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# 13th WUC Futsal kicked off!

# NEWSLETTER FUTSAL 2012

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## FUTSAL 2012

### Braga Portugal 13th World University Championship



Female competition starts today in a match opposing the current champions to the Russian Federation. In another game, Portugal and France face each other again, while the Spanish female team rests.

The opening game gathered a large amount of futsal fans in PEB that witnessed the expressive victory of Portugal over France. The organization expects a similar scenario during all the championship.



# Portugal wins over France

France was beaten by Portugal in the first match of World University Championship of Futsal. The score was 6-0.



In the first game of World University Championship of Futsal, in which Portugal played against France, André Santos scored the first goal for Portugal at 1.27m. Portugal had a good entrance in the match, with 4 shots on goal. Then, France started to grow and to play hard. Despite this, Amilcar Gomes scored twice just seven seconds apart (6.14m and 6.07m to finish the first half)! Portugal then smashed with two more

goals at 4.20m and 4.15m to the break, by Amilcar (again) and Luis Marques. In the last moments of first half France lost a great opportunity to scored. The second half was not so good played, maybe due to Portugal having a good advantage. In spite of this, Amilcar managed to deceive the french keeper and scored its fourth goal when the clock counted 8.30m. France couldn't face the strength of

Portuguese game, and the match ended with no more goals. None of the teams have reached the limit of accumulated fouls, promoting a fair play competition. This is an example that will certainly be followed by the other teams in this championship. With this performance, Amilcar leads on the list of best scorers, with four goals. Portugal is on the top of the group A with 3 points.

## Brazilian's expectations

Brazil won the last World University Championship of Futsal, in 2010, came to this competition hoping for a "great result", as explains Roberto, a delegation member. "When a Brazilian team plays a tournament of soccer or futsal, there are big expectations and the goal is to reach the final, despite the good opponents

like Portugal, Spain, Russia and Ukraine", add him. In his opinion, the female team has better chances to win than male's, due to the low number of teams involved in the girls competition. "About the tournament, we hope a good work for referees in all the matches", finalized.

## Braga wishes good luck to you all

The open ceremony took place yesterday evening, in Arcada, in centre of the town. All the entourages paraded until that spot and was presented gravely. After that the president of the Organizing Committee,

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### Today's calendar

Two years ago, Serbia hosted 12th World University Championship of Futsal. That time, the world title was reached by Brazil, in both competitions. This year, the champions starts to defend their title, today at 7pm, against Oman in Men's competition, and against Russia (2.30pm) in Women's.

The other games of the day are, in female's tournament, Portugal against France (11.45 am), and, in male's, Thailand against Ukraine, Czech Republic against Russia, both at 11.45 am. At 2.30 pm, Spain faces Kazakhstan.

Iran's and Nigeria's teams don't compete in this competition. So, the matches against China and Azerbaijan won't be realized.

tee, Luis Rodrigues, welcomed all participants and wished them the best luck for the competition. The Organizing Committee hopes to have a well-played tournament, with good moments of sport. On one hand, the rector from University of Minho, António Cunha, talked about the pride of being a host for this championship. On the other hand, Luciano Cabral, vice president of FISU, expressed his total confidence in the Organizing Committee, motivated by the past experiences.

