



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

Day 1 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 x Philippines
Followed by China x 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:

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

| <u>Group B</u> | Team | Points | Goals sc. | Goals rec. | Goal diff | Red Cards | Yellow Cards |
|----------------|-------------|--------|-----------|------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|
| 1 | Japan | 3 | 8 | 2 | +6 | 0 | 0 |
| 2 | Iran | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 3 | Philippines | 0 | 2 | 8 | -6 | 0 | 0 |

* clinched semifinal berth

Match reports

Match 1 – Group B- Tuesday, May 6

FINAL SCORE: Philippines 2 x 8 Japan

In the opening game of this year's Dubai showdown, we've seen one of the favorites for continental glory, display their skills against a struggling Philippines side. Japan beat Philippines 8-2 and can look ahead to their next encounter in group B against usual suspects Iran.

| Philippines | | | Japan | | |
|--------------------------|------------|----------|----------------------------------|-------------|----------|
| # | PLAYER | Starters | # | PLAYER | Starters |
| 1 | Troyo | X | 1 | Terukina | |
| 2 | Gener | X | 2 | Takiguchi | |
| 3 | Dela Cruz | X | 4 | Makino | X |
| 4 | Lobaton | | 5 | Tabata | X |
| 5 | Brillantes | X | 6 | Uehara | |
| 6 | Margarse | X | 8 | Arakaki | |
| 7 | Babilona | | 9 | Yamauchi | X |
| 8 | Betita | | 10 | Yoshii | X |
| 9 | Fernandez | | 11 | Wakabayashi | |
| 10 | Alvarez | | 12 | Ginoza | X |
| Head coach: Ahmede Athab | | | Head coach: Takeshi Kawaharazuka | | |

Referees:

1st Faisal Ahmed Sallam (UAE)

2nd Sanya Kantaviti (TND)

3rd Zhiwei Geng (CHN)

4th Walled Ali Yousef Al Ali (UAE)

SCORE CHART:



| Goal Scorer | Time | Period | PHI | JPN |
|-----------------|------|--------|-----|-----|
| #9 Yamauchi | 1' | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| #9 Yamauchi | 2' | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| #4 Lobaton | 4' | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| #9 Yamauchi | 11' | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| #11 Wakabayashi | 3' | 2 | 1 | 4 |
| #9 Yamauchi | 12' | 2 | 1 | 5 |
| #11 Wakabayashi | 9' | 3 | 1 | 6 |
| #11 Wakabayashi | 9' | 3 | 1 | 7 |
| #10 Alvarez | 9' | 3 | 2 | 7 |
| #9 Yamauchi | 10' | 3 | 2 | 8 |

| TEAM | CARDS | | | |
|-------------|--------|-------|--------|-----------|
| | Player | Card* | Period | Time left |
| Philippines | | | | |
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| Japan | | | | |
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* Y: yellow; R: red

Quote Ahmede Athab(Philippines coach)

I can't say I'm disappointed, last time we played Japan we lost 16-0. I'm glad we were able to score some nice goals which motivates us to take on the next game tomorrow against Iran. Japan is a tough team to play against. They kept the pace high and my players had some difficulties following that up.

Match 2 – Group A- Tuesday, May 6

FINAL SCORE: Uzbekistan 2 x 6 UAE

Powerhouse and defending champion UAE started a little nervous to their outset of the tournament and were soon 1-0 down against a physical Uzbekistan team. Marcelo Mendes' shell shocked troops soon countered Uzbekistan's unexpected lead and demonstrated in front of their home crowd what they are capable of. Final result 2-6, the UAE take three points into day two of the Dubai showpiece.

| Uzbekistan | | | UAE | | |
|------------|---------------|----------|-----|-------------|----------|
| # | PLAYER | Starters | # | PLAYER | Starters |
| 1 | Khasanov | X | 1 | Abbas. M | |
| 2 | Ochilov | | 2 | Qambar. M | X |
| 3 | Sharapov | | 4 | Haidar. A | |
| 6 | Kurbannazarov | | 7 | A. Suleiman | |
| 7 | Yusurov | X | 8 | Rami. A | X |



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|--------------------------|------------|---|----------------------------|------------|---|
| 8 | Mirahmedov | X | 9 | Ali Karim | X |
| 10 | Tagaev | | 10 | Bhakit. S | X |
| 11 | Sharipov | X | 11 | M. Abbas | |
| 12 | Azamatov | | 20 | Ibrahim | |
| 14 | Konyarov | X | 22 | Mohamed. A | X |
| Head coach: Oleg Kaharov | | | Head coach: Marcelo Mendes | | |

Referees:

1st Carlos Frazao (POR)

2nd Tasuku Onodera (JPN)

3rd Masahiro Sakurada (JPN)

4th Farshid Haghighatjoo (IRN)

SCORE CHART:

| Goal Scorer | Time left | | Period | UZB | UAE |
|-----------------|-----------|---|--------|-----|-----|
| #11 Sharipov | 7'53 | 1 | 1 | 0 | |
| #8 Rami. A | 5'02 | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| #8 Rami. A | 6'58 | 2 | 1 | 2 | |
| #7 A. Suleiman | 5'34 | 2 | 1 | 3 | |
| #10 Bakhit. S | 4'48 | 2 | 1 | 4 | |
| #10 Bakhit. S | 2'48 | 2 | 1 | 5 | |
| #20 Ibrahim | 7'04 | 3 | 1 | 6 | |
| #6 Kubannazarov | 4'46 | 3 | 2 | 6 | |

| TEAM | CARDS | | | |
|------------|--------|-------|--------|-----------|
| | Player | Card* | Period | Time left |
| Uzbekistan | | | | |
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| UAE | | | | |
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* Y: yellow; R: red

Quote Marcelo Mendes(UAE coach)

We started a little nervous to our first game. Knowing very little about our opponents, we didn't know what to expect. I have to admit, we were a little surprised, but we soon got back in the game and found our own rhythm back in the second period. We get the chance to see China who are coached by Rodrigo Stockler who I used to coach myself. Let's hope he didn't pay attention in class.



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