



## **Euro Beach Soccer League 2007 - Mundialito 2007 Portimão, Portugal - July 19 to 22**

Portugal got revenge from being defeated by Russia in last week's final in San Benedetto del Tronto (Italy) and successfully defended their title of the Euro Beach Soccer League 2007 Portuguese stage. The home team scored 3-2 and is set for a thriller on Sunday, in the Mundialito final against world champions Brazil, who defeated Japan 4-0 and extended their unbeaten streak to 50 matches.

The 12<sup>th</sup> edition of the Mundialito, in Portimão, consists of two simultaneous tournaments running from Thursday to Saturday: 4 **World Group** teams - Austria, Brazil, England and Japan – play round robin and collect points. Meanwhile, the 8 **Euro Beach Soccer League 2007** squads - Czech Republic, France, Italy, Poland, Portugal, Russia, Spain and Switzerland – play the Portuguese stage of the league in knock-out format.

On Sunday, the team with the most points in the **World Group** meets the champion of the **Euro Beach Soccer League 2007 Portuguese Stage** for the final of the Mundialito. The runners-up in both groups will play for the Mundialito's 3<sup>rd</sup> place. As both EBSL runner-up Russia and 3<sup>rd</sup>-placed France were not able to stay till Sunday for the 3<sup>rd</sup> place match of the Mundialito due to logistical issues, 4<sup>th</sup>-placed Switzerland will be the squad facing Japan.

### **Results and Match Schedule (GMT+1)**

#### **19 July (Thursday)**

- 12:45 - MATCH 01: **JAPAN 5** x 2 ENGLAND
- 14.00 - MATCH 02: **BRAZIL 12** x 3 AUSTRIA
- flwd by - MATCH 03: **PORTUGAL 7** x 4 CZECH REPUBLIC
- 16:30 - MATCH 04: **FRANCE 4** x 2 POLAND
- 17:45 - MATCH 05: SPAIN 3 x **4 RUSSIA**
- 19:00 - MATCH 06: ITALY (2) 1 x **1 (3) SWITZERLAND**

## **20 July (Friday)**

12:45 - MATCH 07: **JAPAN 6** x 2 AUSTRIA

14:00 - MATCH 08: **BRAZIL 8** x 2 ENGLAND

flwd by - MATCH 09: **PORTUGAL 6** x 1 FRANCE (*Semifinal 1*)

16:30 - MATCH 10: **RUSSIA 7** x 3 SWITZERLAND (*Semifinal 2*)

17:45 - MATCH 11: ITALY 4 x **7 SPAIN** (*Play-off 5<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Place*)

19:00 - MATCH 12: CZECH REPUBLIC 4 x **7 POLAND** (*Play-off 5<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Place*)

## **21 July (Saturday)**

12:45 - MATCH 13: **AUSTRIA 2** x 1 ENGLAND

14.00 - MATCH 14: **BRAZIL 4** x 0 JAPAN

flwd by - MATCH 15: **PORTUGAL 3** x 2 RUSSIA (*Final*)

16:30 - MATCH 16: SWITZERLAND 4 x **6 FRANCE** (*3<sup>rd</sup> place match*)

17:45 - MATCH 17: **SPAIN 1** x 0 POLAND (*5<sup>th</sup> place match*)

19:00 - MATCH 18: ITALY VS CZECH REPUBLIC (*7<sup>th</sup> place match*)

## **22 July (Sunday)**

**Play-off for 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> place of the XII Mundialito**

14:00 - MATCH 19: JAPAN VS SWITZERLAND 3-5

## **FINAL of the XII Mundialito**

MATCH 20: PORTUGAL VS BRAZIL 2-5

## **Individual awards - Euro Beach Soccer League 2007 Portuguese Stage**

**Best Goalkeeper** – Andrey Bukhlitskiy (RUS)

**Top Scorer** – Madjer (POR) – 7 goals

**Best Player** - Alan (POR)

## Final ranking Euro Beach Soccer League 2007 Portuguese Stage - Portimão

### Winner:

Portugal.....10 points

**Runner-up:** Russia.....8 points

**3rd:** France.....7 points

**4th:** Switzerland..... 6 points

**5th:** Spain.....5 points

**6th:** Poland.....4 points

**7th:** Italy .....3 points

**8th:** Czech Republic .....1 point

<b>Euro Beach Soccer League 2007 overall ranking</b>						
<b>Pos.</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>San Benedetto del Tronto (ITA)</b>	<b>Portimão (POR)</b>	<b>Tignes (FRA)</b>	<b>Mallorca (ESP)</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>1</b>	Russia	10	8	-	-	18
<b>2</b>	Portugal	8	10	-	-	18
<b>3</b>	Switzerland	7	6	-	-	13
<b>4</b>	France	5	7	-	-	12
<b>5</b>	Italy	6	3	-	-	9
<b>6</b>	Poland	3	4	-	-	7
<b>7</b>	Spain	1	5	-	-	6
<b>8</b>	Czech Rep	4	1	-	-	5

The Portuguese stage was the second of 4 knock-out round tournaments that will define the 6 countries qualified for the EBSL Superfinal, in Marseille (FRA), from August 21 to 26. The French tournament will also serve as the European Zone Qualifier for the FIFA Beach Soccer World Cup 2007, which will be held in Rio de Janeiro from November 2 to 11.