

**England 3-1 Hungary**  
**Group A**  
**INAS-FID European Championship**  
**Boundary Park, Oldham Athletic FC**  
**3.00pm, 26 July**

**England defeated Hungary 3-1 in the final group match of the INAS-FID European Championships to ensure they topped Group A and will head into Wednesday's semi final with a 100 per cent record.**

George Chukwuma - who began this match on the left wing - grabbed one of England's goals with striker, Dean Earle, scoring the other two, taking his tournament tally to three. Robert Zagoni notched a consolation goal for the Hungarians.

With England's qualification to the last four already sealed following a 10-0 win over France and a 5-1 victory over Portugal, they battled it out with Hungary at Boundary Park to see which team would win Group A and avoid the winner of Group B, which will be decided tomorrow.

Holland also secured top spot with a 4-1 win against England semi final opponents Poland. Holland will face Hungary in the other semi final at Curzon Ashton.

The other match in the Group A finished Portugal 4-1 France. The other Group B game also finished 4-1 to Germany against Sweden.

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**England 3-2 Poland**  
**INAS-FID European Championship**  
**Semi-final**  
**Boundary Park, Oldham Athletic FC**  
**7.45pm, 23 July**

**A late goal from Scott Curley sent England's Learning Disability team into the final of the INAS-FID European Championships after coming from 2-0 down to defeat Poland.**

With extra-time looming, Curley collected a through ball from James Morris just inside the Polish area and calmly lifted the ball over the on-rushing 'keeper, Michal Wierzbicki. Curley's deft finish completed an amazing comeback from England, who found themselves facing a semi-final exit after conceding twice in the opening 20 minutes.

England began the match without influential captain Ronnie Watson, who hadn't fully recovered from a hamstring injury suffered against Portugal in the second group match, so right back, Danny Cole, was the skipper for the night, and it was his equaliser that gave England the impetus to go on and clinch the victory.

Poland took the lead after six minutes, when a shot from Patryk Smolarek was parried well by Kevin Ginever, but Rafal Mordon latched on to the rebound from a tight angle.

An enthusiastic Boundary Park crowd thought England had equalised shortly after. Lele Bajada found Royce Greenidge racing towards goal and Greenidge found the back of the net with consummate ease, only to see the Assistant Referee's flag raised for offside.

Poland's second goal came courtesy of a delightful piece of play from centre forward Pawel Michalski.

Picking the ball up just inside the England half he bore down on Grant Smith and Junior Bilal at the heart of the England defence. Feigning to pass to his strike partner, Mateusz Kalita, allowed him the time and space to engineer a delightful chip which curled despairingly over the head of Kevin Ginever.

Despite this set back, Alan Gillett's side continued to dominate proceedings and Wierzbicki was by far the busiest 'keeper for the remainder of the half, denying Greenidge and Bajada and later, two long range efforts from Morris and Curley.

Two goals down and with half-time fast approaching, England pushed forward seeking reward for the pressure they had continually forced upon their opponents.

Moving into injury time, the ball broke to Greenidge just outside the Polish box and his deflected effort wrong-footed Wierzbicki and crept into the Polish net.

This goal lifted England's spirits and amazingly, less than a minute later, they were level.

With a number of England players occupying the Polish box following an earlier corner, stand-in skipper, Cole, picked the ball up on the right wing and sent it deep towards the far post. Wierzbicki came to collect, but was distracted by the number of bodies in front of him and could only watch as Cole's centre sailed beyond his grasp to make it 2-2.

Though there was also an element of fortune to England's equaliser, their attacking approach certainly warranted success and after overturning a two goal deficit, England were in the ascendancy.

Despite continual England pressure, the majority of the second half was understandably less spectacular, with only Curley, Junior Bilal and Danny Williams registering early efforts of any real note, though all three failed to hit the target.

After impressing in the group stage, Royce Greenidge was again a constant threat on the right wing. It was his goal that brought England back into the game and his direct runs caused Poland a number of problems throughout the night.

When Marek Prosowski was sent off after 75 minutes for a second bookable offence, England seized their opportunity. Poland sat back, inviting even more England pressure and Curley's goal sent the Three Lions into Saturday's final where they will face reigning European champions, Holland, after the Dutch beat Hungary 3-0 in the second semi-final.

**Saturday's final will be staged at Boundary Park and admission will be free of charge, so come along and help cheer England to Euro glory.**

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**England 1-3 Holland**  
**INAS-FID European Championship**  
**The Final**  
**Boundary Park, Oldham Athletic FC**  
**3.00pm, Saturday 2 August 2008**

**Holland's Learning Disability side came from behind to deny 10-man England their first-ever INAS-FID European Championship triumph.**

England's semi-final match-winner Scott Curley turned was sent off for a reckless challenge in the 18th minute.

Alan Gillett's men took a 25th-minute lead through winger Royce Greenidge, though, and looked set to hold on for a memorable victory at Boundary Park.

But Holland grabbed a 71st-minute equaliser through Dino Cornet and Jan Peters put them in front three minutes later before sealing their third straight victory in the competition in stoppage time.

England captain Ronnie Watson returned after two games out with a hamstring injury while Frank Curley was also back, but the defending champions started strongest, with Dino Cornet firing straight at England goalkeeper Wes Jackman.

The host nation threatened with Scott Curley and Watson firing wide, although Watson was booked in the 12th minute for a late tackle.

Yet England did not heed that warning and tempers flared as Curley was red-carded for his foul on Holland captain Omar Leona.

Holland went close moments later as Furkan Alakmak knocked the ball wide of the onrushing Jackman but also wide of the England goal.

England's plans then suffered another blow when Danny Cole was forced off with a head injury, so Grant Smith dropped back to right-back and Danny Williams came on in midfield.

And Williams made an immediate impact, finding Lele Bejada down the left and his neat cross from the byline was headed home at the back post by Greenidge.

Leona was unable to continue and there was a lull in play as the two sides came to terms with their enforced changes.

Dino Cornet headed a corner straight at Jackman as an eventful first half drew to a close while the enthusiastic home crowd thought England had doubled their lead when Frank Curley headed into the side-netting from Watson's free-kick.

Four minutes after the restart, Jackman did well to block Alakmak's header low to his right and although Holland were bossing possession, they looked unlikely to break England down.

That was until a fine 25-yard strike from Cornet crept in off a post to draw Holland level.

A deep free-kick then caused havoc in the England box, drawing Jackman out of position, and Ahmed Yussef squared for Peters to turn the ball into an empty net.

England replied with James Morris going close with a 25-yard free-kick before his late corner was directed agonisingly wide but Peters struck again at the death to leave England heartbroken.

## **Logistique appointed to advise on feasibility of Kendal Centre for Sport and Culture**

Logistique has recently been appointed by Kendal College and its project partners to complete a study that will determine the feasibility of a centre for sport and culture.

The project will reach out to leading local sports clubs and organisations to find out what their future needs are likely to be, and also assess the potential demand for complementary sports and leisure facilities to meet the demands of the town's fast-growing population and the London 2012 legacy.

A new facility or facilities may provide a focus for the Kendal's main sporting aspirations and help to engender pride among the town's population. Subject to identified demand, it may also provide a venue for other events, sport and leisure, compatible with the main purpose of the facilities.

Jon Dutton, Managing Director said, "Logistique are looking forward to working with Kendal College and its partners to examine the possibility of creating an important new sporting facility for the town so its residents can benefit today and generations to come. We hope to develop a community resource that will encourage a healthy, active population in Kendal."

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## **Community Football Centre for Dunstable**

South Bedfordshire District Council has recently appointed specialist sport and leisure consultants Logistique to undertake a series of funding applications and governance modeling.

The District Council and project partners have identified a site and aspire to a new dual use six changing room football and community facility, car parking, a 3rd Generation AGP, 2 natural grass football pitches (adult), 2 natural grass pitches (junior), one being a MUGA, 2 natural grass pitches (mini soccer), relocation of a BMX track and a new spectator stand. For further details please contact:

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## **Logistique commissioned by Salford City Council to prepare Investment Priority Plan**

Logistique has been appointed by Salford City Council to produce a comprehensive investment priority plan on outdoor facilities for Salford, which sets out the aims, objectives and key priorities for the delivery of sports facilities for the next ten years. The plan will build upon previous work undertaken by the Council with an overall clear vision for the provision of sport and leisure facilities and sports pitches across Salford.

The plan will include an assessment of need, participation, accessibility and quantity and quality of existing provision for a range of outdoor sports facilities along with identifying both potential and viable locations for the investment, a detailed capital funding appraisal identifying appropriate funding avenues and highlight areas of potential partnership working.

The plan for Salford will reflect recommendations and outcomes from various strategic documents which will ensure that this document is 'future proofed' and consistent with national policy. For further details please contact:

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**The Football Association appoints Logistique to event manage both the FA National Futsal Play off finals and an International Invitational Tournament.**

The Football Association has appointed Logistique as event managers on two of its futsal events later in the year. Logistique will be leading on the delivery of the National Futsal Play off finals and an International tournament involving Republic of Ireland, Libya, Lithuania and the hosts England to be held during September and December respectively at Loughborough University

Logistique were appointed earlier in the year to manage both the National Youth Futsal Festival and National Futsal Cup and comes on the back of a busy summer events programme with the FA Football Fives, Salford Mini Soccer Festival and the European Learning Disabilities Championships all forming part of Logistique's 2008 portfolio.

Logistique Managing Director, Jon Dutton said "it has been a busy but productive summer of events for the team but one that we have all thoroughly enjoyed".

"To have been selected to event manage these events is fantastic for us following on from our recent involvement in the futsal festival and cup".

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## **Logistique commissioned by the Football Association to prepare a risk assessment strategy for Amputee football**

Logistique has been appointed by The Football Association to produce a comprehensive risk assessment strategy for the suitability of amputee footballers participating in mainstream football.

The objective of this project is to assist the FA to critique, test and consult on the Amputee Risk Assessment Framework.

The objectives of this project:

- To check the risk assessment processes are sufficiently detailed and robust.
- To undertake testing of the framework to ascertain its appropriateness ensuring the scope of this and the numbers of trials to be sufficiently robust to allow recommendations to be made back to DEAG and FA Board.
- To seek the views of referees and non-disabled people in football on the possible introduction of rule allowing disabled footballers to participate in conventional football

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## **Helvecia do the double**

Helvecia won the first ever FA National Futsal League championship on Sunday evening, defeating Ipswich Wolves 9 -3 in the final game of a compelling Play-Off tournament.

Having already won The FA Futsal Cup earlier this year, Helvecia completed a domestic double with a commanding performance over a gallant but exhausted Wolves side. Helvecia's victory assured them of a place in the 2009 UEFA Futsal Cup competition and a prize fund of £2500.

The Final served to emphasise the qualities of a team that draws its strength from the London Brazilian community. Whilst Tournament Golden Boot winner Raoni Medina (left) with 11 goals exhibited the skills and finishing that we have come to expect from Brazilian strikers, this was matched with high levels of fitness and strong aggressive defending throughout the team.

Coach Ronaldo Negrao deployed the most offensive tactics of all six teams represented at the Play-offs by playing with a 'flying goalkeeper' throughout the tournament, illustrating his confidence in the team's ability to retain possession and make best use of the extra outfielder to open up opposition defences.

The Wolves will consider themselves unlucky in that they had to face a confident Helvecia team having won their own Semi-Final only an hour earlier 7-6 against a tenacious London White Bear team.

This game went into extra time and finally finished after 2 hours and 28 minutes – probably the longest Futsal match ever to have been staged in this country. Whilst Ipswich Wolves were able to match Helvecia in a first half which finished 3-3, they inevitably fatigued as the game progressed. Helvecia extended their lead and their tiring opponents were unable to respond to the rampant Brazilians.

With the final whistle Helvecia celebrated with their noisy supporters as only Brazilians can and The FA's representatives next year in the UEFA Cup will travel with samba drums.

In the third-fourth Play-Off, London White Bear also exhibited the energy-sapping effects of their epic Semi-Final struggle against Ipswich Wolves by losing surprisingly to Birmingham Tigers 1-2. The Tigers will be delighted with their third placed finish, with Peter Vallance's four goals against Manchester Futsal Club a highlight.

Neither Tranmere Victoria nor Manchester Futsal Club deserved the wooden spoon after playing some attractive, positive Futsal and only narrowly losing crucial games.

The gap between them and the higher placed sides is marginal but they will spend the close season considering how this can be reduced if they are going to come to terms with their opponents of Portuguese, Brazilian and Eastern European origin. Tranmere Victoria defeated Manchester 3-2, although Manchester could at least console themselves with the Tournament Fair Play Trophy.

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## **Football Centre for Lincoln**

City of Lincoln Council has recently appointed specialist sport and leisure consultants Logistique to undertake a series of funding applications and governance modeling.

The City Council and project partners have identified a site and aspire to a new dual use six or four changing room football and community facility, a 3rd Generation AGP, 2 natural grass football pitches (adult), 2 natural grass pitches (junior) and 4 natural grass pitches (mini soccer).

The next step will be to carry out an investigation into the proposed facilities and continue discussions with the local football family and key stakeholders.

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With the teams having participated in local and regional qualifying groups, the best men's and women's teams nationwide were all able to taste the experience of running out of the Wembley tunnel and onto the turf at one of the world's most famous stadiums.

As well as that, eight teams who lost out in the regional qualifiers were drawn out as 'Lucky Losers' and were invited to the Finals, so there would be three winners who would get the chance to climb the steps to the Royal Box and collect their respective trophy and medals.

The men's Final proved to be a close affair between north London's Top Ballerz and South-East winners White Dogs, ending 2-2 after normal and extra time before being decided by a penalty shoot-out. Top Ballerz held their nerve to win and seal the title.

It was the Liver Birds who lifted the Women's title, following their emphatic 9-1 victory against Bournemouth Ladies in their Final.

In the 'Lucky Losers' section, No Pace United from Bristol beat ODs in their Final.

Logistique Managing Director and Tournament Director for the event, Jon Dutton said:

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## **The curtain calls on 2008 events for Logistique**

Logistique have again been successfully chosen by the Football Association to event manage the FA Four Nation International Futsal Tournament later this month.

This tournament culminates a very busy 2008 for Logistique which has seen them involved in seven separate football events ranging from Salford Mini Soccer Festival to the Learning Disabilities European Championships.

England play host to a Four Nation Futsal Tournament in December and Head Coach Peter Sturges has named his squad for the games.

Taking place at Loughborough University, the competition involves England, Republic of Ireland, Lithuania and Libya, who will all play each other over three days the weekend before Christmas.

Following the trip to France for a competition in Caen in October, which saw games with France and the Netherlands, Sturges, has named an eleven-man squad with only Loughborough Futsal Club goalkeeper Curtis Holmes being a new addition.

The rest of the squad all travelled to France and will be looking to add more caps to their respective tallies in the East Midlands.

England's first game is against Ireland on Friday 19 December, before they face Lithuania the following day and then Libya on Sunday 21 December.

Fans can watch all of the games, with tickets costing £5 for a three-day pass whilst all students and U16s go free. Call the ticket hotline now on 0161 743 3515 for more details.

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