

# VIVA World Cup 2008 <sup>TM</sup> under the midnight sun.

5010 grams: the weight of the Nelson Mandela Trophy.

262 mm is its height, and 104 mm, width at the base.

"Giving it all we've got" This is the official song of the VIVA World Cup 2008 <sup>TM</sup>, by the Sami Group Patrik OMALM & Per Niila STALKA. To listen on [www.myspace.com/patrikomalm](http://www.myspace.com/patrikomalm).



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**Only 1 Group with 5 teams (two more than in 2006), the first two ranked playing Final, the following 2 match ranking. Result: 41 goals in 12 games (average of 3.41 goals per game).**

Competition level raised enough teams with some professional or ex-professional players: the number of 3 Padania (Alessandro DAL CANTO, Massimiliano SCAGLIA Federico COSSATO, and 4 for the Kurdistan Halkor MULLA TAHER and Emad ASAD SALIH, Dydar HAED HASSAN) 3 semi-professional (Basel GORGIS, Johan BOYACI and Menhal MAGDISI for Aramean Suryoye), amateurs from training centers (Maxime MENZA) when they are not pure talent as Stephan GIORDANO (2 players Provence) or Bahar GHADERI (Kurdistan). Without citing purely amateur players who had to abandon professionalism (as Johan Anders LOGJE, Sami reindeer herder, could not bring himself to abandon his profession for football).

**"first times" for the Arameans Suryoye and Kurdistan (first matches and first victories that will remain forever etched in the history of their football). No victory for the young Kurdish women's team, but symbolically first goal, also historic, listed by Ala KHIRADAST.**

**Sun, sun, sun, for a first under the "Midnight Sun" (in this period, the Arctic Circle, the sun never sets, and end weekend festivities are only hottest this is the least we can say ...).**

**3<sup>rd</sup> half of the final banquet was the best answer that could be given by the players NFB. What beautiful pictures, Kurds resuming in heart and with Suryoyes Padans songs of friendship. Level players, some landmarks are noted, in particular the presence in the ranks of Kurdistan, the goalkeeper of the national team of Iraq Dydar HAED HASSAN, or even the age of the guardian Aramean Suryoye Aday SULEYMAN (16), the youngest player of the tournament. While veteran was Thierry MARCADE (Provence, 44), a pioneer name already well known in the international non-FIFA football. Also the presence of coach Morten PEDERSEN Danish, former player of the Danish national team that won Euro 1992 in Sami effective.**

**More statistics for the first time with fans from all over Europe.**

**8480 spectators accumulated during the competition in a rural setting.**

**Over 10 million Kurds have followed the opening which was the first international match of their team match.**

**Provence players were able to follow every night a summary of match Marseille TV. The same applies to Padanian with highlights of RAI.**

**Media including TV present to make documentaries, highlights, replays sometimes (Russia, Brazil, England, USA, Kurdistan, Italy, Sweden, Norway, Finland), news agencies (Reuters) Media everywhere (Sweden, Norway, Finland, Denmark, England, Germany, Kurdistan, Italy, Poland, Portugal ...).**

**Tens of billions of mosquitoes that are copiously feasted during all matches and festivities throughout the competition.**

**VIVA World Cup™ is now well and truly into orbit.**