



FIFA Beach Soccer World Cup 2008 Qualifier DUBAI Dubai, United Arab Emirates – 6-10 May

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Day 2 Recap

Results and match schedule (GMT +3)

May 6 (Tuesday) - Matches

20:00 Philippines 2 x 8 Japan Followed by Uzbekistan 2 x 6 UAE

May 7 (Wednesday) – Matches

20:00 Iran 5 x 2 Philippines Followed by China 4 x 3 Uzbekistan

May 8 (Thursday) - Matches

20:00 Japan x Iran Followed by UAE x China

May 9 (Friday) - Semi final Matches*

20:00 - Match 7 (Semi-final 1): 1st Group B X. 2nd Group A Followed by - Match 8 (Semi-final 2): 1st Group A X 2nd Group B

May 10 (Saturday) - Play-off for 3rd place and Final*

20:00 - Match 9 (3rd / 4th) Loser M7 X Loser M8 Followed by - Match 10 Final Winner M7 X Winner M8 Followed by - Awards Ceremony

*Times and order of the games can altered according to the TV requirements.





Standings:

Group A	Team	Points	Goals sc.	Goals rec.	Goal diff	Red Cards	Yellow Cards
1	UAE	3	6	2	+4	0	0
2	China	3	4	3	+1	0	1
3	Uzbekistan	0	5	10	-5	0	1

Group B	Team	Points	Goals sc.	Goals rec.	Goal diff	Red Cards	Yellow Cards
1	Japan	3	8	2	+6	0	0
2	Iran	3	5	2	+3	0	0
3	Philippines	0	4	13	-9	0	1

^{*} clinched semifinal berth

Match 3 - Group B- Wednesday, May 7

FINAL SCORE: Iran 5 x 2 Philippines

Iran had their hands full with Ahmede Athab's boys, who were very eager to show the crowd that Beach Soccer is growing in their country. The Philippines can say that their debut at a Beach Soccer World Cup Qualifier has been a success. The newcomers showed courage and were clearly enjoying their first ever experience at the highest Beach Soccer level. Iran took an early lead which they never gave away and demonstrated they're ready for game against powerhouse Japan.

	Iran		Philippines			
#	PLAYER	Starters	#	PLAYER	Starters	
1	H.Ghorbanpour	Χ	1	Troyo	Χ	
2	H. R. Zarei		2	Gener	Χ	
3	H. Abdollahi	Χ	3	Dela Cruz	Χ	
5	A. Naderi	Х	4	Lobaton	Χ	
6	Z. Imani		5	Brillantes		
7	A.khosravi		6	Margarse	Χ	
8	F. Boulokbashi		7	Pabilona		
9	M. Mesigar	Χ	8	Betita		
11	M. Ahmadzadeh	Χ	9	Fernandez		
12	M. Marfavi		10	Alvarez		
1	Head coach: Farssad Falhtzadeh			Head coach: Ahmede Athab		

Referees:

1st Walled Ali Yousef Al Ali (UAE) 2nd Zhiwei Geng (CHN) 3rd Faisal Ahmed Sallam (UAE) 4th Sanya Kantaviti (THA)





SCORE CHART:

Goal Scorer	Time left	Period	IRN	PHI
#11 M. Ahmadzadeh	10′31	1	1	0
#9 M. Mesigar	6'46	2	2	0
#6 Margarse	8'48	3	2	1
#8 F. Boulakbashi	8′23	3	3	1
#11 M. Ahmadzadeh	7′54	3	4	1
#11 M. Ahmadzadeh	0′48	3	5	1
#10 Alvarez	0′31	3	5	2

		CARDS		
TEAM	Player	Card*	Period	Time left
Iran				
Philippines	#5 Brillantes	Υ	3	4′58

* Y: yellow; R: red

Quote Falthzadeh (Iran Coach)

This was our first game of the season, so I can't be unhappy with this result, but at the same time I realise that tomorrow's game against Japan will be a whole different story. Qualification is the very least of my side's desires and I think my players showed the right spirit to do so.

Match 4 - Group A - Wednesday, May 7

FINAL SCORE: China 4 x 3 Uzbekistan

China is still in the running for Marseille as they beat the former Sovjets 4-3 in the most nerve-wracking game of the Dubai showdown so far. Rodrigo Stockler's boys confirmed their bosses' confident outings from before the start of the competition. They surprised the crowd with fast and physical Beach Soccer, a style very similar to the Uzbekistan way of playing. Unfortunately for this year's second newcomer, the Dubai story ends here, and will have to wait until next year to get an inch closer to continental glory.

China			Uzbekistan			
#	PLAYER	Starters	#	PLAYER	Starters	
1	ZH H Zhou	Χ	1	Khasanov	Х	
2	H Qui		2	Ochilov		
4	X G Han	Χ	3	Sharapov		





6	J Gao		4	Anorov	Χ
7	Y Zhuang		6	Kurbannazarov	
8	M Ren		7	Yusupov	Х
9	K SH Wu	Х	8	Mirakhmedov	Х
10	L Yu	Χ	11	Sharipov	Χ
11	W Lu	Χ	12	Azamatov	
12	M Qi		14	Konyarov	
Head coach: Rodrigo Stockler De Freitas			Не	ad coach: Oleg Ka	aharov

Referees:

1st Carlos Frazao (POR) 2nd Farshid Haghighatjoo (IRN) 3rd Tasuku Onodera (JPN) 4th Masahiro Sakurada (JPN)

SCORE CHART:

Goal Scorer	Time left	Period	CHN	UZB
#8 Mirakhmedov	10′23	1	0	1
#9 K SH Wu	9'45	1	1	1
#9 K SH Wu	2′00	1	2	1
#6 J Gao	7′12	2	3	1
#11 Sharipov	1′33	2	3	2
#4 X G Han	1′32	2	4	2
#2 Ochilov	0′36	2	4	3

		CARDS		
TEAM	Player	Card*	Period	Time left
China	#9 K SH Wu	Υ	3	7′34
Uzbekistan	#2 Ochilov	Υ	1	3′51

* Y: yellow; R: red

Quote Rodrigo Stockler(China Coach)

We knew it was very important to win against Uzbekistan if we still want to make a shot for World Cup qualification. We take three points into the second matchday, which is exactly as much as the hosts and defending champions U.A.E, who will be our opponents tomorrow. Marcelo Mendes' team is strong and has a lot of experience at the highest Beach Soccer level, but I know my country fellowman very well as I used to have him as coach myself. We won't be handing out any gifts.





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