



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

Final recap

Results and match schedule (GMT -6)

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 3 x 4 El Salvador

18:30 Mexico 2 x 1 USA

Final standings

Group A	Team	Points	Goals	Goals	Goal	Red	Yellow
Group A			SC.	rec.	diff	Cards	Cards
1	Mexico*	9	13	3	+10	0	0
2	El Salvador*	5	12	12	0	0	1
4	USA	3	13	10	+3	0	4
3	Costa Rica	0	5	11	-6	0	2

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 5 - Saturday, April 19

FINAL SCORE: Costa Rica 3 x 4 El Salvador (after extra-time)

El Salvador go second in the CONCACAF Qualifier after beating Costa Rica 3-4 in extra time. That means that the Azteca's are now qualified for the FIFA Beach Soccer World Cup 2008 and the Salvadorians will have to wait for the outcome of the Mexico vs. USA game to know if they can start dreaming about the French Riviera.

Costa Rica			El Salvador			
#	PLAYER	Starters	#	PLAYER	Starters	
1	Regidor E.	Х	1	Rodas	Χ	
2	Retana E.	Χ	2	Zavala		
4	Villegas A.	Х	3	Membreno	Χ	
5	Chavarria A.		4	Lobo	Х	
6	Calvo J.	Х	7	Torres		
7	Morales H.		8	Quinteros		
8	Valverde J.		9	Ramirez	Χ	
9	Brenes O.	Х	10	Hernandez		
10	Angulo J.		11	Ruiz	Χ	
12	Vega L.		12	Portillo		
Head coach: Juan Carlos Arguedas		Head coach: Rudis Mauricio				

Referees:

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

SCORE CHART:

Goal Scorer	Time	Period	CRC	ESA
#11 Ruiz	0′30	1	0	1
#9 Brenes	3′13	1	1	1
#9 Ramirez	1′10	2	1	2
#10 Angulo	9′20	2	2	2
#7 Morales	10′50	2	3	2
#11 Ruiz	4′28	3	3	3
#7 Torres	0'27	ET	3	4





		CARDS		
TEAM	Player	Card*	Period	Time
Costa Rica	#6 Calvo	Υ	3	3′08
	#5 Chavarria	Υ	3	5′29
El Salvador	#10 Hernandez	Υ	3	10′01

* Y: yellow; R: red

Quote Ramirez(El Salvador striker)

Whatever happens on the pitch is God's will. He was on our side today and I can only thank Him for giving us the strength to get these two points that will maybe decide whether we go to Marseille or not.

Match 6 - Saturday, April 19

FINAL SCORE: Mexico 2 x 1 USA

The victors of last year's edition were downed 2-1 by the new and rightful CONCACAF Champions Mexico. Over the past three days the Azteca's dominated the competition and demonstrated why they were finalists at last year's Copacabana showdown. This July they will travel to Marseille alongside El Salvador who make history by qualifying for the FIFA Beach Soccer World Cup for the first time in its history.

Mexico			USA			
#	PLAYER	Starters	#	PLAYER	Starters	
1	A. Iriarte		1	Montañez	Х	
3	F. Vargas		2	Roman		
4	F. Cati	Χ	4	Taguinod		
5	I. Santoyo		5	Astorga	Х	
6	J. Navarette	Х	6	Silva		
8	I. Rodriguez		8	Alburquerque	Х	
9	R. Villalobos	Х	9	Chimienti	Х	
10	G. Rosales		10	Farberoff	Χ	
11	M. Plata	Х	11	Morales		
12	M. Estrada	Х	12	Elfvin		
Head coach: Rámon Raya Head coach: Roberto C				Ceciliano		

Referees:

1st Juan Marcelo Cantti 2nd Luis Alberto Colli 3rd Nelson Bonilla Espinoza 4th Carlos Aguirregaray Banegas





SCORE CHART:

Goal Scorer	Time	Period	MEX	USA
#9 R. Villalobos	11′11	1	1	0
#10 Farberoff	1′19	2	1	1
#10 G. Rosales	6′08	2	2	1

		CARDS		
TEAM	Player	Card*	Period	Time
Mexico				
USA	#5 Astorga	Υ	2	5′07

* Y: yellow; R: red

Quote Ricardo Villalobos (Mexico striker)

Our team deserved this win more then anything. This tournament has been a great success. We were stronger then we have ever been and we have to thank the people of Puerto Vallarta who supported us massively. I think there were 3000 people watching the game outside the stadium following the game on big screens. We just had to award them with a victory.

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