

WHAT DO THE
BRAZILIANS
KNOW
THAT WE DON'T
KNOW?

SMALL

There is an unwritten rule in Brazilian futebol that says: **SMALL** is greater than big.

SMALL is how Brazilians learn to play magic soccer. **SMALL** is how they are triple-teamed and become escape artists. **SMALL** is how Brazilians master the ball like it's glued to their boots. (It never is. To date, 1,784 referees have checked.) **SMALL** is how they learn to dribble in teeny, tiny, cramped, tight, wee spaces no bigger than a bat's litter box. **SMALL** has a name in Brazil. And it is **FUTSAL**.

FIRST TIME THAT'S
EVER BEEN WRITTEN.

IT'S TRUE.

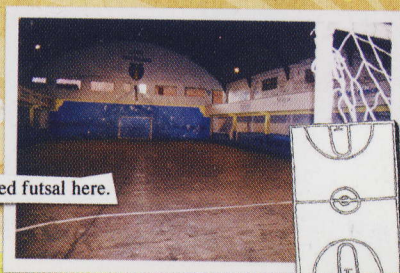


WHAT EXACTLY IS THIS FUTSAL YOU SPEAK OF?

- INDOORS
- 5 v. 5, INCLUDING KEEPERS
- NO TURF. SMOOTH, HARD SURFACE KEEPS THE BALL MOVING FAST
- KICK-INS, NOT THROW-INS
- SMALLer BALL (SIZE 4)
- HEAVIER BALL--SO SKILL, NOT BOUNCE, MOVES IT

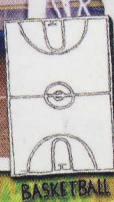
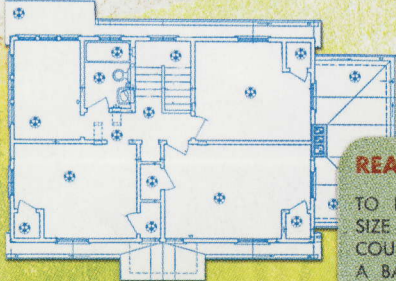
AND THERE AIN'T NO PANSY WALLS TO BAIL YOU OUT.

THAT'S RIGHT. YOU'RE PLAYING ON A **SMALL**, FAST COURT WITH OUT-OF-BOUNDS LINES. YOU GET IN TROUBLE, YOU HAVE TO PASS OR DRIBBLE OUT OF IT. AND THERE'S NO RICOCHETING SHOTS OFF THE BACK WALL. BRAZILIANS BECOME MASTERS OF THE **SMALL** TARGET.

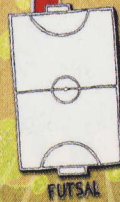


Ronaldo played futsal here.

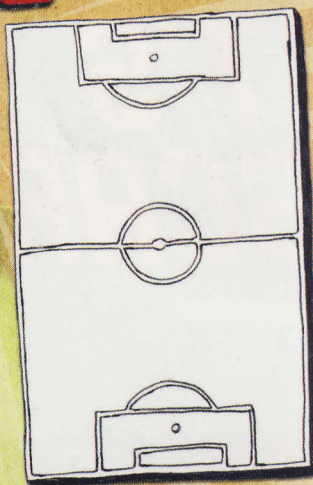
BRAZILIAN FLOOR PLAN:
A BALL IN EVERY ROOM.
CAN YOU JUGGLE, SITTING ON THE POT?



BASKETBALL



FUTSAL



SOCCER

READ THIS AND A FUTSAL COURT WILL MAGICALLY APPEAR:

TO PLAY FUTSAL, YOU NEED A SMOOTH, HARD SURFACE ABOUT THE SIZE OF A BASKETBALL COURT. YOU ALSO NEED TWO GOALS, WHICH COULD BE MADE BY THROWING DOWN BACKPACKS AT THE ENDS OF A BASKETBALL COURT. KNOW WHERE A BASKETBALL COURT IS? IS THIS CLEAR ENOUGH YET? DO WE HAVE TO DRAW YOU A PICTURE? LIKE THE PICTURE THAT'S ALREADY DRAWN HERE? OH, WAIT. WHO DREW THAT?

YOU CAN ALSO USE THE POLES AS GOALS. (DON'T SHOOT TOO HIGH NOW.)
AND NO COURT AVAILABLE? HEL-LO? TRY A GYM, STREET, SIDEWALK, OR DRIVEWAY.

ROBERTO CARLOS PLAYED FUTSAL

ADRIANO PLAYED FUTSAL

DIEGO PLAYED FUTSAL.

Robinho says his skills come from futsal.

He didn't even play on grass till he was 14.

Robinho can do more amazing things with his feet than any basketball player can do with his hands.

Watch him freeze the defender with the "pedalada," his feet dummying around the ball one after the other like he's pedaling:

Right foot, above and around the left side of the ball.

Left foot, above and around the right side.

Repeat as necessary until opponent falls on right and left butt cheeks.



Player to Watch **ROBINHO**

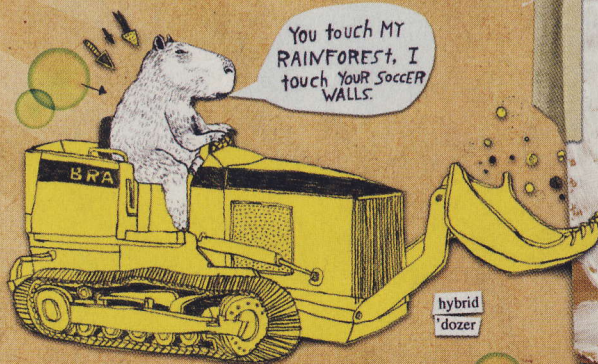
~ STRIKER ~
BRAZILIANS SAY HE IS
A GIFT FROM GOD.

SMALL fact: "Futsal" came from the Spanish word for soccer, "FUTbol," and from "SALon," which means indoor. "Futsal" did NOT originate from combining FUTabetei (a Japanese author born in 1864) and SALus (the ancient Roman goddess of health and prosperity), as commonly thought.

10 de Dezembro de 1958



MISSION:
TEAR DOWN ALL INDOOR SOCCER WALLS AND JOOP UP THE TURF. THERE ARE 10,000 CAPYBARAS WAITING IN BRAZILIAN FORESTS EAGER TO HELP.



Brazilians flock to the **SMALL** futsal court because it makes them think faster, react faster, move faster. They love that play is so intense. The ball can come to you at any time. And the speed and tight spaces make it a glorious game to **FOOL, TRICK, AND HUMILIATE**. It is a happy breeding ground for nutmegs.

Futsal is where Brazilians learn to play with the bottoms of their feet, making the ball stick to their soles. It's a **SMALL** space where ultimate control is born before it's taken to the big grass fields. But a Brazilian will not tell you this. He will tell you how he loves the speed and magic of futsal. He will tell you how he looks forward to dribbling past Roberto and Ernesto before they have time to blink. (Poor Roberto...Sad, sad Ernesto.)

Remember Ronaldo's impossible goal in 2002 against Turkey? He **IMPROVISED**. He toe-punched a shot through a wall of defenders. No one could believe it. Two announcers even fell in love and got married. "It was instinctive," Ronaldo said. "I owe it to playing a lot of futsal." Ronaldo went on to scare the strudel out of the Germans in the finals with his futsal moves. (Warning: Strudel scaring can be messy. Wear apron when dribbling.)

RONALDINHO PLAYED FUTSAL.

ROBINHO PLAYED FUTSAL.