



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

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Final Recap

Final Standings:

Champion: United Arab Emirates* (UAE)
Runner-up: Japan* (JPN)
3rd place: Iran* (IRN)
4th place: China (CHN)

**clinched FIFA Beach Soccer World Cup 2008 berth*

Individual awards:

Best player: Rami. A (UAE)
Best Goalkeeper: Terukina (JPN)
Top Goal Scorer: Yamauchi (JPN)

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 (1)1 x 1(0) Iran
Followed by UAE 5 x 0 China

May 9 (Friday) – Semi final Matches*

20:00 - Match 7 (Semi-final 1): Japan 7 x 1 China
Followed by - Match 8 (Semi-final 2): U.A.E 3 x 1 Iran



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

20:00 - Match 9 (3rd / 4th) China 1 x 4 Iran
 Followed by - Match 10 Final Japan 3 x 4 U.A.E
 Followed by - Awards Ceremony

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

Final Group Standings:

<u>Group A</u>	Team	Points	Goals sc.	Goals rec.	Goal diff	Red Cards	Yellow Cards
1	UAE*	6	11	2	+9	0	0
2	China*	3	4	8	-4	0	1
3	Uzbekistan	0	5	10	-5	0	1

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

* clinched semifinal berth

Match 9 – 3rd & 4th Play-off - Saturday, May 10

FINAL SCORE: China 1 x 4 Iran

After losing against the two finalists, Iran still managed to qualify for the Marseille Showpiece by defeating China in the play-off for third position. Iran was too strong for a China side that still has a long way to go before they reach the level of the three victors. Everything's decided now. The three strongest Asian teams are known and will travel to the French Riviera in July to compete with the 13 other powerhouses to reach the ultimate dream, conquer the FIFA Beach Soccer World Cup 2008.

China			Iran		
#	PLAYER	Starters	#	PLAYER	Starters
1	ZH H Zhou	X	1	H. Ghorbanpour	X
2	H Qiu		2	H. R. Zarei	
4	X G Han	X	3	H. Abdollahi	X
5	H Guo		5	A. Nadiri	X
7	Y Zhuang		6	Z. Imani	X
8	M Ren		7	A. Khosiavi	X
9	K SH Wu	X	8	F. Boulokbashi	
10	L Yu	X	9	M. Isigar	
11	W Lu	X	10	A. Hashimpour	
12	M Qi		12	M. Arfavi	



Head coach: Rodrigo Stockler	Head coach: Farssad Falahtzadeh
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Referees:

- 1st Carlos Frazao (POR)
- 2nd Walled Ali Yousef Al Ali (UAE)
- 3rd Tasuku Onodera (JPN)
- 4th masahiro sakurada (JPN)

SCORE CHART:

Goal Scorer	Time left	Period	CHN	IRN
#4 X G Han	10'42	1	1	0
#8 F. Boulokbashi	5'26	1	1	1
#9 M. Isigar	3'20	1	1	2
#7 A. Khosiavi	0'21	1	1	3
#8 F. Boulokbashi	8'34	3	1	4

TEAM	Player	CARDS		
		Card*	Period	Time left
China	#9 K SH Wu	Y	3	5'05
	#10 L Yu	Y	3	2'09
Iran	#5 A. Nadiri	Y	3	4'55
	#5 A. Nadiri	Y+R	3	1'41
	#1 H. Ghorbanpour	Y	3	1'21

* Y: yellow; R: red

Quote (Iran coach)

I'm very happy for my players. They worked so hard to get to this point, so it was amazing to see their smiles and cries after the final whistle. After losing against the UAE and Japan and being one goal down after nearly one minute, they still found the strength to go through. I'm very proud of the spirit they've shown on and off the pitch over the last couple of days.

Match 10 –Final - Saturday, May 10

FINAL SCORE: Japan 3 x 4 United Arab Emirates

The two best performing teams of the Dubai Qualifier gave the over present crowd a true Beach Soccer battle. Both teams we're already qualified for the World Cup Finals but wouldn't



settle with less than the title of Continental Champions. Hosts and defending champions UAE managed to get a 2-0 lead in the first period, but Japan never gave up and came back strong by two goals of an again excellent performing Yamauchi. The Japanese striker has easily been the most decisive player for his team at the Asian Qualifying Competition and saw his efforts rewarded with the trophy for top goal scorer of the tournament. Another light point in this Dubai Showdown, Rami Aldefaia, soon made it 2-3, but again it was Yamauchi who put Japan back in the running for the title with his 12th goal. Last year's MVP Bakhit decided the game and lead his team to victory for the second time in a row at the FIFA Beach Soccer World Cup Qualifier Dubai.

Japan			UAE		
#	PLAYER	Starters	#	PLAYER	Starters
1	Terukina	X	1	Abbas. M	
2	Takiguchi		2	Qambar. M	X
4	Makino	X	4	Haidar. A	
5	Tabata	X	5	Ali Kozad	
6	Uehara		7	A. Suleiman	
7	Oda		8	Rami. A	X
9	Yamauchi	X	9	Ali Karim	X
10	Yoshii	X	10	Bakhit. S	X
12	Ginoza		20	Ibrahim	
14	Nagayama		22	Molhamed A.	X
Head coach: Takeshi Kawaharazuka			Head coach: Marcelo Mendes		

Referees:

- 1st Zhiwei Geng (CHN)
- 2nd Farshid Haghighatjoo (IRN)
- 3rd Carlos Frazao (POR)
- 4th Sanya Kantaviti (THA)

SCORE CHART:

Goal Scorer	Time left	Period	JPN	IRN
#10 Bakhit. S	6'24	1	0	1
#4 Haidar. A	1'42	1	0	2
#9 Yamauchi	7'41	2	1	2
#9 Yamauchi	3'45	2	2	2
#8 Rami. A	10'51	3	2	3
#9 Yamauchi	10'45	3	3	3
#10 Bakhit. S	7'00	3	3	4

TEAM	Player	CARDS		
		Card*	Period	Time left
JPN	#4 Makino	Y	3'10	2



IRN	#8 Rami. A	Y	3'10	2

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Quote Marcelo Mendes (UAE coach)

Obviously I'm delighted with our second consecutive title. We played well throughout the entire qualifier, but there are still some points that need improvement. We knew before the final that Yamauchi was Japan dangerous player, but still he managed to score three goals. These are things that can't happen at the World Cup stage. We have the quality to perform well in Marseille, players like Bakhit or Rami can change the outcome of a game with personal efforts, and if our defence stays on their feet, we could even become the surprise of this year's World Cup.

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