

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

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Day 5 Recap

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.

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



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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 x Russia
Followed by M50 Italy x Spain

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

Match reports

Match 45 – Quarter final 1– Friday, May 16

FINAL SCORE: Greece 0 x 8 Portugal

Portugal is the first team to qualify for this year's global showpiece, and is making a good shot at the European title. Portugal made their intentions very clear from start until finish of this first quarter final of the day, the Greek defence had no answer to the Lusitanians fluent combinations mostly created by the outstanding performing usual suspects Alan and Madjer. Tomorrow Portugal will face Russia on their road to continental glory.

Greece			Portugal		
#	PLAYER	Starters	#	PLAYER	Starters
1	Pertsas	X	1	Rodrigues	X
3	Charalampidis	X	3	Hernáni	X
4	Zachos	X	5	Sousa	X
10	Kavalaris	X	6	Alan	X
14	Paris		7	Madjer	X
15	Triantafillidis	X	10	Belchior	
17	Komiotsis		12	Paulo Graça	
21	Vlachos		13	Tiago	
22	Kostopoulos		15	Zé Maria	
			18	Bilro	
Head coach: Nikos Gialessakis			Head coach: Jose Miguel Mateus		

Referees:

1st Lopez (ESP)
 2nd Borisevics (LVA)
 3rd Stolker (NED)
 4th Slyva (LTU)

SCORE CHART:

Goal Scorer	Time left	Period	GRE	POR
#3 Hernani	7'56	2	0	1
#3 Hernani	7'13	2	0	2
#7 Madjer	6'51	2	0	3
#10 Belchior	3'36	2	0	4
#13 Tiago	1'20	2	0	5
#7 Madjer	8'25	3	0	6
#6 Alan	5'42	3	0	7
#18 Bilro	0'02	3	0	8

TEAM	Player	CARDS		
		Card*	Period	Time left
Greece	#3 Charalampidis	Y	1	0'59



Portugal				

* Y: yellow; R: red

Quote Hernani (Portugal captain)

People want goals and lots of tricks but we have to focus on winning, which is what really matters. The first step was qualifying for the World Cup, and now that that is behind us we can concentrate on taking the title back home.

Match 46 – Quarter final 2 – Friday, May 16

FINAL SCORE: Ukraine 3 x 8 Italy

Ukraine and Italy gave the over present crowd what they came to the stadium for, a true Beach Soccer battle In which Italy edged past the former Soviets Ukraine with an impressive 3-8 to clinch their berth to the FIFA Beach Soccer World Cup 2008. Until today the Italians were never convincing at the Benidorm showdown, something that can not be said from the yellow and blues, but today the Azzurri put on a breathtaking show which puts them into the Semis and one step closer to continental glory.

Ukraine			Italy		
#	PLAYER	Starters	#	PLAYER	Starters
1	SYDORENKO	X		SPADA	X
2	BAKUMENKO			LEGUISSA	X
4	BOZHENKO	X		FUMAGALLI	
5	PYLYPENKO			FEUDI	X
7	MOZGOVYY			PAVONE	
8	NAZARENKO	X		PASQUALI	X
9	VARENYSYA			COROSINITI	
10	YEVDOKYMOMOV	X		ESPOSITO	
11	GOLOVIN	X		PALMACCI	X
12	GLADCHENKO			ZANINI	
Head coach: Vitaliy Shishov			Head coach: Giancarlo Magrini		

Referees:

- 1st FASSLER
- 2ND WALDER
- 3RD HERBALY
- 4TH SLYVA

SCORE CHART:



Goal Scorer	Time left	Period	UKR	ITA
7-PASQUALI	07:23	1	0	1
5-PYLYPENKO	06:21	1	1	1
4-BOZHENKO	05:17	1	2	1
4-BOZHENKO	00:10	1	3	1
2-LEGUISSA	10:56	2	3	2
2-LEGUISSA	09:45	2	3	3
2-LEGUISSA	05:50	2	3	4
2-LEGUISSA	11:05	3	3	5
11-PALMACCI	03:53	3	3	6
11-PALMACCI	02:30	3	3	7
11-PALMACCI	02:26	3	3	8

TEAM	CARDS			
	Player	Card*	Period	Time left
Ukraine	8-NAZARENKO	Y	2	08:10
	4-BOZHENKO	Y	3	02:27
Italy	6-PAVONE	Y	2	01:13

* Y: yellow; R: red

Esposito (Italy striker)

We had to play our best Beach Soccer to beat a physically strong Ukraine. For a while it seemed that we were going to let the qualification slip away when we were 3-1 down, but striding our way back in the game we proved our place at the World Cup is well deserved.

Match 47 – Quarter final 3 – Friday, May 16

FINAL SCORE: Russia 3 x 2 Switzerland

Under immense pressure, the Swiss once again showed poise and a lot of improvement in comparison to their performance in former occasions at the European World Cup Qualifier, but again didn't manage to qualify for Beach Soccer's most prestigious event. Until late in the third period, the Russians seemed to be heading towards an easy 3-0 victory, when top scorer Stankovic managed to score his goal number 15 and 16 of the Benidorm showdown in an attempt to realize a heroic comeback, but failed and the Swiss return homewards empty-handed. Tomorrow Russia will face Portugal on their way to the final of the FIFA Beach Soccer World Cup 2008 Qualifier Benidorm.



Russia			Switzerland		
#	PLAYER	Starters	#	PLAYER	Starters
1	Bukhlitskiy	X	1	Nico	X
2	Gorchinskiyy		7	Spacca	X
3	Bolabonov		6	Davor	
4	Makarov	X	8	Mo	X
6	Shushin		10	Meier	
7	Shkarin	X	12	Vale	
8	Leonov	X	13	Stankovic	X
9	Shaykov	X	19	Leu	X
10	Shakmelyan		15	Pichierri	
12	Gorodnov		21	Samuel	
Head coach: Nikolay Pisarev			Head coach: Angelo Schirinzi		

Referees:

- 1st Slyva (LTU)
- 2nd Ivanov (UKR)
- 3rd Borisevics (LVA)
- 4th Cvilinski (LTU)

SCORE CHART:

Goal Scorer	Time left	Period	RUS	SUI
#7 Shkarin	3'07	2	1	0
#2 Gorchinskikyy	1'47	2	2	0
#6 Shushin	8'07	3	3	0
#13 Stankovic	2'31	3	3	1
#13 Stankovic	1'17	3	3	2

TEAM	CARDS			
	Player	Card*	Period	Time left
Russia	#4 Makarov	Y	2	3'16
Switzerland	#10 Meier	Y	3	0'14

* Y: yellow; R: red

Quote Makarov(Russia defender)

We expected a tough match and that's exactly what we got. You only have to look at the result. Technically they are superb and have with Stankovic in their ranks a player who can hurt any defence when he's having a good day. We knew that, so we adapted our game a little and eventually won the physical battle.



Match 48 – Quarter final 4 – Friday, May 16

FINAL SCORE: Czech Republic 1 x 7 Spain

Spain rushes into the Semis and snatches their Marseille berth by putting up a mind blowing show in front of thousands of enthusiastic Spaniards. Led by an inspiring Amarelle, the red fury overpowered the Czech Republic 1-7 and completes the next phase towards reaching continental glory in Benidorm.

Czech Republic			Spain		
#	PLAYER	Starters	#	PLAYER	Starters
1	Kyceck	X	1	Roberto	X
2	Kovarik	X	3	Antonio	
3	Chalupa		4	Crisitan T.	
4	Cibula	X	5	Juanma	X
5	Veleman		6	Nico	X
7	Dlouhy		8	Javi Alvarez	X
10	Bezdzicka	X	9	Javi T.	
12	Serak		10	Amarelle	X
13	Mikan		11	Miguel	
17	Bouska	X	13	Dona	
Head coach: Josef Nemecek			Head coach: Joaquin Alonso		

Referees:

- 1st Herbaly (HUN)
- 2nd Cviklinskis (LTU)
- 3rd Grzelinski (POL)
- 4th Stolker (NED)

SCORE CHART:

Goal Scorer	Time left	Period	CZE	ESP
#6 Nico	9'20	1	0	1
#10 Amarelle	11'03	2	0	2
#5 Juanma	10'15	2	0	3
#11 Miguel	7'44	2	0	4
#3 Antonio	6'47	2	0	5
#13 Mikan	0'30	2	1	5
#10 Amarelle	11'24	3	1	6
#10 Amarelle	10'30	3	1	7

TEAM	CARDS			
	Player	Card*	Period	Time left
Czech Rep	#13 mikan	Y	0'47	3



Spain	#11 Miguel	Y	0'47	2

* Y: yellow; R: red

Quote Amarelle(captain Spain)

The fact that we're now qualified for Marseille, takes a lot of weight from our shoulders. We're obviously very happy, and will now try to go through and win the tournament to give something back to the fans that have been supporting us over the past few days.

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