

Day 2, Tuesday, 26th August 2008

Well the first day is over and there were no real surprises in the results, except that Uruguay were trailing with 30 seconds on the clock only to end the game 6-5 up. It was a fantastic opening to the tournament and emotions ran wild at the final buzzer as Uruguay went a long way to securing a place in the next round. No team comes from so far to give up with a minute remaining and coach Diego Fornaro inspired his team to a last minute victory. When I asked him what he said to his players at 5-4 he told me that he had instilled confidence in his players, ensuring them that with concentration, they could win the game in the last seconds. And so they did.

Their South American neighbours dispatched of Czech Republic and Ukraine got off to a flyer, despite arriving after midnight the day before the game! I must say Ukraine looked the most impressive today, and I wouldn't be surprised if they went on to make it their third triumph. Portugal and Brazil looked creative, but not invincible and Slovenia were hardly tested in their opening game. I'm sure the aforementioned teams (and the not aforementioned ones) will come out on day two with more to prove and to build on positive day 1 performances.

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Today's results

14:15
Uruguay 6-5 Turkey
Serbia 4-1 France

16:30
Kyrgyzstan 1-1 Slovakia
Ukraine 4-2 Portugal

18:45
Malaysia 0-13 Israel

Brazil 7-2 Czech Rep

21:00
China 2-2 Kazakhstan
Slovenia 5-0 Great Britain

URU 6:5 TUR



Turkey line up before their debut

Uruguay claimed a dramatic victory at Turkey's expense in the opening match of the World University Championship. Uruguay looked in control of the game after taking an early two goal lead through Piroto and Tommasino. Piroto broke away from a Turkey attack and finished a clinical one on one with Gokgetin in the Turkey goal. Uruguay went 2-0 up through a 6 metre penalty scored by the goalkeeper. Uruguay found themselves 3-2 down at half time and even further behind after the restart.



Coach Diego Fornaro inspires his team

Turkey looked strong and seemed likely to take the victory, despite having a man sent off. Turkey were leading 5-4 with six minutes on the clock, but constant Uruguay pressure paid off in the dying seconds as De Leon equalized with 30 seconds

remaining and Nicolas Piroto headed in the winner with 5 seconds left on the clock. An amazing finale to the end to end match and neither team deserved to lose.

SRB 4:1 FRA

In the first match in the Bonifika sport hall Serbia was playing against France. Before the game started the win of Serbia was more probable. At the beginning both teams played carefully. Finally in 16 minute France player – Iddider Farid – scored and after the first half France walked down to the dressing room with a better result. After the break Serbian team was attacking the opponents goal. In 22 minute Valdimir Stojanovic (SRB) scored equalizer. Seven minutes later the home team was leading 3:1 and the last goal was scored by Serbia 4 minutes before the end. The final result is 4:1 for Serbia. Now both teams have to prepare themselves for the next games with Uruguay and Turkey.

MAS 0:13 ISR

Since the beginning of the game Israel team was attacking and pushing Malaysia to defence. In the 7th minute they took the opportunity and scored for 1:0. In 15th minute Dan Goldberg (ISR) scored the second goal and one minute later Dmitri Degtyar increased lead to 3:0. The first half finished 4:0 after Idan Shkolnik good shot. Second half starts with the series of goals. First was own goal of Mat Mohd Seifulezuan (MAS) and after that two times in one minute scored Cohen Lior (ISR). He picked up the scored to 7:0. During the last part of this game Malaysia team made some good situations but they didn't score. After that his second goal scored Idan Shkolnik (ISR) and started next series of goals for his team. In next 2 minutes Malaysia's goalkeeper was beaten two times more. In last 4 minutes of the game Israel players scored three more goals. The match finished 13:0 for

Israel. It was not good start in World University Futsal Championship for Malaysia.

SLO 5:0 GBR



Slovenia kicked off their campaign against Great Britain with a display of basic futsal that tore apart the defence of their opponents with ease. Four similar goals, all coming from a free man slotting home, and a well worked free kick, albeit with the same outcome – a tap in at the back post – were the difference between Slovenia and GBR. Rok Mordej scored the first and last of the goals at the far post and Sebastien Drobne then wrapped the game up with a run to the back post where he received it and slotted home from the set play. Marko Hrvatin and Aljaz Laharner bagged the other two goals. Great Britain have a lot of work to do to stop leaking the goals, but more importantly they never looked like scoring, so a clean sheet would only have ended up with a 0-0 scoreline. Slovenia have their victory in less than inspiring fashion, but can build on this and hopefully improve over the course of the week to have a real shot at the title.

The reports from the other four games can be found on www.susa.org/wufc2008

Day 2 fixtures

All matches will be played in Koper Elementary School Sports Hall and Bonifika Sports Hall, Koper, which are located next to each other.

14:15
Uruguay vs. France (9)
Serbia vs. Turkey (10)

16:30
Kyrgyzstan vs. Portugal (11)
Ukraine vs. Slovakia (12)

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Slovenia vs. Kazakhstan (16)

Group A

		Played	Pts	GS:GC	Diff
1	SLO	1	3	5:0	5
2	CHN	1	1	5:5	0
3	KAZ	1	1	5:5	0
4	GBR	1	0	0:5	-5

Group B

		Played	Pts	GS:GC	Diff
1	ISR	1	3	13:0	13
2	BRA	1	3	7:2	5
3	CZE	1	0	2:7	-5
4	MAS	1	0	0:13	-13

Group C

		Played	Pts	GS:GC	Diff
1	UKR	1	3	4:2	2
2	KGZ	1	1	1:1	0
3	SVK	1	1	1:1	0
4	POR	1	0	2:4	-2

Group D

		Played	Pts	GS:GC	Diff
1	SRB	1	3	4:1	3
2	URU	1	3	6:5	1
3	TUR	1	0	5:6	-1
4	FRA	1	0	1:4	-3

Top Goalscorers

1. Manuel Marcelo (BRA)	3
2. Hu Jie (CHN)	2
3. Chicko Doron (ISR)	2
4. Cohen Lior (ISR)	2
5. Shkolnik Idan (ISR)	2
6. Adilbekov Maxat (KAZ)	2
7. Goncalves Joao (POR)	2
8. Mordej Rok (SLO)	2
9. Arvaji Drazen (SRB)	2
10. Yildirim Burak (TUR)	2
11. Ivanov Vadim (UKR)	2
12. Piroto Nicolas (URU)	2



Brainteaser

Uruguay made the comeback of all comebacks in the last minute on day 1, so that sees a theme of last minute (even last second) goals for the questions...

1. Boomerand Interviu lost the UEFA Cup final to a last minute goal, but who did they defeat by the same means in the Semi final?

2. Spain conceded a last minute goal to become world champions in 2004, but who did they beat in the final, and what was the score?

Answers will be online before the matches tomorrow!