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In the recent finals of the world's most prestigious tiny robot soccer tournament, the Darmstadt Dribblers housed the FUmanoids 7-1. Here's the (mercifully) sped-up video of the match, complete with theatrics I haven't seen since I [last watched Italy play](#).

The two finalists were both German teams, which might explain the stiffness. And the game itself was actually a rematch between last year's finalists, also resoundingly lost by the FUmanoids (11-1). Impressive engineering and all that (except for all the falling down). But when is the US finally going to have a competitive tiny robot soccer program of its own? [\[Plastic Pals via CrunchGear\]](#)

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