



**BSWW EURO Beach Soccer Cup 2008  
Baku, Azerbaijan – September 18-21**

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**Day 1 Recap**

**Results and Match Schedule (GMT +4)**





**18.09.2008 (Thursday) – Matches**

12:45  Italia 3 x 4  Norway  
 14:00  Switzerland 8 x 3  England  
 15:15  Spain 6 x 2  Azerbaijan (exhibition)

**19.09.2008 (Friday) – Matches**

14:00  Spain x  Norway  
 15:15  Azerbaijan x  England

**20.09.2008 (Saturday) – Matches**

14:00  Spain x  Italia  
 15:15  Azerbaijan x  Switzerland

**21.09.2008 (Sunday) – Matches**

12:45 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> play-off  
 14:00 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> play-off  
 15:15 Final

**Group standings:**

<u>Group A</u>	Team	Points	Goals sc.	Goals rec.	Goal diff	Red Cards	Yellow Cards
1	Switzerland	3	8	3	+5	0	0
2	Azerbaijan	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	England	0	3	8	-5	0	0

<u>Group B</u>	Team	Points	Goals sc.	Goals rec.	Goal diff	Red Cards	Yellow Cards
1	Norway	3	4	3	+1	0	0
2	Spain	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Italy	0	3	4	-1	0	0

**Match reports**

## Match 1 – Group B – Thursday, September 18

**FINAL SCORE:**   Italy 3 x 4  Norway

The Norwegians were all smiles as they took their group B bow in the curtain-raiser of this year's Euro Beach Soccer Cup, edging out Italy 3-4. Both sides made a cautious start with Italy camped in the Norwegian half and their opponents happy to pull back and defend, but Norway turned the game on its head 7 minutes into the second period taking the lead with a noteworthy strike by captain Frank Hansen. Both teams exchanged leads and reached ties twice throughout the third period until Frank Hansen scored his second and made it 2-4. Their pride wounded, Italy regained control with Feudi making it 3-4 just seconds later, but the courageous Italian efforts came too late.

Italy			Norway		
#	PLAYER	Starters	#	PLAYER	Starters
1	Spada	X	1	Kalle	X
2	Leghissa	X	3	Tommy	X
5	Feudi		4	Hansen	X
6	Tedeschi		6	Henny	X
7	Pasquali	X	12	Bob	
8	Corosiniti	X	13	Kandal	
9	Tiberi	X	15	Folgero	
10	Miceli		17	Stian	X
11	Palmacci				
12	Zanini				
<b>Head coach: Giancarlo Magrini</b>			<b>Head coach: Karl Fredrik Rosland</b>		

### Referees:

- 1st Eduard Boriscevics (LVA)
- 2nd Alexander Berezkin (RUS)
- 3rd Petro Ivanov (UKR)
- 4th Sergejus Slyva (LTA)

### SCORE CHART:

Goal Scorer	Time left	Period	ITA	NOR
#4 Hansen	5'29	2	0	1
#11 Palmacci	11'29	3	1	1
#2 Leghissa	10'27	3	2	1
#4 Hansen	10'25	3	2	2
#13 Kandal	7'06	3	2	3
#4 Hansen	2'11	3	2	4
#5 Feudi	1'58	3	3	4

	CARDS

TEAM	Player	Card*	Period	Time left
<b>Italy</b>				
<b>Norway</b>				

\* Y: yellow; R: red

### Quote Frank Hansen (Norway captain)

This team is full of fighters and we battled till the very last minute. We need to keep possession better, but our strong point is never knowing when we are beaten. Today we showed how much we want to stay in the competition.

### Match 2 – Group A – Thursday, September 18

**FINAL SCORE:**  Switzerland 8 x 3  England

Led by an inspired Stankovic, Switzerland made a bright start to the Baku showdown, seeing off England 8-3 in their opening Group A encounter. The Swiss hitman got his first treble of the tournament for a Swiss team that denied England to recover from their disappointing performances in the Euro Beach Soccer League this season. On Saturday the Helvetians will face-off with the hosts into what promises to be a gritty clash to secure their spot in the Baku final.

Switzerland			England		
#	PLAYER	Starters	#	PLAYER	Starters
1	Nico	X	2	Evans	X
4	Ziegler		3	Rodriguez	
6	Davor		5	Bowes	X
7	Spacca		6	Mitchell	
8	Mo	X	8	GC	X
10	Meier	X	10	Funnel	
11	Schirinzi	X	11	Sprooles	X
12	Vale		12	Icke	X
13	Stankovic	X			
21	Samuel				
<b>Head coach: Angelo Schirinzi</b>			<b>Head coach: David Jones</b>		

### Referees:

- 1st Sergejus Slyva (LTA)
- 2nd Petro Ivanov (UKR)
- 3rd Alexander Berezkin (RUS)
- 4th Eduards Borisevics (LVA)

**SCORE CHART:**

Goal Scorer	Time left	Period	SUI	ENG
#10 Meier	10'50	1	1	0
#13 Stankovic	9'24	1	2	0
#10 Meier	7'03	1	3	0
#13 Stankovic	5'41	1	4	0
#13 Stankovic	8'36	2	5	0
#11 Schirinzi	4'41	2	6	0
#8 GC	2'08	2	6	1
#21 Samuel	11'34	3	7	1
#3 Rodriguez	6'15	3	7	2
#8 GC	3'26	3	7	3
#8 Mo	0'32	3	8	3

TEAM	CARDS			
	Player	Card*	Period	Time left
<b>Switzerland</b>				
<b>England</b>	#3 Rodriguez	Y	3	7'59

\* Y: yellow; R: red

**Match 3 – Exhibition – Thursday, September 18**

**FINAL SCORE:**  Spain 6 x 2  Azerbaijan

Amarelle and co brushed aside Azerbaijan 6-2 in the host's very first official Beach Soccer match at home.

Spain			Azerbaijan		
#	PLAYER	Starters	#	PLAYER	Starters
1	Roberto		1	Ruslan	X
2	Beiro		2	Elvin	
3	Paco Zaya		4	Ilham	X
4	Cristian T.		5	Abuzar	X
5	Juanma	X	6	Elnur	X
6	Nico	X	7	Zeynal	
7	Kuman	X	8	Muslim	
8	Zamora		9	Elshad	X
9	Javi T.		10	Hikmat	
10	Amarelle	X	12	Vagif	
11	Mini		20	Namig	

12	Dona	X	22	Murad	
<b>Head coach: Gustavo Silva</b>			<b>Head coach: Joaquin Alonso</b>		

**Referees:**

1st Alexander Berezkin (RUS)  
 2nd Eduards Boriscevics (LVA)  
 3rd Sergejus Slyva (LTA)  
 4th Petro Ivanov (UKR)

**SCORE CHART:**

Goal Scorer	Time left	Period	ESP	AZE
#9 Javi T.	8'03	1	1	0
#10 Hikmat	5'40	1	1	1
#10 Amarelle	11'34	2	1	2
#5 Juanma	10'07	2		3
#6 Nico	4'22	2		
#7 Kuman	5'54	3		
#11 Mini	4'19	3		
#9 Elshad	4'16	3		

TEAM	Player	CARDS		
		Card*	Period	Time left
<b>Spain</b>				
<b>Azerbaijan</b>	#7 Zeynal	Y	2	10'12

\* Y: yellow; R: red

The 6 participants of the EURO Beach Soccer Cup 2008 were split up into 2 groups, where they will round-robin. On the last matchday the two group victors will face each other in the final to determine the champion of the 10<sup>th</sup> edition of the Euro Beach Soccer Cup.

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