

FIFA Beach Soccer World Cup 2008 Qualifier CONMEBOL Buenos Aires
Buenos Aires, Argentina – April 23 - 27

Day 2

As Brazil had a difficult time dealing with the Paraguayans, a 6-4 victory secured them the semifinal berth in Group B. On Friday, Paraguay and Uruguay have a do-or-die clash with the other semi spot at stake. Group A is wide open, as Argentina leads with 6 points, followed by Chile and Venezuela, both with 3 points.

Match 4 – Group A – Wednesday, April 24

FINAL SCORE: Venezuela 5 x 4 Chile

The Venezuelans survived the possibility of elimination as they grinded out a 5-4 victory, courtesy of a hat-trick by striker Centeno. Both teams now have 3 points in Group A and are set to face Peru and Argentina, respectively, on Friday.

Venezuela			Chile		
#	PLAYER	Starters	#	PLAYER	Starters
1	CASAL	x	1	C.VILLALOBOS	x
2	ROMERO		2	J.TORRES	X
13	CENTENO		4	V.GONZALEZ	
4	CARDONE	x	5	S.ARGOTE	X
5	FERREIRA		8	C.MEDINA	X
7	QUINTERO	x	7	E.VALENCIA	
8	LANDAETA	x	9	J.MENA	x
10	KLEUDES	x	10	I.HERRERA	
11	LONGA		11	R.SANHUEZA	
12	MORENO		12	R.CUEVAS	
Head coach: Roby Cavallo			Head coach: Miguel Ángel Gamboa		

Referees:

1st Referee: Erick Chavarría (CRC)

2nd Referee: Javier Betancor (URU)

3rd Referee: Franklin Quesada (CRC)

SCORE CHART:

Goal Scorer	Time left	Period	VEN	CHI
#9 J. MENA (CHI)	9'59	1 ST	0	1
#2 ROMERO (VEN)	4'45	1 ST	1	1
#13 CENTENO (VEN)	2'56	1 ST	2	1
#13 CENTENO (VEN)	1'46	1 ST	3	1
#11 LONGA (VEN)	0'11	1 ST	4	1
#7 E. VALENCIA (CHI)	9'35	3 RD	4	2
#13 CENTENO (VEN)	3'54	3 RD	5	2
#11 R. SANHUEZA (CHI)	2'45	3 RD	5	3
#9 J. MENA (CHI)	1'12	3 RD	5	4

TEAM	CARDS			
	Player	Card*	Period	Time left
Venezuela				
Chile	#7 E. VALENCIA	Y	1 ST	2'57
	#1 C. VILLALOBOS	Y	3 RD	3'25

* Y: yellow; R: red

Quote #13 CENTENO (VEN)

We have to proud of the way we bounced back from yesterday's tough loss to Argentina. We knew this was a must-win situation, so in the final minutes our nerves were close to playing us a trick: fortunately we hung on and are back to contention.

Match 5 – Group B – Wednesday, April 24

FINAL SCORE: Paraguay 4 x 6 Brazil

Twice world champions Brazil survived a serious scare and reached their second win in the FIFA Beach Soccer World Cup 2008 Qualifier Buenos Aires, which secures them the top spot in Group B. Paraguay and Uruguay will play for a semifinal berth on Friday.

Paraguay			Brazil		
#	PLAYER	Starters	#	PLAYER	Starters
1	ESPINOLA		1	MAO	x
2	MERELES		2	CAMILO	
3	MALDONADO		4	BETINHO	
4	NOGUERA		5	DANIEL BRUNO	
5	GONZALEZ	x	6	BRUNO	
6	SANTANDER	x	7	SIDNEY	x
8	ROMAN		8	JR.NEGAO	x
9	SALINAS	x	10	BENJAMIN	x
10	RIVEROS	x	11	BURU	x
12	BRITZ	x	12	WAGNER	
Head coach: Juan Carlos Orihuela			Head coach: Alexandre Soares		

Referees:

1st Referee: Pedro Infante (VEN)
2nd Referee: Pablo Del Puerto (ARG)
3rd referee: Hernan Fernandez (ARG)

SCORE CHART:

Goal Scorer	Time left	Period	PAR	BRA
#10 BENJAMIN (BRA)	7'48	1 ST	0	1
#11 BURU (BRA)	7'20	1 ST	0	2
#10 BENJAMIN (BRA)	5'08	1 ST	0	3
#2 MERELES (PAR)	5'06	1 ST	1	3
#10 RIVEROS (PAR)	0'33	1 ST	2	3
#6 SANTANDER (PAR)	11'30	2 ND	3	3
#8 JR. NEGÃO (BRA)	5'26	2 ND	3	4
#5 DANIEL (BRA)	1'39	2 ND	3	5
#4 NOGUERA (PAR)	4'40	3 RD	4	5

#4 BETINHO (BRA)

0'41

3RD

4

6

TEAM	CARDS			
	Player	Card*	Period	Time left
Paraguay	#2 MERELES	Y	2 ND	2'02
	#9 SALINAS	Y	2 ND	8'46
Brazil	#11 BURU	Y	2 ND	2'02

* Y: yellow; R: red

Quote Alexandre Soares (head coach BRA)

It is something we should be aware of: for the second straight match, we had absolute control and kept pushing hard to score instead of using the lead in our advantage. They have a very solid defensive system and I knew it would be complicated to score against them.

Match 6– Group A - Wednesday, April 24

FINAL SCORE: Peru 0 x 8 Argentina

The Argentineans left no room for doubt as they thrashed the Peruvians and reached the top of the standings in Group A with 6 points – which leaves them quite close to qualifying for the semifinals. On Friday, Argentina faces Chile, while eliminated Peru will take on Venezuela.

Peru			Argentina		
#	PLAYER	Starters	#	PLAYER	Starters
1	HERNANDEZ		1	SALGUEIRO	x
2	RIVAS	x	3	CASADO	
3	MARUY		5	FRANCESCHINI	x
4	LEON		6	PARADISI	
6	DEL POZO	x	8	DALLERA	
7	BUCHANAN		9	MINICI	
8	NEUHAUS		10	HILAIRE F.	x
9	E. DRAGO	x	14	HILAIRE S.	x
10	RIVERA	x	19	HILAIRE E.	x
12	I. DRAGO	x	22	DELIA	
Head coach: Jaime Drago			Head coach: Hector Petrasso		

Referees:

1st referee: Alberto Magno (BRA)

2nd referee: Ivo Santos (BRA)

3rd referee: Franklin Quesada (CRC)

SCORE CHART:

Goal Scorer	Time left	Period	PER	ARG
#10 HILAIRE F. (ARG)	8'21	1 ST	0	1
#19 HILAIRE E. (ARG)	7'41	1 ST	0	2
#3 CASADO (ARG)	4'19	1 ST	0	3
#10 HILAIRE F. (ARG)	10'11	2 ND	0	4
#19 HILAIRE E. (ARG)	6'32	2 ND	0	5
#9 MINICI (ARG)	6'04	2 ND	0	6

#9 MINICI (ARG)	2'20	2 ND	0	7
#9 MINICI (ARG)	1'25	2 ND	0	8

TEAM	CARDS			
	Player	Card*	Period	Time left
Peru	#3 MARUY	Y	2 ND	6'05
	#2 RIVAS	Y	2 ND	2'21
Argentina				

* Y: yellow; R: red

Quote from #19 EZEQUIEL HILAIRE (ARG)

It feels good when you are the one making it look easy. This is just what we did today: our offensive weapons worked to perfection and after yesterday's gritty one against Venezuela, this is just what we needed to boost up our self-esteem and look for a spot in the semifinals.

Group A	Team	Points	Goals sc.	Goals rec.	Goal diff	Red Cards	Yellow Cards
1	Argentina	6	10	1	+9	0	0
2	Chile	3	12	10	+2	0	1
3	Venezuela	3	6	6	0	0	1
4	Peru	0	5	16	-11	0	2

Group B	Team	Points	Goals sc.	Goals rec.	Goal diff	Red Cards	Yellow Cards
1	Brazil*	6	14	7	+7	0	2
2	Paraguay	0	4	6	-2	0	2
3	Uruguay	0	3	8	-5	0	0

* Clinched semifinal berth

Results and match schedule (GMT -3)

April 23 (Tuesday) – Matches

Chile 8 x 5 Peru
Brazil 8 x 3 Uruguay
Argentina 2 x 1 Venezuela

April 24 (Wednesday) – Matches

Venezuela 5 x 4 Chile
Paraguay 4 x 6 Brazil
Peru 0 x 8 Argentina

April 25 (Thursday) – Matches

3:15pm - Uruguay x Paraguay
4:30pm - Venezuela x Peru
Followed by - Argentina x Chile

April 26 (Friday) – Matches



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4:30pm - 1st Group B vs. 2nd Group A (Semi-final 1)
Followed by - 1st Group A vs. 2nd Group B (Semi-final 2)

April 27 (Saturday) – Matches

Noon - Loser Semi-final 1 vs. Loser Semi-final 2 (Play-Off 3rd-4th)
Followed by - Winner Semi-final 1 vs. Winner Semi-final 2 (Final)

The seven countries playing the FIFA Beach Soccer World Cup 2008 Qualifier CONMEBOL Buenos Aires were drawn into two groups. The top two teams from each of them will qualify for the semi finals, and the two finalists will be the South American representatives in the FIFA Beach Soccer World Cup 2008, which will be played from July 17 to 27 in Marseilles, France. Right now, there are five teams that have already secured their berths: France (host country); Senegal and Cameroon (Africa); El Salvador and Mexico (CONCACAF).

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