



FIFA Beach Soccer World Cup 2008 Qualifier Benidorm Benidorm, Spain – May 11 - 18

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Day 7 Recap

Final Standings:

Champion: Spain*
 Runner-up: Portugal*
 3rd place: Russia*
 4th place: Italy*

*qualify for the FIFA Beach Soccer World Cup 2008 Marseille

Individual awards:

Best player: Ramiro Amarelle (ESP)
 Best goalkeeper: Roberto (ESP)
 Top goal scorer: Dejan Stankovic (SUI) – 16 goals
 Fair-play award: Madjer (POR)

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	Goals	Goal	Red	Yellow
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			sc.	rec.	diff	Cards	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.

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



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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 0 x 8 Portugal
16:30 M46 Ukraine 3 x 8 Italy
17:45 M47 Russia 3 x 2 Switzerland
19:00 M48 Czech Republic 1 x 7 Spain

May 17 (Saturday) – Semi finals

17:45 M49 Portugal 2 x 1 Russia
Followed by M50 Italy (3)3 x 3(4) Spain *ap

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

17:45 M51 Russia 4 x 2 Italy
Followed by M52 Portugal 3 x 4 Spain



*ap: After penalties

Match reports

Match 51 –3rd/4th play off – Friday, May 16

FINAL SCORE: Russia 4 x 2 Italy

Russia finishes third at the FIFA Beach Soccer World Cup Qualifier Benidorm by overcoming an shorthanded Italy side in the outset of the final matchday. Under the poring rain, who has again proven to be Beach Soccer's worst enemy, the Azurri never really had a chance against the powerful Russians who dominated from start until finish. Leonov opened the score early in the second period, but Pasquali did what he failed to do yesterday and put the 1-1 on the scoreboard. The Italians lacked concentration in defense and the Russians took the lead back with goals by Shaykov and Shushin. Palmacci managed to bring back some excitement in the game by scoring his fifth at the Benidorm showpiece for an Italy side that seemed more then satisfied with the World Cup berth they clinched in the quarter finals two days ago. Gorchinskiyy eventually completed the final score and so that Russia ends their qualifying campagne on a positive note.

Russia			Italy		
#	PLAYER	Starters	#	PLAYER	Starters
1	Bukhlitskiy	X	1	Spada	X
2	Gorchinskiyy		2	Leghissa	X
3	Bolabonov		5	Feudi	X
6	Shushin	X	7	Pasquali	X
7	Shkarin	X	10	Maradona	
8	Leonor	X	11	Palmacci	X
9	Shaykov	X	12	Zanini	
10	Shakhmelyan				
12	Gorodnov				
18	Khmara				
Head coach: Nikolay Pisarev			Head coach: Giancarlo Magrini		

Referees:
1st Lopez



2nd Ivanov
3rd Cvilinskis
4th Walder

SCORE CHART:

Goal Scorer	Time left	Period	RUS	ITA
#8 Leonov	8'44	2	1	0
#7 Pasquali	7'56	2	1	1
#9 Shaykov	3'10	2	2	1
#6 Shushin	2'14	2	3	1
#11 Palmacci	1'01	2	3	2
#2 Gorchinskiyy	11'48	3	4	2

TEAM	Player	CARDS		
		Card*	Period	Time left
Russia				
Italy	#7 Pasquali	Y	3	7'55

* Y: yellow; R: red

Match 52 – Final – Friday, May 16

FINAL SCORE: Portugal 3 x 4 Spain

The hosts crown themselves European champions after defeating powerhouse Portugal 3-4 in a game very similar to Spain's semi final spectacle yesterday. Amarelle and co spoiled the crowd with a comeback after being 2 goals down and conquer their second European trophy since FIFA took over the Beach Soccer World Championships in 2005.

Portugal			Spain		
#	PLAYER	Starters	#	PLAYER	Starters
1	Rodrigues	X	1	Roberto	X
3	Hernáni	X	3	Antonio	
5	Sousa	X	4	Christian T.	
6	Alan	X	5	Juanma	X
7	Madjer	X	6	Nico	X
10	Belchior		7	Dani Mart.	
12	Paulo Graça		8	Javi Alvarez	X



13	Tiago		9	Javi T.	
15	Ze Maria		10	Amarelle	X
18	Bilro		13	Dona	
Head coach: Jose Miguel Mateus			Head coach: Joaquin Alonso		

Referees:

- 1st Fassler (SUI)
- 2nd Slyva (LTU)
- 3rd Boriscevic (LVA)
- 4th Stolker (NED)

SCORE CHART:

Goal Scorer	Time left	Period	POR	ESP
#6 Alan	7'32	1	1	0
#10 Amarelle	5'54	1	1	1
#6 Alan	11'27	2	2	1
#7 Madjer	9'57	2	3	1
#6 Nico	8'46	2	3	2
#4 Christian T.	3'19	2	3	3
#8 Javi Alvarez	7'56	3	3	4

TEAM	CARDS			
	Player	Card*	Period	Time left
Portugal				
Spain	#6 Nico	Y	2	9'23
	#6 Nico	Y	2	7'38

* Y: yellow; R: red

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