpaki	3'45	1	2	1
#7 Dioum	2'21	1	2	2
#3 Shange(own goal)	2'08	1	2	3
#11 MG Mbengue	11'06	2	2	4
#11 MG Mbengue	8'24	2	2	5
#7 Phakathi	5'53	2	3	5
#8 MB Mbengue	5'46	2	3	6
#3 Koukpaki	3'32	2	3	7
#6 Konate	2'34	2	3	8
#7 Phakathi	3'52	3	4	8

TEAM	Player	CARDS		
		Card*	Period	Time left
South Africa				
Senegal	#6 Konate	Y	1	3'20
	#9 Sylla	Y	3	0'10

* Y: yellow; R: red

Senegal coach Amadou Diop

After last year's performance here in Durban and on the FIFA Beach Soccer World Cup 2007 in Rio de Janeiro, we can't be happy with less then qualification. I'm very proud of my boys and happy with the spirit they've shown on the pitch.

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