



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

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Day 3 Recap

Results and Match Schedule (GMT +4)





18.09.2008 (Thursday) – Matches

12:45  Italy 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 10 x 1  Norway
 15:15  Azerbaijan 3 x 1  England

20.09.2008 (Saturday) – Matches

14:00  Spain 4 x 3  Italy
 15:15  Azerbaijan 0 x 5  Switzerland

21.09.2008 (Sunday) – Matches

12:45  England x  Italy
 14:00  Azerbaijan x  Norway
 15:15  Switzerland x  Spain

Group standings:

<u>Group A</u>	Team	Points	Goals sc.	Goals rec.	Goal diff	Red Cards	Yellow Cards
1	Switzerland	6	13	3	+8	0	2
2	Azerbaijan	3	3	6	-3	2	1
3	England	0	4	11	-7	0	1

<u>Group B</u>	Team	Points	Goals sc.	Goals rec.	Goal diff	Red Cards	Yellow Cards
1	Spain	6	14	4	+10	0	1
2	Norway	3	5	13	-8	0	0
3	Italy	0	6	8	-2	0	0

Match reports

Match 6 – Group B – Saturday, September 20

FINAL SCORE:  Spain 4 x 3  Italy

In a thrilling do-or-die clash for the Italians at the Euro Beach Soccer Cup 2008, the *Furia Roja* edged out Italy 4-3 to march on and reach the final of the Baku showdown, where they will face the winners of Switzerland – Azerbaijan contest.

Despite a lack of possession, the Azzurri got the first goal through target man Tiberi, but a well taken hit from Spanish debutant Mini leveled the scores. What followed was FBSWC Golden Glove Robert pulling off some smart saves to deny Pasquali and Leghissa from giving the Azzurri back the lead. But the Iberians reacted as the pace picked up after the first restart, making the most of the man to man situations in the back to forge ahead. An Amarelle strike was deviated by Leghissa and whirled into the back of the net, but the Italians were right back in it by the end of the middle period, Paolo Palmacci with a well taken strike.

After that it was all Nico and Amarelle serving the Azeri crowd that effective brand off Beach Soccer that has served the Spaniards so well over the past decade. First it was Nico giving the Spaniards a 3-2 lead, and later Amarelle undoing Corosiniti's equalizer to seal Spain's victory and a spot in the Euro Beach Soccer Cup final.

Spain			Italy		
#	PLAYER	Starters	#	PLAYER	Starters
1	Roberto	X	1	Spada	X
2	Beiro	X	2	Leghissa	X
3	Paco Zalla		5	Feudi	
5	Juanma	X	6	Tedeschi	
6	Nico	X	7	Pasquali	X
8	Zamora		8	Corosiniti	X
9	Javi T.		9	Tiberi	
10	Amarelle	X	10	Miceli	
11	Mini		11	Palmacci	X
12	Dona		12	Zanini	
Head coach: Joaquin Alonso			Head coach: Giancarlo Magrini		

Referees:

1st Sergejus Slyva (LTU)
 2nd Alexander Berezkin (RUS)
 3rd Petro Ivanov (UKR)
 4th Zohrab Alliyev (AZE)

SCORE CHART:

Goal Scorer	Time left	Period	ESP	ITA
#9 Tiberi	2'37	1	1	0
#11 Mini	2'29	2	1	1
#2 Leghissa (OG)	10'09	2	2	1
#11 Palmacci	3'56	2	2	2
#6 Nico	11'37	3	3	2



#8 Corosiniti	10'27	3	3	3
#10 Amarelle	2'58	3	4	3

TEAM	CARDS			
	Player	Card*	Period	Time left
Spain				
Italy				

* Y: yellow; R: red

Quote Joaquin Alonso (Spain coach)

"I'm very happy to have reached the final and the fact that we had to work extra hard for it today makes it more special. Italy is always a tough team to face, so was important for us to stay well organised and not to give away too much space."

"There are quite a few new faces in our team and they obviously have a lack of experience at the highest level. I'm happy that Nico and Amarelle are taking responsibility in showing these youngsters the tactical discipline they should impose in competitions as the Euro Beach Soccer Cup."

Match 7 – Group A – Saturday, September 20

FINAL SCORE:  Azerbaijan 0 x 5  Switzerland

Switzerland outmuscled Azerbaijan en route to a 0-5 victory which sent them into the final and their opponents crashing out on the possibility of lifting the trophy in their very first Euro Beach Soccer Cup. The result ensured Angelo Schirinzi's team finishes first in Group A, and booked them a meeting with Amarelle and co in the final.

Absolute standout in the last group match was Switzerland striker Dejan Stankovic who scored five goals

Azerbaijan			Switzerland		
#	PLAYER	Starters	#	PLAYER	Starters
1	Ruslan	X	1	Nico	X
2	Elvin	X	4	Ziegler	
4	Ilham	X	6	Davor	
5	Abuzar		7	Spacca	
6	Elnur		8	Mo	X
7	Zeynal	X	10	Meier	X
8	Muslim		11	Schirinzi	X

9	Elshad	X	12	Vale	
10	Hikmat		13	Stankovic	X
12	Vagif		21	Samuel	
Head coach: Gustavo Silva			Head coach: Angelo Schirinzi		

Referees:

1st Eduards Borisevics (LVA)
 2nd Petro Ivanov (UKR)
 3rd Afghan Hamzayev (AZE)
 4th Alexander Berezkin (RUS)

SCORE CHART:

Goal Scorer	Time left	Period	AZE	SUI
#13 Stankovic	5'41	1	0	1
#13 Stankovic	5'39	2	0	2
#13 Stankovic	3'21	2	0	3
#13 Stankovic	10'49	3	0	4
#13 Stankovic	7'23	3	0	5

TEAM	CARDS			
	Player	Card*	Period	Time left
Azerbaijan	#10 Hikmat	Y	3	7'25
	#7 Zeynal	R	3	5'39
	#9 Elshad	R	3	2'06
Switzerland	#10 Meier	Y	1	0'05
	#11 Schirinzi	Y	3	2'06

* 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 10th edition of the Euro Beach Soccer Cup.

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