

Day 3, Wednesday, 27th August 2008

The second round of matches is now over and five teams have qualified for the quarter finals. Serbia, Uruguay, Brazil, Slovenia and Ukraine all confirmed their place in the next round after reaching six points. On the other side, four teams cannot reach the top eight. They are, France, Turkey, Malaysia and Great Britain.

This leaves 7 teams still fighting on the last day of group games for that coveted quarter final spot.

There are two do or die matches tomorrow involving Czech Republic and Israel, today's top performers, and Portugal and Slovakia, though Portugal have two more points on the board and will go through with a draw.

All the photos that have been taken over the last few days can be found on FACEBOOK. If you have a facebook profile, simply search for the group "World University Futsal Championship" and you will find some photo galleries! Enjoy!

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Day 2 results

14:15
Uruguay 3-2 France
Serbia 8-2 Turkey

16:30
Kyrgyzstan 0-4 Portugal
Ukraine 4-1 Slovakia

18:45
Malaysia 1-14 Czech Republic
Brazil 3-2 Israel

21:00
China 9-1 Great Britain
Slovenia 4-3 Kazakhstan

BRA 3:2 ISR



Israel took a shock lead against Brazil despite having hardly any possession. Brazil just couldn't break the Israelis down and Dmitri Degtyar broke free and scored on the counter attack to give Israel an unlikely lead. They held out for 6 minutes and it was goalkeeper Kleber who once again broke the deadlock for Brazil, taking his tally to 2 in as many games. Brazil took the lead two minutes later but Israel kept their nerve and stayed in the game right until the last minute. Brazil opened up a two goal cushion 4 minutes into the second half, but Israel erased that deficit within three minutes and kept the game alive. Both teams had chances and Israel coach Victor Hadad is optimistic going into tomorrow's game after running Brazil close. "Tomorrow is the most important game for us to qualify [for the quarter finals]. If we will be fresh I will hope that we can pass the Czech Republic." Expectations will be surpassed if Israel can negotiate the Czechs and Hadad will be more than happy to play for positions 1-8. "We got a very very difficult group, but we try to do our best." And a 3-2 reverse to Brazil certainly isn't a bad result.



URU 3:2 FRA

Uruguay came from behind once more to gain a massive victory and seal their place in the quarter finals along with Serbia. France started well and created a few chances and it was an own goal from Nacho De Leon that put France ahead. Uruguay equalised and went ahead just after 10 minutes through Francisco Arias and Nicolas Piroto. Uruguay never caused a serious threat to the France goal and found themselves under pressure from a determined french side vying to reach the quarter finals. The constant pressure from France left them exposed at the back and it was Uruguay who virtually sealed the victory when Arias slotted home the third, and his second. France's pressure paid off, but it was too late as they could only finish one of their few late chances leaving them to fight for 3rd place with Turkey, who they meet tomorrow.

SLO 4-3 KAZ

After the first day Slovenia was a leader in group A. Win in this game means that they will compete for 1st-8th places. Since the kick off home team had more opportunities to score a goal. They seized the lead after Rok Mordej (SLO) shot. After that both teams tried to defeat opponents defense but without any result. Just before the end of the first half Slovenian player Andraz Gregorcic shot for a goal and increased lead to 2:0. Two minutes before the end of this part of the game

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Slovenia made a 6th foul and Daulet Sazanbayev (KAZ) defeated Slovenian goalkeeper.

Second half started with a second successful shot Rok Mordej (SLO) which increased lead to 3:1. 10 minutes later Slovenia scored 4th goal in this game. After that Kazakhstan players started to play more aggressive and in 2 minutes they scored 2 goals. This decreased Slovenian lead to 4:3. Kazakhstan had an opportunity to score an equalizer when Goran Josipovic got a yellow card but they didn't defeat Slovenian goalkeeper. Game finished 4:3 to Slovenia.

In the last game in group A Slovenia play against People's Republic of China and Kazakhstan faces Great Britain.

POR 4-0 (2-0) KGZ



Both Portugal and Kyrgyzstan had to win this game. First minutes were very important for the whole of the match. Portugal attacked Kyrgyzstan goal since the very beginning. And it made a success. In the 3rd minute Joao Goncalves (POR) scored first goal for Portugal. It was also his 3rd goal in this tournament. 4 minutes later his friend from team scored his first goal on this Championship and Portugal was leading 2:0. Last part of the first half was full of scoring chances for both teams. However to the end of the first half the score has not changed.

Second part looked similar to the first one but it was getting more aggressive. in 27 minute Kyrgyzstan player Zakir Kasimov made a foul on Portugal competitor and got red card. Portugal

took advantage of this situation and few seconds later Paulo Duarte scored third goal for his team. in the last part of the match Kyrgyzstan tried to make advantage over Portugal and goalkeeper played as 5th player. They managed to create some good opportunities to score but they didn't defeat Portugal goalkeeper. Just before the end of the game Vitor Luis (POR) increased the score to 4:0 by shot into an empty goal.

Tomorrow Portugal play against Slovakia and Kyrgyzstan face Ukraine.

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

Day 3 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
Turkey vs. France (17)
Uruguay vs. Serbia (18)

16:30
Portugal vs. Slovakia (19)
Kyrgyzstan vs. Ukraine (20)

18:45
Czech Republic vs. Israel (21)
Malaysia vs. Brazil (22)

21:00
Great Britain vs. Kazakhstan (23)
China vs. Slovenia (24)

Group A

		Played	Pts	GS:GC	Diff
1	SLO	2	6	9:3	6
2	CHN	2	4	14:6	8
3	KAZ	2	1	8:9	-1
4	GBR	2	0	1:14	-13

Group B

		Played	Pts	GS:GC	Diff
1	BRA	2	6	10:4	6
2	ISR	2	3	15:3	12
3	CZE	2	3	16:8	8
4	MAS	2	0	1:27	-26

Group C

		Played	Pts	GS:GC	Diff
1	UKR	2	6	8:3	5
2	POR	2	3	6:4	2
3	SVK	2	1	2:5	-3
4	KGZ	2	1	1:5	-4

Group D

		Played	Pts	GS:GC	Diff
1	SRB	2	6	12:3	9
2	URU	2	6	9:7	2
3	FRA	2	0	3:7	-4
4	TUR	2	0	7:14	-7

Top Goalscorers

1. Belada Vaclav (CZE) 6
2. Arvaji Drazen (SRB) 4
3. Mordej Rok (SLO) 4
4. Marcelo Manuel (BRA) 3
5. Zhang Xi (CHN) 3
6. Formanek Pavel (CZE) 3
7. Cohen Lior (ISR) 3
8. Adilbekov Maxat (KAZ) 3
9. Goncalves Joao (POR) 3
10. Stojanovic Vladimir (SRB) 3

Brainteasers

1. Falcao is arguably the best futsal player in the world. He won the FIFA Futsal World Player of the year in 2004 to back it up. Which club team does he play for?

2. Javi Rodriguez is the most successful player in the history of futsal with 2 world cups, 3 european championships and a couple of UEFA Cups to his name, he has always played in Spain's LNFS, but who does he captain now?

Answers will be online before the matches tomorrow!