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Day 4 Recap

Results and match schedule (GMT+1)

May 11 (Sunday) – Matches

9:00am Hungary 3 x 1 Austria
Ukraine 6 x 2 Andorra
Followed by England (3)2 x 2(2) Estonia ap*
Norway 4 x 3Greece
Followed by Czech Rep 5 x 4 Netherlands
Germany 8 x 3 Romania
Followed by Slovakia 1 x 4 Poland
Followed by Lithuania 3 x 14 Switzerland
Followed by Azerbaijan 2 x 4 Italy
Followed by Latvia 1 x 4 Russia
Followed by Georgia 3 x 15 Portugal
Followed by Belarus 0 x 5 Spain

May 12 (Monday) – Matches

9:00am Germany 3 x 1 Belarus
Czech Rep 7 x 5 Latvia
Followed by Norway 2 x 3 Azerbaijan
England 4 x 1 Georgia
Followed by Ukraine 7 x 4 Slovakia
Hungary 6 x 2 Lithuania
Followed by Poland 4 x 2 Andorra
Followed by Switzerland 4 x 3 Austria
Followed by Italy (2)1 x 1(1) Greece ap*
Followed by Russia (0)4 x 4(1) Netherlands ap*
Followed by Portugal 5 x 2 Estonia
Followed by Spain 8 x 2 Romania

May 13 (Tuesday) – Matches

9:00am Andorra 5 x 7 Slovakia
Netherlands 2 x 4 Latvia
Followed by Estonia 7 x 0 Georgia
Greece 5 x 1 Azerbaijan
Followed by Romania 2 x 6 Belarus
Austria 2 x 4 Lithuania
Followed by Poland 3 x 4 Ukraine
Followed by Switzerland 5 x 1 Hungary
Followed by Italy 5 x 2 Norway



Followed by Russia 6 x 2 Czech Rep
 Followed by Portugal 6 x 1 England
 Followed by Spain 6 x 1 Germany

May 14 (Wednesday) – Rest Day

May 15 (Thursday) – 1/8 finals

10:15am M37 Czech Republic 4 x 1 Hungary
 11:30 M38 Italy 4 x 3 Belarus
 12:45 M39 Portugal 8 x 1 Latvia
 14:00 M40 Germany 3 x 4 Greece
 15:15 M41 Russia 6 x 0 Estonia
 16:30 M42 Ukraine 6 x 0 England
 17:45 M43 Poland 3 x 4 Switzerland
 19:00 M44 Spain 6 x 3 Norway

May 16 (Friday) – Quarter finals

15:15 M45 Greece x Portugal
 16:30 M46 Ukraine x Italy
 17:45 M47 Russia x Switzerland
 19:00 M48 Czech Republic x Spain

May 17 (Saturday) – Semi finals

17:45 M49 Winner M45 x Winner M46
 Followed by M50 Winner M47 x Winner M48

May 18 (Sunday) – 3rd & 4th play-off/Final

17:45 M51 Loser M49 x Loser M50
 Followed by M52 Winner M49 x Winner M50

*ap: After penalties

Final group standings

<u>Group A</u>	Team	Points	Goals sc.	Goals rec.	Goal diff	Red Cards	Yellow Cards
1	Spain*	9	19	3	+16	0	1
2	Germany*	6	12	10	+2	0	3
3	Belarus*	3	7	10	-3	0	1
4	Romania	0	7	22	-15	1	2

<u>Group B</u>	Team	Points	Goals sc.	Goals rec.	Goal diff	Red Cards	Yellow Cards
1	Russia*	6	14	7	+7	0	3
2	Czech Republic*	5	13	12	+1	0	3
3	Latvia*	3	10	13	-3	0	4
4	Netherlands	2	8	9	-1	1	4

<u>Group C</u>	Team	Points	Goals sc.	Goals rec.	Goal diff	Red Cards	Yellow Cards
1	Italy*	8	10	5	+5	0	4
2	Greece*	3	9	6	+3	2	8
3	Norway*	3	8	11	-5	0	0
4	Azerbaijan	3	6	11	-5	0	2

<u>Group D</u>	Team	Points	Goals sc.	Goals rec.	Goal diff	Red Cards	Yellow Cards
1	Portugal*	9	26	6	+20	0	2
2	England*	5	7	9	-2	1	3
3	Estonia*	3	11	9	+2	0	1
4	Georgia	0	4	26	-22	2	6

<u>Group E</u>	Team	Points	Goals sc.	Goals rec.	Goal diff	Red Cards	Yellow Cards
1	Ukraine*	9	17	9	+8	1	5
2	Poland*	6	11	7	+4	0	1
3	Slovakia	3	12	16	-4	0	3
4	Andorra	0	9	17	-6	0	6

<u>Group F</u>	Team	Points	Goals sc.	Goals rec.	Goal diff	Red Cards	Yellow Cards
1	Switzerland*	9	23	7	+16	0	3
2	Hungary*	6	10	8	+2	0	1
3	Lithuania	3	9	22	-13	0	1
4	Austria	0	6	11	-5	0	0

*clinched 1/8 final berth

The 24 teams in the European Zone Qualifier to be played from May 11 to 18 were drawn into 6 groups of 4 teams from which sixteen teams will go to the next round and so on towards the semi finals, where we will officially know the 4 teams that qualify for the FIFA Beach Soccer World Cup 2008 Marseille.



Match reports

Match 37 – 1/8 final 1 – Thursday, May 15

FINAL SCORE: Czech Republic 4 x 1 Hungary

Day 4 of the Benidorm showdown that started off with an historical number of 24 Nations striding for continental glory. Eight teams have packed their bags and sixteen are still in the running to snatch one out four berths for the FIFA Beach Soccer World Cup 2008 that will be played in Marseille, France from July 17-27.

In the first game of this 1/8 final day the Czech Republic took on Hungary in very closed game where nothing much really happened until late into the Second period. The Czechs took the lead by an outstanding performing Mikan, the only light point in this first 1/8 final of the day. Moments later the East-Europeans got the chance to extend their lead when they were rewarded a penalty but Hungary goalkeeper Kovacs denied Mikan his second goal. Hungary tried, but was not able to break through a solid Czech defence. Bouska and Veleman countered the Hungarians attempt to pull the game back to parity, 3-0 and 5 minutes left on the scoreboard. The Magical Magyars got themselves a late consolation goal by the team's top scorer Weisz which gave them a last sparkle of hope, but Mikan eventually made it 4-1 and puts his team in the quarter finals and one inch closer to qualifying for the global showpiece.

Czech Republic			Hungary		
#	PLAYER	Starters	#	PLAYER	Starters
1	Kyceck	X	1	Kovacs	X
2	Kovarik	X	4	Czinkon	X
3	Chalupa		6	Badalik	
4	Cibula	X	7	Ivitz	
5	Veleman		8	Weisz	X
7	Dlouhy		9	Besenyei	X
10	Bezicka		10	Simony	
12	Serak		11	Kis	X
13	Mikan	X	12	Szucs	
17	Bouska	X	14	Ughy	
Head coach: Josef Nemec			Head coach: Bodi Attila		

Referees:

1st Fassler (SUI)
 2nd Walder (SUI)
 3rd Slyva (LTU)
 4th Cvilinski (LTU)

SCORE CHART:

Goal Scorer	Time left	Period	CZE	HUN
#13 Mikan	0'32	2	1	0
#17 Milan Bouska	9'33	3	2	0



#5 Pavel Veleman	7'26	3	3	0
#8 Weisz	6'50	3	3	1
#13 Mikan	5'07	3	4	1

TEAM	Player	CARDS		
		Card*	Period	Time left
Czech Republic	#17 Bouska	Y	2	0'30
Hungary	#8 Weisz	Y	3	10'50

* Y: yellow; R: red

Quote Martin Cibula (captain Czech Republic)

We played well, and controlled the game throughout all three periods. We didn't really played with a lot of brio, and started off a little slow, but eventually our patience paid of. Today's game proves that we, as much as the world class teams in this qualifier, are able to qualify for Marseille.

Match 38 – 1/8 final 2 – Thursday, May 15

FINAL SCORE: Italy x Belarus

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Italy struggled their way into the quarterfinals by defeating a Belarus side that purely based on performance has been the biggest surprise of the tournament so far. They obliged the Italians to play their best Beach Soccer at the Benidorm showdown to notch their spot amongst the last eight, where they will meet the winner of Ukraine x England. The Italians took the lead up to three times, but the former Soviets managed to pull the game level at every occasion until Palmacci scored the winning goal early in the third period, that qualifies the Italians for the next round and keeps them in the running for Marseille.

Italy			Belarus		
#	PLAYER	Starters	#	PLAYER	Starters
1	SPADA	X	1	PATAPAU	X
2	LEGHISSA	X	2	DANILENKA	X
4	TOSSISI		5	KRUPITSA	X
5	FEUDI	X	6	ILYIN	
6	PAVONE		7	BOGAICHUK	X
7	PASQUALI	X	8	MAIORAU	



8	COROSONITI		10	DZEMENKAVETS	X
9	ESPOSITO	X	11	ZHECHKO	
11	PALMACCI		13	HAIIDUK	
12	ZANINI		16	MIHUNOV	
Head coach: Giancarlo Magrini			Head coach: Siarhei Tresko		

Referees:

- 1st Borisevics
- 2nd López
- 3rd Stolker
- 4th Herbaly

SCORE CHART:

Goal Scorer	Time left	Period	ITA	BLR
5-feudi	11:55	2	1	0
7-bogaichuk	10:50	2	1	1
9-esposito	10:46	2	2	1
10-haiduk	06:54	2	2	2
2-leguissa	03:31	2	3	2
7-bogaichuk	01:13	2	3	3
11-palmacci	08:52	3	4	3

TEAM	Player	CARDS		
		Card*	Period	Time left
Italy	12-zanini	Y	2	4:22
Belarus	2-danilenka	Y	2	7:32
	5-krupista	Y	2	3:37
	7-bogaichuk	Y	3	10:26

* Y: yellow; R: red

Quote player/Esposito from Italy

"It was a very difficult game, we had to work hard to beat them. We're very excited to play the ¼ finals tomorrow. Only one game left to win and we're on our way to the World Cup".

Match 39 – 1/8 final 3 – Thursday, May 15

FINAL SCORE: Portugal 8 x 1 Latvia



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It has never been a secret that Portuguese Madjer is one of the most talented players worldwide when it comes to playing a game of Beach Soccer, but The Lusitanian team have the luxury to consist out of World class players like Alan or Belchior to back up an off-day of the Portuguese superstar. The Selecção das Quinas destroyed surprising 1/8 finalists Latvia 8-1 led by Alan who scored 4 goals and move on to the quarter finals of the Benidorm showpiece.

Portugal			Latvia		
#	PLAYER	Starters	#	PLAYER	Starters
1	Rodrigues	X	1	Bond	X
3	Hernáni	X	2	Girts	X
5	Sousa	X	5	Valdis	X
6	Alan	X	8	Kazaks	X
7	Madjer	X	9	Koljan	
10	Belchior		10	Davids	X
12	Paulo Graça		11	Andrej	
13	Tiago		12	Rudziss	
15	Zé Maria		13	Matvej	
18	Bilro		16	Andza	
Head coach: Jose Miguel Mateus			Head coach: Valts Bumanis		

Referees:

- 1st Grzelinski (POL)
- 2nd Ivanov (UKR)
- 3rd Fassler (SUI)
- 4th Walder (SUI)

SCORE CHART:

Goal Scorer	Time left	Period	POR	LVA
#10 Belchior	1'47	1	1	0
#10 Davids	1'15	1	2	0
#6 Alan	3'24	2	3	0
#6 Alan	3'14	2	4	0
#10 Belchior	9'11	3	5	0
#6 Alan	3'07	3	6	0
#5 Valdis	2'58	3	6	1
#6 Alan	0'50	3	7	1
#13 Tiago	0'26	3	8	1

TEAM	CARDS			
	Player	Card*	Period	Time left
Portugal	#15 Ze Maria	Y	3	3'00



Latvia	#5 Valdis	Y	2	3'16
	#13 Matvej	Y	3	5'02

* Y: yellow; R: red

Quote Jose Miguel Mateus (coach Portugal)

What my players showed on the pitch today was pretty impressive. We created a lot of chances and didn't allow our opponents any space. I think it's normal that my team wins games like this one. We owe it to ourselves if we want to qualify for the World Cup and their make a chance to beat Beach Soccer giants like France or Brasil.

Match 40 – 1/8 final 4 – Thursday, May 15

FINAL SCORE: Germany 3 x Greece 4 (ET)

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Greece will be Portugal's rival in the quarterfinals as they beat Germany 3-4 after extra-time. The Germans was very close to gaining a spot amongst the last 8, but can only blame themselves for giving away the comfortable 3-1 lead they had after the first period. Paris, Komiotis and Triantafillidis all got one goal and led 'the pirate ship' to a victory that puts their team one step closer to the global showpiece.

Germany			Greece		
#	PLAYER	Starters	#	PLAYER	Starters
1	PROSTKA	X	1	PERTSAS	X
5	JULES		3	CHARALAMPIDIS	X
6	EDDIE	X	4	ZACHOS	
7	DOS SANTOS	X	10	KAVALARIS	X
8	DANNILO	X	14	PARIS	X
10	MARI	X	15	TRIANAFILIDIS	X
11	OLLI		17	KOMIOTIS	
13	RENE		21	VLACHOS	
18	AZMAZ		22	KOSTOPOULOS	
Head coach: Eddie Lowen			Head coach: Nikos Gialessakis		

Referees:



- 1st Herbaly
- 2nd Slyva
- 3rd Cviklinskis
- 4th López

SCORE CHART:

Goal Scorer	Time left	Period	GER	GRE
8-DANNILO	10:14	1	1	0
6-EDDIE	9:30	1	2	0
4-ZACHOS	10:42	2	2	1
6-MARI	10:30	2	3	1
14-PARIS	08:42	2	3	2
17-KOMIOTIS	07:15	2	3	3
EXTRA TIME				
15-TRIANAFILIDIS	0:43		4	3

TEAM	Player	CARDS		
		Card*	Period	Time left
Germany	11-OLLI	Y	1	09:30
Greece	17-KOMIOTIS	Y	3	04:30

* Y: yellow; R: red

Quote triantafilidis (Greece player)

It's amazing how we found the strength to come back and win the game. It's an amazing feeling to score such an important goal.

Now we'll have to try to surprise the Portuguese by playing our best Best Beach Soccer, being organized in the back, and finish off our chances.

Match 41 – 1/8 final 5 – Thursday, May 15

FINAL SCORE: Russia 6 x 0 Estonia

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Russia initiated the Benidorm Qualifier as one of the favorites for continental glory, but were never convincing until their last group game on Tuesday, where they taught the Czech Republic a firm lesson in efficiency.

Estonia was Russia's next victim on their road to the global showpiece, they beat the former Soviets 6-0 and will face the winner of Switzerland x Poland in the quarter finals of the FIFA Beach Soccer World Cup 2008 Qualifier Benidorm.

Russia			Estonia		
#	PLAYER	Starters	#	PLAYER	Starters
1	Bukhlitskiy	X	1	Tammeväli	X
2	Gorchinskiyy		5	Arst	
3	Bolabonov		6	Rand	
4	Makarov	X	7	Kasemets	
6	Shushin		8	Haavistu	X
7	Shkarin	X	9	Priidel	
8	Leonov	X	10	Siska	X
9	Shaykov	X	11	Markson	X
10	Shakhmelyan		19	Tammo	X
12	Gorodnov		22	Kiolein	
Head coach: Nikolay Pisarev			Head coach: Aurelio Getulio Fredo		

Referees:

- 1st Stolker (NED)
- 2nd Ivanov (UKR)
- 3rd Borisevics (LVA)
- 4th Cviklinskis (LTU)

SCORE CHART:

Goal Scorer	Time left	Period	RUS	EST
#8 Leonov	5'52	1	1	0
#9 Shaykov	9'07	2	2	0
#9 Shaykov	3'54	2	3	0
#2 Gorchinskiyy	3'25	2	4	0
#6 Shushin	2'14	2	5	0
#10 Shakhmelyan	9'18	3	6	0

TEAM	Player	CARDS		
		Card*	Period	Time left
Russia				
Estonia				



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* Y: yellow; R: red

Quote Nikolay Pisarev(coach Russia)

We really kept our shape and managed to keep their most dangerous players under control, which was vital to what is a great result for us. We made the most of our free kicks and that was very important. Today was our first final and we came through in the end.

Match 42 – 1/8 final 6 – Thursday, May 15

FINAL SCORE: Ukraine 6 x 0 England

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It turned out to be a red-letter day for Ukraine as they beat England 6-0 in their 1/8 final game of the Benidorm showpiece and storm into the next round where they will face the Azzurri to clinch a berth at the FIFA Beach Soccer World Cup 2008 in Marseille. Varenysya and Mozgovyy bith scored two goals and were the light points of a very strong playing Ukraine side.

Ukraine			England		
#	PLAYER	Starters	#	PLAYER	Starters
1	SYDORENKO	X	1	GRAINGER	X
2	BAKUMENKO		2	RANN	X
4	BOZHENKO	X	3	MOREY	
5	PYLYPENKO		4	O'ROURKE	X
7	MOZGOVYY		5	BOWES	
8	NAZARENKO	X	6	MILLIGAN	
9	VARENYTSYA	X	7	GC	X
10	YEVDOKYMOV	X	9	T.KERR	X
12	GLADCHENKO		10	FUNNELL	
14	ZUBENKO		12	ICKE	
Head coach:			Head coach:		

Referees:
 1ST LOPEZ
 2ND WALDER
 3RD GRZELINSKI
 4TH FASSLER

SCORE CHART:

Goal Scorer	Time left	Period	UKR	ENG
14-ZUBENKO	08:03	1	1	0
9-VARENYTSYA	02:10	2	2	0



9- VARENYTSYA	9:20	3	3	0
5-PYLYPENKO	04:20	3	4	0
7-MOZGOVYY	03:53	3	5	0
7- MOZGOVYY	02:40	3	6	0

TEAM	Player	CARDS		
		Card*	Period	Time left
Ukraine	2-BAKUMENKO	y	2	01:45
England				

* Y: yellow; R: red

Quote Vitaliy Sydorenko(Ukraine goalkeeper)

Our team deserved this win more than anything. This tournament has been a great success up until now, we haven't lost a single game. We are stronger than we've ever been and we have to thank Ukrainian fans in the stands who supported us massively. We will need them tomorrow against the Italians as well. We'll do our very best to award them with a victory.

Match 43 – 1/8 final 7 – Thursday, May 15

FINAL SCORE: Switzerland 4 x 3 Poland

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Switzerland made it through the 1/8 finals after getting the better half of Poland and move on to the quarterfinals where they have the complicated task in bringing down the Russians to snatch a berth to the World Cup finals in Marseille. The 'white and red' did a good job in shutting down first class striker Stankovic, but the Swiss could count on an outstanding performing Leu, who scored the two goals, to qualify the 'oath comrades' for the next round.

Switzerland			Poland		
#	PLAYER	Starters	#	PLAYER	Starters
1	Nico	X	1	Guru	X
7	Spacca		2	Rola	
6	Davor		3	Boogi	X
8	Mo	X	4	Wydma	X
10	Meier	X	6	Fefsi	
12	Vale		7	Lisek	



13	Stankovic	X	9	Zukinho	X
19	Leu	X	10	Magi	
15	Pichierri		11	Sagan	X
21	Samuel		12	Zaleff	
Head coach: Angelo Schirinzi			Head coach: Mikee Sieczko		

Referees:

- 1st Slyva (LTU)
- 2nd Cviklinskis (LTU)
- 3rd Herbaly (HUN)
- 4th Ivanov (UKR)

SCORE CHART:

Goal Scorer	Time left	Period	SUI	POL
#9 Zukinho	7'31	1	0	1
#7 Spacca	5'56	1	1	1
#13 Stankovic	3'14	1	2	1
#3 Boogi	1'55	1	2	2
#4 Wydma	0'42	1	2	3
#19 Leu	9'01	2	3	3
#19 Leu	6'37	3	4	3

TEAM	CARDS			
	Player	Card*	Period	Time left
Switzerland	#11 Sagan	R	3	0'00
Poland				

* Y: yellow; R: red

Quote Angelo Schirinzi(Switzerland coach)

A win always gives you a better vibe when you have to work hard for it and I think today that was the case. Poland made it very hard on us but we eventually made the difference by keeping the pressure on their defence and two very nice goals of Leu.



Match 44 – 1/8 final 8 – Thursday, May 15

FINAL SCORE: Spain 6 x 3 Norway

Host Spain rushed into the quarter finals to the sounds of Manolo del Bombo and the thousands of fans who came out and support the 'red fury'. Amarelle, Nico and co overpowered Norway 6-3 and head on to the next round where the Czech Republic will be waiting.

Spain			Norway		
#	PLAYER	Starters	#	PLAYER	Starters
1	ROBERTO	X	1	KALLE	X
3	ANTONIO		2	VARDAL	
4	CRISTIAN T.		3	HANSEN	X
5	JUANMA	X	4	GEIRO	
6	NICO	X	5	STURE	X
8	JAVI ALVAREZ	X	7	FREDIKSEN	
9	JAVI T.		8	TOM	
10	AMARELLE	X	9	LARSEN	X
11	MIGUEL		10	PEDERSEN	X
13	DONA		11	HAUGLAND	
Head coach: Joaquín Alonso			Head coach: Henrik Holm		

Referees:

- 1ST BORISEVICS
- 2ND GRZELINSKI
- 3RD IVANOV
- 4TH STOLKER

SCORE CHART:

Goal Scorer	Time left	Period	ESP	NOR
10-AMARELLE	11:03	1	1	0
6-NICO	1:38	1	2	0
6-JUANMA	8:42	2	3	0
4-HANSEN	3:37	2	3	1
8-JAVI ALVAREZ	0:33	2	4	1
5-JUANMA	11:12	3	5	1
10-AMARELLE	8:15	3	6	1
9-TOM	4:49	3	6	2
11-PEDERSEN	0:41	3	6	3

TEAM	CARDS			
	Player	Card*	Period	Time left
Spain				



Norway				

* Y: yellow; R: red

Quote Amarelle(Spain striker)

It seems that we're getting better as the tournament goes on. More and more people are coming out to support us and I have to admit that helps us a lot. We're playing fast and efficient, we take distance from our opponents in the beginning of the games and that makes it hard for them to come back in the game. We just have to make sure we stay focused and don't get avoidable goals against us, like today.

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