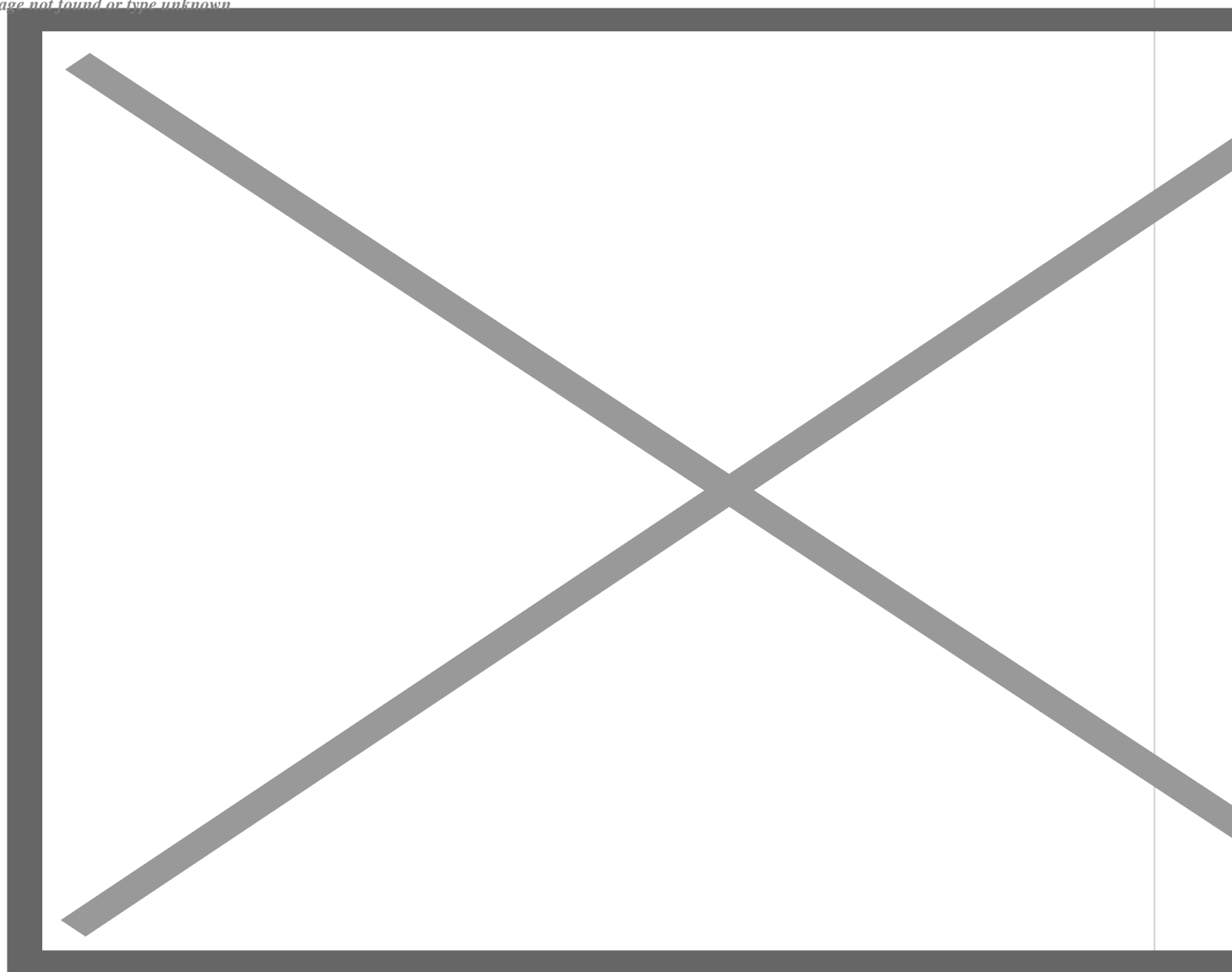


Argentina-Brazil duel focuses Futsal World Cup semifinals

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Havana, September 29 (RHC)-- The duel between Argentina and Brazil in search of a place for the title of the ninth edition of the Futsal World Cup Lithuania 2021 qualified as an early final.

The draw decided that both teams would play one of the two semifinal matches, and both Argentina and Brazil will reach this stage undefeated in five appearances, after leading their respective groups in the knockout stage.

The weight of history tips the scales in favor of the "canarinha", who will face their seventh semifinal, and who have five wins without defeat in the competition against the Albiceleste team, although the last result between them favors the Argentines in the 2020 World Cup qualifiers.

Coach Xavier Marquinhos' Brazilians will be looking to celebrate their sixth championship trophy in Lithuania and have already improved on the performance of five years ago, when they failed to advance beyond the round of 16 after losing on penalties to Iran. The reigning world champions, Argentina, will be playing in their second consecutive semifinal and will try to reach their 30th success in history against Brazil.

Brazil topped Group A with smiles over Czech Republic, Vietnam and Panama; then beat Japan 4-2 in the round of 16, and in the quarterfinals overcame Morocco 1-0.

Argentina, meanwhile, topped the F bracket with wins over Iran, Serbia and the United States, before beating Paraguay 6-1 in the round of 16 and Russia 5-4 on penalties in the quarterfinals.

The winner of the Argentina-Brazil clash will face the winner of the Portugal-Kazakhstan semifinal on Sunday at the Kaunas Arena for the Lithuania 2021 World Cup crown.

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