



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

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Final Recap

Final Standings:

- 1. Spain (Champion)**
2. Switzerland (Runner-up)
3. Azerbaijan
4. Norway
5. Italy
6. England

Individual Awards:

Best player: Nico (ESP)
Top goal scorer: Dejan Stankovic (SUI) – 8 goals
Best goalkeeper: Roberto (ESP)

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 1 x 5  Italy **5th & 6th play-off**
14:00  Azerbaijan 4 x 3  Norway **3rd & 4th play-off**
15:15  Switzerland 0 x 2  Spain **FINAL**

Final 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 8 – 5th & 6th play-off – Sunday, September 21

FINAL SCORE:  England 1 x 5  Italy

Italy sweep aside England 1-5 and finish 5th at the Euro Beach Soccer Cup 2008 Baku. The Italians dominated from start until finish and overcame the English with a goal from Corosiniti and doubles from Pasquali and Palmacci.

England			Italy		
#	PLAYER	Starters	#	PLAYER	Starters
2	Evans	X	1	Spada	X
3	Rodriguez		2	Leghissa	X
5	Bowes		5	Feudi	
6	Mitchell	X	6	Tedeschi	
8	GC	X	7	Pasquali	X
10	Funnell		8	Corosiniti	X
11	Sprooles	X	9	Tiberi	
12	Icke	X	10	Miceli	
			11	Palmacci	X
			12	Zanini	
Head coach: David Jones			Head coach: Giancarlo Magrini		

Referees:

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

SCORE CHART:

Goal Scorer Time left Period ENG ITA

#7 Pasquali	8'15	1	0	1
#8 Corosiniti	7'08	1	0	2
#7 Pasquali	5'54	1	0	3
#11 Sprooles	0'38	2	1	3
#11 Palmacci	8'14	3	1	4
#11 Palmacci	5'34	3	1	5

TEAM	CARDS			
	Player	Card*	Period	Time left
England				
Italy				

* Y: yellow; R: red

Match 9 –3rd & 4th play-off – Sunday, September 21

FINAL SCORE:  Azerbaijan 4 x 3  Norway

Azerbaijan enthralled Baku and overwhelmed Norway 4-3 to clinch the third place spot at stake in their final encounter of the Euro Beach Soccer Cup 2008. Lifted by the crowd present at Dalgha Stadium, incessantly thrilled by their fellow countrymen, the Azeri's saw off their opponent's challenges and rushed to victory with goals by Elvin, Hikmat, Muslim, and Elnur.

Azerbaijan			Norway		
#	PLAYER	Starters	#	PLAYER	Starters
1	Ruslan		1	Kalle	X
2	Elvin	X	3	Tommy	X
4	Ilham	X	4	Hansen	X
5	Abuzar		6	Henny	X
6	Elnur		12	Bob	
8	Muslim	X	13	Kandal	
10	Hikmat	X	15	Folgero	
12	Vagif	X	17	Stian	X
20	Namig				
22	Murad				
Head coach: Guga Zloccowick			Head coach: Karl Fredrik Rosland		

Referees:

- 1st Petro Ivanov (UKR)
- 2nd Eduards Borisevics (LVA)
- 3rd Sergejus Slyva (LTU)

4th Zohrab Alliyev (AZE)

SCORE CHART:

Goal Scorer	Time left	Period	AZE	NOR
#2 Elvin	6'53	1	1	0
#10 Hikmat	5'14	1	2	0
#4 Hansen	5'47	2	2	1
#8 Muslim	4'18	2	3	1
#17 Stian	0'16	2	3	2
#4 Hansen	9'19	3	3	3
#6 Elnur	6'44	3	4	3

TEAM	CARDS			
	Player	Card*	Period	Time left
Azerbaijan				
Norway				

* Y: yellow; R: red

Match 9 – FINAL – Sunday, September 21

FINAL SCORE:  Switzerland 0 x 2  Spain

The Furia Roja produced a near-perfect team performance to halt Switzerland in their tracks with a comprehensive 0-2 win and lift the Euro Beach Soccer Cup for the second time in its history. The Spaniards made their tactics clear from the off, trying to built up patiently from the back. Joaquin Alonso's troops had done their homework, though, forcing dangerman Dejan Stankovic to play with his back to goal and the equally lethal Stephane Meier out on the flanks.

Switzerland goalkeeper Nico denied Juanma and Amarelle from opening the scoring with some tumbling saves, but Spain's tactical discipline soon paid off as Nico conjured up an individual effort to put the 1-0 on the scoreboard. This time the Swiss shotstopper had no answer to Nico's subtle finish as the Spaniards took the lead. A lead that was doubled minutes later when Amarelle shot home on the turn. 2-0 and the game was out of Switzerland's reach.

Spain's steady as a rock-defender Nico would later see his outstanding performances in Baku rewarded with the award of MVP of the Euro Beach Soccer Cup, while goalkeeper Roberto snatched the individual goalkeeper trophy.

Switzerland			Spain		
#	PLAYER	Starters	#	PLAYER	Starters
1	Nico	X	1	Roberto	X
4	Ziegler		3	Paco Zaya	
6	Davor		4	Cristian T.	
7	Spacca		5	Juanma	X
8	Mo	X	6	Nico	X
10	Meier	X	7	Kuman	X
11	Schirinzi	X	8	Zamora	
12	Vale		9	Javi T.	
13	Stankovic	X	10	Amarelle	X
21	Samuel		12	Dona	
Head coach: Angelo Schirinzi			Head coach: Joaquin Alonso		

Referees:

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

SCORE CHART:

Goal Scorer	Time left	Period	SUI	ESP
#6 Nico	9'09	2	0	1
#10 Amarelle	4'10	2	0	2

TEAM	Player	CARDS		
		Card*	Period	Time left
Switzerland	#13 Stankovic	Y	1	8'35
Spain				

* 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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