



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

Day 2 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 5 x 6 El Salvador
18:30 Mexico 7 x 0 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	Mexico	6	11	2	+9	0	0
2	USA	3	12	8	+4	0	3
4	El Salvador	3	8	9	-1	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 3 – Friday, April 18

FINAL SCORE: USA 5 x 6 El Salvador

What seemed to become a walk in the park for the Americans turned out to be the most exciting game of the Puerto Vallarta showdown so far, El Salvador surprised yesterday's heroes by beating them 6-5. In the end goalkeeper and El Salvador captain Rodas kept his team in the game with some breathtaking saves and led his team to victory against the tournament favourites.

USA			El Salvador		
#	PLAYER	Starters	#	PLAYER	Starters
1	Montañez	X	1	Rodas	X
4	Taguinod		2	Zavala	
5	Astorga	X	3	Membreno	X
6	Silva		4	Lobo	X
7	Nolz		5	Blanco	
8	Albuquerque	X	6	Castro	X
9	Chimienti	X	7	Torres	
10	Farberoff	X	9	Ramirez	
11	Morales		11	Ruiz	X
12	Elfvín		12	Portillo	
Head coach: Roberto Ceciliano			Head coach: Rudis Mauricio Gonzalez		

Referees:

- 1st Renato de Carlos (BRA)
- 2nd Nelson Bonilla Espinoza (CRC)
- 3rd Luis Alberto Colli (ARG)
- 4th Carlos Aguirregaray Banegas (URU)

SCORE CHART:

Goal Scorer	Time	Period	USA	ESA
#9 Chimienti	0'07	1	1	0
#3 Membreno	0'12	1	1	1
#11 Ruiz	3'26	1	1	2
#8 Albuquerque	4'40	1	2	2
#11 Ruiz	2'00	2	2	3
#7 Torres	2'16	2	2	4
#5 Astorga	9'17	2	3	4
#3 Membreno	0'37	3	3	5
#11 Ruiz	1'53	3	3	6
#4 Taguinod	4'29	3	4	6
#11 Morales	5'32	3	5	6



TEAM	Player	CARDS		
		Card*	Period	Time left
USA	#5 Astorga	Y	2	0'26
	#8 Albuquerque	Y	3	11'33
El Salvador				

* Y: yellow; R: red

Quote Luis Rodas(Captain/goalkeeper El Salvador)

We thank this result to God who gave us the strength to beat a physically strong team like the USA and gave us the victory we needed to stay in the running for Marseille. We worked very hard to get where we are today and hope to repeat today's miracle tomorrow.

Match 4 – Friday, April 18

FINAL SCORE: Mexico 7 x 0 Costa Rica

The runner up at last year's global showpiece take the lead in the CONCACAF competition by blowing away all Costa Rica's hopes for qualification with a thrashing 7-0 result. The over present Puerto Vallarta crowd lifted the Azteca's to higher spheres and saw their team get the better half of the Costa Ricans.

Mexico			Costa Rica		
#	PLAYER	Starters	#	PLAYER	Starters
1	A. Iriarte		1	Regidor E.	X
3	F. Vargas		2	Retana E.	
4	F. Cati	X	4	Villegas A.	X
5	I. Santoyo		5	Chavarria A.	
6	J. Navarette	X	6	Calvo J.	X
8	I. Rodriguez		7	Morales H.	X
9	R. Villalobos	X	9	Brenes O.	
10	G. Rosales		10	Angulo J.	X
11	M. Plata	X	11	Cordero A.	
12	M. Estrada	X	12	Vega L.	
Head coach: Ramón Raya			Head coach: Juan Carlos Arguedas		

Referees:

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

SCORE CHART:

Goal Scorer	Time	Period	MEX	CRC
#10 G. Rosales	3'14	1	1	0
#8 I. Rodriguez	6'57	1	2	0
#11 M. Plata	2'49	2	3	0
#10 G. Rosales	5'52	2	4	0
#6 J. Navarette	1'06	3	5	0
#11 M. Plata	8'50	3	6	0
#6 J. Navarette	9'57	3	7	0

TEAM	CARDS			
	Player	Card*	Period	Time left
Mexico				
Costa Rica				

* Y: yellow; R: red

Quote R. Villalobos (player Mexico)

We're very happy with our win today, not only are we one step closer to qualify, we also delighted all the Mexican people in the stands who supported us massively over the past few days. Let's hope we can award them with the qualification tomorrow against the USA.

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