



**FIFA Beach Soccer World Cup 2008 Qualifier CONCACAF Puerto Vallarta
Puerto Vallarta, Mexico – April 17 - 19**

Day 1 Recap

Results and match schedule (GMT -7)

April 17 (Thursday) – Matches

17:15 USA 7 x 2 Costa Rica
18:30 El Salvador 2 x 4 Mexico

April 18 (Friday) – Matches

17:15 USA x El Salvador
18:30 Mexico x Costa Rica

April 19 (Saturday) – Matches

17:15 Costa Rica x El Salvador
18:30 Mexico x USA

Standings:

| <u>Group A</u> | Team | Points | Goals sc. | Goals rec. | Goal diff | Red Cards | Yellow Cards |
|----------------|-------------|--------|-----------|------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|
| 1 | USA | 3 | 7 | 2 | +5 | 0 | 1 |
| 2 | Mexico | 3 | 4 | 2 | +2 | 0 | 0 |
| 4 | El Salvador | 0 | 2 | 4 | -2 | 0 | 2 |
| 3 | Costa Rica | 0 | 2 | 7 | -5 | 0 | 0 |

The four countries playing the FIFA Beach Soccer World Cup 2008 Qualifier CONCACAF Puerto Vallarta will round robin. The two teams that top the group after three matchdays qualify for the FIFA Beach Soccer World Cup 2008, which will be played from July 17 to 27 in Marseilles, France.

Match reports

Match 1 – Thursday, April 17

FINAL SCORE: USA 7 vs. 2 Costa Rica

No surprises in the opening game of this year's CONCACAF Qualifier. The USA did what they had to do, beat Costa Rica without too many problems. An early goal by Chimienti in the first period gave USA the lead which they never gave away. Costa Rica tried very hard to come back in the game but never succeeded and it was just a matter of time before Roberto Ceciliano's boys scored their second, third and fourth goal of the day. Final result: 7-2

| USA | | | Costa Rica | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------|----------|----------------------------------|--------------|----------|
| # | PLAYER | Starters | # | PLAYER | Starters |
| 1 | Montañez | X | 1 | Regidor E. | |
| 4 | Taguinod | | 3 | Chavarria J. | X |
| 5 | Astorga | X | 4 | Villegas A. | |
| 6 | Silva | | 5 | Chavarria A | |
| 7 | Nolz | | 6 | Calvo J. | X |
| 8 | Albuquerque | X | 7 | Morales H. | X |
| 9 | Chimienti | X | 8 | Valverde J. | |
| 10 | Farberoff | X | 9 | Brenes O. | X |
| 11 | Morales | | 10 | Angulo J. | |
| 12 | Elfvín | | 12 | Vega L. | X |
| Head coach: Roberto Ceciliano | | | Head coach: Juan Carlos Arguedas | | |

Referees:

- 1st Renato de Carlos (BRA)
- 2nd Luis Alberto Colli (ARG)
- 3rd Carlos Aguirregaray Banegas (URU)
- 4th Juan Marcelo Cantti (ARG)

SCORE CHART:

| Goal Scorer | Time | Period | USA | CRC |
|----------------|-------|--------|-----|-----|
| #9 Chimienti | 0'14 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| #11 Morales | 1'11 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| #7 Morales H. | 2'53 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| #9 Chimienti | 2'57 | 2 | 3 | 1 |
| #8 Albuquerque | 5'39 | 2 | 4 | 1 |
| #4 Taguinod | 8'47 | 2 | 5 | 1 |
| #9 Brenes O. | 10'32 | 2 | 5 | 2 |
| #6 Silva | 11'51 | 2 | 6 | 2 |
| #8 Albuquerque | 0'58 | 3 | 7 | 2 |



| TEAM | Player | CARDS | | |
|------------|---------|-------|--------|------|
| | | Card* | Period | Time |
| USA | #7 Nolz | Y | 3 | 1'10 |
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| Costa Rica | | | | |
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* Y: yellow; R: red

Quote Roberto Ceciliano(Coach USA)

My boys played a very good opening game today, we controlled the game very well throughout the first period and that's what eventually made the difference. My players are in very good shape and with some slight adjustments in our tactics I think the USA will be a very hard team to beat.

Match 2 – Thursday, April 17

FINAL SCORE: El Salvador 2 vs. 4 Mexico

A full stadium for host Mexico's first game in this CONCACAF Qualifier. The runner-up from last year's global showpiece weren't that convincing today but do take 3 important points into day two of the FIFA Beach Soccer World Cup 2008 Qualifier CONCACAF Puerto Vallarta

| El Salvador | | | Mexico | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|----------|------------------------|---------------|----------|
| # | PLAYER | Starters | # | PLAYER | Starters |
| 1 | Rodas | | 1 | A. Iriarte | |
| 2 | Zavala | | 2 | O. Gonzalez | |
| 3 | Membreno | | 3 | F. Vargas | |
| 4 | Lobos | | 4 | F. Cati | X |
| 7 | Torres | | 6 | J. Navarrete | X |
| 8 | Quinteros | | 8 | I. Rodriguez | |
| 9 | Ramirez | | 9 | R. Villalobos | X |
| 10 | Hernandez | | 10 | G. Rosales | |
| 11 | Ruiz | | 11 | M. Plata | X |
| 12 | Portillo | | 12 | M. Estrada | X |
| Head coach: Rudis Mauricio Gonzalez | | | Head coach: Ramón Raya | | |

Referees:

- 1st Juan Marcelo Cantti (ARG)
- 2nd Nelson Bonilla Espinoza (CRC)
- 3rd Carlos Aguirregaray Banegas (URU)



4th Renato De Carlos (BRA)

SCORE CHART:

| Goal Scorer | Time | Period | ESA | MEX |
|------------------|-------|--------|-----|-----|
| #10 G. Rosales | 5'39 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| #9 R. Villalobos | 6'39 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| #8 I. Rodriguez | 10'14 | 1 | 0 | 3 |
| #4 Lobos | 8'12 | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| #9 R. Villalobos | 11'25 | 2 | 1 | 4 |
| #11 J. Ruiz | 8'20 | 3 | 2 | 4 |

| TEAM | Player | CARDS | | |
|-------------|-----------|-------|--------|-------|
| | | Card* | Period | Time |
| El Salvador | #11 Ruiz | Y | 2 | 11'24 |
| | #7 Torres | Y | 3 | 1'57 |
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| | | | | |
| Mexico | | | | |
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* Y: yellow; R: red

Quote Ramón Raya (coach Mexico)

Our priority is to qualify for the World Cup so I'm happy with the result, but not satisfied with the way we played today. There's lots of room for improvement if we want to beat a hard working team like Costa Rica or the USA on the last matchday.

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