

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

Day 1

The opening matchday of the CONMEBOL qualifier saw newcomers Chile having a dream debut against Paraguay and favourites Brazil and Argentina dispatching Uruguay and Venezuela, respectively.

Match 1 – Group A – Tuesday, April 23

FINAL SCORE: Chile 8 x 5 Peru

In their first-ever official beach soccer match, the Chilean team showed poise and tactical discipline to comfortably overcome the Peruvians 8-5 and collect their first 3 points in Group A.

Chile			Peru		
#	PLAYER	Starters	#	PLAYER	Starters
1	C.VILLALOBOS	x	1	HERNANDEZ	x
2	J.TORRES	x	2	RIVAS	
3	D.VALENCIA	x	3	MARUY	x
5	S.ARGOTE		4	LEON	x
7	E. VALENCIA		6	DEL POZO	
8	C.MEDINA	x	7	BUCHANAN	x
9	J.MENA	x	8	NEUHAUS	
10	I.HERRERA		9	E. DRAGO	x
11	R.SANHUEZA		11	REYES	
12	R.CUEVAS		12	I. DRAGO	
Head coach: Miguel Ángel Gamboa			Head coach: Jaime Drago		

Referees:

- 1st Alberto Magno (BRA)
- 2nd Franklin Quesada (CRC)
- 3rd Javier Betancor (URU)

SCORE CHART:

Goal Scorer	Time left	Period	CHI	PER
#9 J.MENA (CHI)	10'43	1 ST	1	0
#8 C.MEDINA (CHI)	10'02	1 ST	2	0
#8 C. MEDINA (CHI)	7'33	1 ST	3	0
#6 DEL POZO (PER)	1'49	1 ST	3	1
#10 I. HERRERA (CHI)	6'23	2 ND	4	1
#9 E. DRAGO (PER)	5'32	2 ND	4	2
#8 C.MEDINA (CHI)	3'57	2 ND	5	2
#2 J. TORRES (CHI)	1'49	2 ND	6	2
#11 R. SANHUEZA (CHI)	0'57	2 ND	7	2
#11 R. SANHUEZA (CHI)	0'25	2 ND	8	2
#8 NEUHAUS (PER)	8'26	3 RD	8	3
#9 E. DRAGO (PER)	8'00	3 RD	8	4
#9 E. DRAGO (PER)	4'20	3 RD	8	5

TEAM	CARDS			
	Player	Card*	Period	Time left
Chile	#5 S. ARGOTE	Y	3 RD	2'20
Peru	#9 E. DRAGO	Y	2 ND	6'23
	# 12 I. DRAGO	Y	3 RD	0'27

* Y: yellow; R: red

Obs: Chilean head coach Miguel Angel Gamboa was sent off with 2'20 left in the 3rd period.

Quote from Miguel Angel Gamboa (head coach CHI)

I am sure a lot of people must be surprised, but I know just how good the kids are. Our adaptation to the sand was fantastic and I was really thrilled with the way we managed to control the tempo in the first two periods. Our stamina was low in the end, but fortunately it was enough to stop their surge.

Match 2 – Group B – Tuesday, April 23

FINAL SCORE: Brazil 8 x 3 Uruguay

In a replay of the FIFA Beach Soccer World Cup 2006 final, the Brazilians had to fight hard all the way until the 3rd period, when it took them six minutes to boost up their morale and score five consecutive goals against Uruguayan keeper Diego.

Brazil			Uruguay		
#	PLAYER	Starters	#	PLAYER	Starters
1	MÃO	X	1	DIEGO	X
3	BUENO		2	FABIRICIO	
5	DANIEL		3	RICAR	X
6	BRUNO		4	COCO	X
7	SIDNEY	X	5	PAMPERO	X
8	JR.NEGAO	X	7	PARRILLO	X
9	ANDRE		10	FABIAN	
10	BENJAMIN	X	11	MATIAS	
11	BURU	X	12	LEANDRO	
12	WAGNER		14	MARTIN	
Head coach: Alexandre Soares			Head coach: Venancio Ramos		

Referees:

- 1ST HERNÁN FERNANDEZ (ARG)
- 2ND PEDRO INFANTE (VEN)
- 3RD PABLO DEL PUERTO (ARG)

SCORE CHART:

Goal Scorer	Time left	Period	BRA	URU
#11 BURU (BRA)	5'26	1 ST	1	0
#3 BUENO (BRA)	10'22	2 ND	2	0
#14 MARTÍN (URU)	10'37	3 RD	2	1
#3 RICAR (URU)	9'02	3 RD	2	2
#11 BURU (BRA)	6'18	3 RD	3	2
#4 ORTIZ (URU)	6'13	3 RD	3	3
#11 BURU (BRA)	6'07	3 RD	4	3
#8 JR. NEGÃO (BRA)	4'52	3 RD	5	3
#5 DANIEL (BRA)	3'18	3 RD	6	3
#3 BUENO (BRA)	2'44	3 RD	7	3
#1 MÃO (BRA)	0'09	3 RD	8	3

TEAM	CARDS			
	Player	Card*	Period	Time left
Brazil	#10 Benjamin	Y	3 rd	9'02
Uruguay				

* Y: yellow; R: red

#11 Buru (BRA)

The sand here is a bit thicker and heavier than that which we are used to, so the match was quite physical and hard-fought. The five-goal difference in the scoreboard definitely does not reflect how tough this one was, but we know our main strength is the ability to keep playing in the same level throughout all 36 minutes. This is why we could score those five late goals in the 3rd period.

Match 3 – Group A – Tuesday, April 23

FINAL SCORE: Argentina 2 x 1 Venezuela

A nail-biter that had the two teams struggling to maintain ball possession and to create scoring opportunities, Argentina vs. Venezuela featured the other two teams from group A, whose kick-off had Chile beating Peru 8-5. Federico Hilaire scored the winner for the Argentineans with just over 1 minute left and lifted them to 3 points in the standings.

Argentina			Venezuela		
#	PLAYER	Starters	#	PLAYER	Starters
1	SALGUEIRO	X	1	CASAL	X
3	CASADO		4	CARDONE	X
5	FRANCESCHINI	X	5	FERREIRA	
6	PARADISI		3	JIMENEZ	
8	DALLERA		7	QUINTERO	X
9	MINICI		8	LANDAETA	X
10	HILAIRE F.	X	9	RODRIGUEZ	
14	HILAIRE S.	X	10	KLEUDES	X
19	HILAIRE E.	X	11	LONGA	
22	DELIA		22	MORENO	
Head coach: Hector Petrasso			Head coach: Roby Cavallo		

Referees:

1ST IVO SANTOS (BRA)
2ND ERICK CHAVARRÍA (CRC)
3RD JAVIER BETANCOR (URU)

SCORE CHART:

Goal Scorer	Time left	Period	ARG	VEN
#19 HILAIRE E. (ARG)	5'20	1 ST	1	0
# 7 QUINTERO (VEN)	7'32	2 ND	1	1
#10 HILAIRE (ARG)	3'11	3 RD	2	1

TEAM	CARDS			
	Player	Card*	Period	Time left
Argentina				
Venezuela	#7 QUINTERO	Y	1 ST	6'46

* Y: yellow; R: red

Quote Hector Petrasso (head coach ARG)

It does not get any tougher than this: Venezuela showed some serious grit and stamina, and I must praise our home crowd, which really made the difference and lifted us to the victory. That is the way we expect a South American qualifier to be: filled with close clashes like this one.

<u>Group A</u>	Team	Points	Goals sc.	Goals rec.	Goal diff	Red Cards	Yellow Cards
1	Chile	3	8	5	+3	0	1
2	Argentina	3	2	1	+1	0	0
4	Venezuela	0	1	2	-1	0	1
3	Peru	0	5	8	-3	0	2

<u>Group B</u>	Team	Points	Goals sc.	Goals rec.	Goal diff	Red Cards	Yellow Cards
1	Brazil	3	8	3	+5	0	1
2	Paraguay	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Uruguay	0	3	8	-5	0	0

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



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April 24 (Wednesday) – Matches

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

April 25 (Thursday) – Matches

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

April 26 (Friday) – Matches

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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