

Brain teasers

Final day, means hard brainteasers. How did you do yesterday? Here are the answers. Javi Rodriguez plays for FC Barcelona in the Spanish Liga Nacional de Futbol Sala and the Italian Champions are Alter Ego Luparense. Ok, good luck with these and with me being English, they have an English flavour!

- 1) The England national team have never won a futsal match. They have drawn one, but who was it against?
- 2) Where was the first FIFA Futsal World World Championship held?
- 3) In England the national champions are decided in a tournament, who are the current English Champions?
- 4) England are known as the three lions, but which Portuguese team are known as »the Lions«, or »os Leões« also?

Answers to brainteaser
1) Cyprus (5-5) 2) The Netherlands 3) Ipswich Wolves 4) Sporting Clube de Portugal

Did you know?

Brazil have become the first ever winners of the futsal competition of the Pan American Games. It has been held in Rio de Janeiro this month and Brazil beat Argentina 4-1 in the final. Futsal being included in the Pan American games is surely going to help the campaign for Olympic Futsal. Check out www.futsalolympic.com.br.



In England Futsal is not very widely played. The national champions are decided over one weekend in a tournament of the best 16 teams in the country. Until a national league is started England will always be in the shadow of the rest of Europe.

University of Teesside/Middlesbrough Futsal Club are leading the way in the promotion of futsal in England. They only managed to finish 12th in the national championship last season, but did win 4 tournaments including the British University Futsal Cup. For more information on University of Teesside/Middlesbrough FC and futsal in England go to www.BoroFutsal.co.uk



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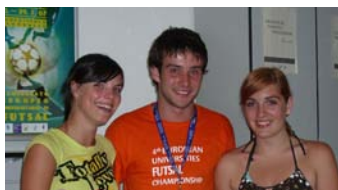
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Message from the editor

Well here we are, it's the final day of the 4th European Universities Futsal Championship. Here is a special BUMPER edition of the daily bulletin. EIGHT pages of reviews, previews, interviews and pictures! There will be no bulletin tomorrow, but you will be able to see all the reports and pictures on the tournament website: www.susa.org/eufc2007. Enjoy!!

There are 10 matches left, including the final between Zagreb of Croatia and Dniepropetrovsk of Ukraine. Both teams are previewed in this bulletin so read on! It's been a cracking tournament, but it's the teams that make it what it is, so a huge congratulations to everybody! Hopefully we'll see you next year in Wroclaw. Have a safe trip home!

We'd also like to say a huge thank you to all our helpers on the bulletin and the website:



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Results

17 – 20 PLACE

Louvain, BEL : Eindhoven, NED 2:11
Münster, GER : Podgorica, MON 1:12

13 – 16 PLACE

Primorska, SLO : Roma IUMS, ITA 4:3
Wroclaw, POL : Murcia ESP 4:8

9 – 12 PLACE

Zürich, SUI : Erciyes, TUR 6:6 (5:4)
Tampere, FIN : Roma TV 4:5

5 – 8 PLACE

Coimbra, POR : Split, CRO 6:0
Nancy, FRA : Ljubljana, SLO 3:5

SEMI FINALS

Dniepropetrovsk, UKR : Novi Sad, SRB 2:2 (8:7)
Zagreb, CRO : SUMI, UKR 1:1 (8:7)

With all the semi finals over, there is only one match left. Each team will be playing for a position in the final classification. The all important final will be played between the two winning semi finalists.

Match Reports

Dniepropetrovsk, Ukr : Novi Sad, Srb

The second semi final also ended in a draw and went to a penalty shootout. The score was 1-1 at half time, in what was a very tight match, both teams playing very tentatively. Dniepropetrovsk took a 2-1 lead and looked like reaching the final as they were creating the better chances. Novi Sad, however broke and scored the equaliser for 2:2. Neither side wanted to give away a goal and the match ended slowly with very few chances. After 5 penalties the score was 4:4 and it went to sudden death. The Ukrainian goalkeeper made the decisive save to put Dniepropetrovsk through to the final.



Zurich, Sui : Erciyes, Tur

For the first time on this championship we saw penalty kicks. To the last minute the Turkish team was leading 6:5. Then the Suisse player, number

10 saved their game by scoring another goal and changing the score to 6:6. Because of one missed penalty kick of one of the Turkish players and none on the Suisse side the penalty shots stopped with the fifth player of the Suisse team. They won 11:9.



Louvain, Bel : Eindhoven, Ned

In the match between the 5th placed teams in A and B group the Netherlands team showed that they are better than the Belgium team. At first half they were leading 7:2, and in the second half just increased their lead to 11:2. They convincingly won this game.



Tournament Review

With 60 matches so far and 10 remaining on the final day, here is a short review of the tournament up to now. Group D, arguably the strongest group started off on day 1 with a super game between Roma Tor Vergata and Murcia, which could have gone either way, and probably shaped the teams' fortunes for the rest of the tournament. The Ukrainian team, SUMI, went on to win Group D, which also included defending champions University of Ljubljana. Ljubljana only managed a draw in the first game against Podgorica, MON, who finished bottom, but a win there would have seen them qualify for the semi finals.

Group C contained teams from futsal minnows France and Germany, both hoping to cause an upset. University of Nancy gained momentum as the tournament went on, but it was not enough to stop favourites, and last year's runners-up Zagreb going through with 12 points.

Group B was won by two times champions Novi Sad of Serbia, again with 100% record. Split University came second, but after losing to Novi Sad on day 2 could never catch up. Erciyes of Turkey put up a good fight in

their nation's first outing in the EUC Futsal, while Roma IUMS were disappointing with only one win against Eindhoven.



Group A went right down to the wire with a match between Zürich and Dniepropetrovsk, in which Zürich had the three goal lead they required to go through, before the Ukrainians turned on the style and scored 12 goals to stamp their authority on the tournament, and assert themselves as favourites. Coimbra of Portugal were unlucky to lose 2-1 to Dniepropetrovsk on the first day after they arrived only 30 minutes before kick off due to transport problems. Home team Primorska succumbed to 4th place with only 1 point.

The playoffs started on Saturday for the all important classification. Still a lot to play for for all the teams wanting to achieve a high a position as pos-

sible. Münster and Louvain will fight it out to avoid last place today after losing to Podgorica and Eindhoven. Münster feel they could have fared better and were disappointed to lose 3 matches, they will no doubt go all out for the win today. Home team Primorska can finish 13th after defeating the Italians of IUMS, and they take on Murcia. Zürich take on Roma TV for 9th place and defending champions Ljubljana can reach as high as 5th if they defeat the strong Portuguese team of Coimbra, who easily brushed aside Split.



The semi finals, predictably were both very close affairs. Both semis ended up going to a penalty shoot out with no teams wanting to give anything away and almost settling for a draw to avoid defeat. Penalties, as I know as an englishman, can be cruel, and SUMI and Novi Sad both lost the semi finals to Zagreb and Dniepropetrovsk,

who will contest what is certain to be an entertaining and fitting European Championship Final.

The level of competition has been very good in the whole tournament, with some exceptional teams taking part. There have also been some outstanding individual performances and they have all been noted for the player of the tournament award, which will be made tonight.

The Final will be played at 20:00 between Zagreb and Dniepropetrovsk and it promises to be a fantastic spectacle for all, whether you have taken part, volunteered or simply spectated. Good luck to the finalists, and congratulations to every team for taking part.



The referees have played an integral part of the tournament. Seen here conducted the pre match toss.

Match Reports

Wroclaw, Pol : Murcia, Esp

Spain team took the lead already in the first half. They were leading through whole match. Poland did not play very well, but also the Spain team played excellent. Poland made in the second half three goals, which was all given from penalty shot. Spain won the match with four goals ahead. The final result was 8:4 for Murcia.

Tampere, Fin : Roma TV, Ita

The Finns and the Italians went head to head, both aiming for a consolation 9th place. Tampere took the lead 4 times, but kept allowing Roma Tor Vergata to equalise. When Roma scored the 4th and final equaliser there was no stopping them getting the win. Roma were the stronger team and duly bagged a 5th and winning goal to win 5:4.

Coimbra, Por : Split, Cro

Coimbra stepped into gear with 3 early goals and some great defensive play kept out Split for all of the game. The game ended 7:0 and Coimbra looked like they had something to prove.

Nancy, Fra : Ljubljana, Slo

Nancy have been improving as the tournament progresses and put up a good fight against the defending champions, Ljubljana. The game was poised at 3:3 before Ljubljana stepped up a gear and went on to win the match 5:3.

Zagreb, Cro : SUMI, Ukr



The story we already saw today repeated itself in the match between Croatia and Ukraine. The Ukraine team was leading 1:0 in the first half of the game. In the first minute of the second half their scored another goal but quickly got one back from the Croatian team. The score was equalled in the 39th minute by the player number 10. Then followed the penalty kicks. After the first five players the score was still tied. In the next round the player of the Ukraine team missed one goal and the Croatian team won 8:7.

Fixtures, final day

MATCH FOR 19th PLACE:
Louvain, Bel : Munster, Ger

MATCH FOR 17th PLACE:
Eindhoven, Ned : Podgorica, Mon

MATCH FOR 15th PLACE:
Roma IUMS, Ita : Wroclaw, Pol

MATCH FOR 13th PLACE:
Primorska, Slo : Murcia, Spa

MATCH FOR 11th PLACE:
Erciyes, Tur : Tampere, Fin

MATCH FOR 9th PLACE:
Zurich, Sui : Roma Tor Vergata, Ita

MATCH FOR 7th PLACE:
Split, Cro : Nancy, Fra

MATCH FOR 5th PLACE:
Coimbra, Por : Ljubljana, Slo

MATCH FOR 3rd PLACE:
Novi Sad, Srb : SUMI, Ukr

FINAL:
Dnepropetrovsk, Ukr : Zagreb, Cro

Match Reports



Roma IUMS team photo

Primorska, Slo : Roma IUMS, Ita

The Slovenian home team was playing against the Italian team for the position of 13-16 place. The Italian team started the game with their goal but the Slovenian team soon caught them. The result was tide to the 27th minute when we saw the last goal on the game, from the Slovenian team, which led them to their victory 4:3.



Roma IUMS fire a free kick