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Latest UEFA EURO 2004™ stadium inspection report

Progress described as a “breathtaking achievement”

UEFA is currently carrying out a 4-day inspection visit of the Portuguese stadiums to host the matches of UEFA EURO 2004™ next summer. The inspection team will visit all ten stadiums, ending in Guimarães on Friday, and has already remarked upon the huge progress made.

The José Alvalade stadium in Lisbon and the stadiums in Coimbra, Aveiro and Guimarães will be completed and operational by 30 September 2003. Final preparations at the Algarve Stadium, Benfica’s Estádio da Luz, the Dragão Stadium in Porto, Boavista’s Bessa Stadium and those at Leiria and Braga are also currently nearing completion.

On the 30 September, UEFA will review the status of all stadium projects and those not satisfactorily meeting the deadline will be required to explain their position and give a completion date.

Leading the inspection, Chairman of the UEFA Stadia and Security Committee, Mr Ernie Walker, said:

“That ten stadiums, seven brand new and three completely re-furbished, could be delivered in such a short time is a breathtaking achievement on the part of everyone involved in Portugal. This is a major accomplishment on a scale never seen before in European football.

“There is still work to be done and we have identified the follow-up that is needed, but the overall progress is very impressive and most encouraging.”

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