



The Late Night Newsletter



We know who will play for medals

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After six days of competition, we now know who will compete for medals at the FISU World University Championships Futsal. Brazil and Portugal will face off in both the women's and men's tournaments.

On Monday, all eyes were on Pruszkow, where the battle for a spot in the grand final was taking place. The start of the first semifinal made it clear that this would be a hard-fought match. The Portuguese team attacked their opponents goal more often, but the Germans also had their chances and played effectively on defense. For most of the first half, the score remained tied at zero. The Portuguese teams efforts were finally rewarded, and with half a minute left in the first half, the team from the Iberian Peninsula took a 1:0 lead.

In the second half, the Portuguese quickly extended their lead and then scored again. They controlled the game throughout the second half and secured a well-deserved 3:0 victory, advancing to the futsal championship final for the third consecutive time.

The second semifinal was dominated by the Brazilians, who proved to be far superior to the Polish team. The Brazilian team needed just 90 seconds to open the scoring. They then continued to attack the goal and doubled their lead. In the middle of the first half, the match was more evenly matched; the Polish team fought to score a goal to close the gap, but to no avail.



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It was the Brazilians who managed to score again, taking a 3:0 lead into halftime. In the second half, the favorites maintained their dominance on the field, capping it off with a goal to make it 4:0. The Brazilians will deservedly compete to defend their championship title in Tuesday's final.

The gold medal match will be a rematch of the finals from four years ago in Guimarães and two years ago in Shanghai. In 2022, Portugal won 5:4 in a penalty shootout (5:5 in regulation time), while in the previous edition, Brazil prevailed 3:1.

A moment later, the Polish and Brazilian men's teams took the court. The fans didn't have to wait long for a goal, as the "Canarinhos" scored their first goal just 12 seconds into the game, courtesy of Toninho.

The Brazilians extended their lead to 2:0 in the 10th minute of the match with a goal by Kelven. In the final minute of the first half, the action picked up a bit as Toninho scored to make it 3:0. Shortly after, Kacper Pawlus responded with a goal, and the first half ended with a score of 3:1. In the second half, Brazil didn't let up and ultimately won 6:1, advancing to the final once again. The South American team has a chance to reclaim the gold medal and win the tournament for the seventh time in history.



The second semifinal was full of excitement. Another medal favorite, Portugal, was already leading the Czech Republic 4:0 in the first half thanks to goals by Abel Vaz, Tiago Rodrigues, Tomás Silva, and Gonçalo Paixão. The Czech team didn't give up, however, and scored three goals on shots by Kristof Lizalek, Wojtech Bisko, and Dominik Balog. The teams went into halftime with the score at 4:3. Early in the second half, the Czechs took a risk by playing with a man advantage, but this only led to more goals for Portugal. Ultimately, the Portuguese won 8:4. The final will thus feature a rematch between group-stage rivals Portugal and Brazil. Their previous match ended in a tie, but now one team will have to emerge victorious.

On Tuesday, Poland will face Germany in the women's bronze medal match. The match begins at 10 a.m., and at 1 p.m., the Czech Republic and Poland will compete for the men's bronze medal. The women's gold medal match will take place at 4 p.m., and the men's gold medal match at 7 p.m. Brazil and Portugal will face off in the men's championship match.





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RETURN OF THE TEAM USA

For the first time in two decades, the United States returned to the FISU World University Championship Futsal. While the results may not have gone exactly as they had hoped, simply wearing the national jersey on this stage is already a special achievement. For team captain Santiago Campos, the tournament is about much more than the final score; it is about representing his country and helping futsal grow back home.

Professional futsal opportunities exist only if you are playing for the national team, so the sport remains outside the American mainstream. Campos, who studies architecture in Atlanta, believes futsal in the United States is on a verge of a turning point and has a bright future. For student-athletes in the United States, balancing sport and education a lot of planning. According to Campos, daily routines often include morning training sessions, scheduled meals, classes, and afternoon practices. Many athletes also choose study programs that allow them to keep up with their training schedule.

Representing the United States at an international event is something Campos describes as an honour, especially considering the team's long-awaited return to the competition. "It means a lot to represent my country," he says. "Of course, we wanted different results, but I'm really grateful to be here." American squad met for the first time in Warsaw. The captain claims that building chemistry in such a short period became just as important as training. He also talked about how playing against national teams, who's players are playing pro futsal, is a great opportunity to gain experience and to learn something new.



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Semi-finals - Men



1:6



8:4





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Semi-finals - Women



4:0



3:0





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Results - Women - 7th-10th

7th place



1:1
6:7



9th place



1:14





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Results - Men - 5th-16th

5th - 8th



0:12



1:0



9th - 12th



5:1



2:0



13th - 16th



1:5



6:1





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MON 06, 16.00

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TUE 07, 19.00



vs

MON 06, 19.00



TUE 07, 13.00

3rd PLACE



TUE 07, 16.00

5th PLACE





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TUE 07, 16.00



TUE 07, 10.00

3rd PLACE



TUE 07, 10.00

5th PLACE





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TOP SCORERS - WOMEN

Carvalho Margarida (POR) 6
Almeida Formighieri Erica (BRA) 5
Oliveira Ana (POR) 5
Mylokkoski Jennifer (FIN) 4
Dias Garcia de Fronseca Bartiz (POR) 4

TOP SCORERS - MEN

Faustino Marques Pedro (POR) 6
Dubois Alexis (FRA) 6
Balog Dominik (CZE) 6
Eetu Kaikkola (FIN) 6
Grzegorz Harabuda (POL) 5

MEN

Suspensions for receiving 2 yellow cards (in a quarter final and a semi final match):

Kolski Elliott (FRA) 10
Makhoul Giorgio (LBN) 22



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