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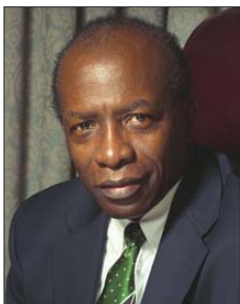


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President Jack Warner's Message



It is a matter of immense pride that the great explosion of participation, interest and quality of play in women's soccer emanated from this Confederation.

The efforts of the United States women, winners of the very first FIFA Women's World Cup, can not be praised too highly and in this 8-team tournament in Costa Rica, the USA again finished in first place.

What was equally welcome, however, is the general increase in standards throughout the region and, in this case, the noticeable improvement in the Mexican and Costa Rican teams.

Whereas, games between the US and Mexico were once thought to be foregone conclusions, in this tournament Mexico first knocked out fancied Canada, 2-1, in the semi-final and then forced the US to be at their best to win the final 3-2.

Both the US and Mexico qualified for Athens where this generation of American players finished as they began; as champions. While Brazil knocked out Mexico 5-0, the Olympic Final was a 2-1 win for the US; another triumph for the USA, another time of pride for the whole of CONCACAF.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. Warner', written over a horizontal line.

Jack Warner
President, CONCACAF

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Canada



Canada was an early favourite to be one of the qualifiers for Athens 2004. They crushed their first two opponents, Jamaica and Panama, using a positive, but predictable style of play. The power of Christine Sinclair, Aysha Jamani, Christine Latham and Kara Lang provided several goalscoring chances.

However, despite their three victories, the one against Costa Rica was far from convincing. In a game which was the effectiveness of good midfield inter-passing by the Costa Ricans, Canada struggled to hold their game plan and found themselves having to resort to tough tactics to regain possession.

An early goal by Sinclair did not stop the fluid play by Costa Rica which seemed destined to have some results. Even when goal number two by Jamani came along, Canada were not in control.

However, Mexico became Canada's opponent, and like Costa Rica, produced speed, skill and a smooth interpassing game which opened their defense to astute forms of penetration. The Mexicans produced an improved quality of football and Canada had no answer. The defeat was a jolt for the Canadians, but they are probably now aware, there are other countries coming up to the level of North American teams.

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name/Nombre</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>DOB/FDN</u>
1	Karina LeBlanc	GK	30.03.1980
2	Christine Latham	AT	15.09.1981
3	Carmelina Moscato	MD	02.05.1984
4	Veronique Maranda	MD	18.08.1986
5	Andrea Neil	MD	26.11.1971
6	Sharolta Nonen	DF	30.12.1977
7	Isabelle Morneau	DF	18.04.1976
8	Marie-Eve Nault	MD	16.02.1982
9	Rhian Wilkinson	MD	12.05.1982
10	Charmaine Hooper	AT	15.01.1968
11	Randee Hermus	DF	14.11.1979
12	Christine Sinclair	AT	12.06.1983
13	Diana Matheson	MD	06.04.1984
14	Aysha Jamani	AT	28.06.1987
15	Kara Lang	AT	22.10.1986
16	Brittany Timko	MD	05.09.1985
17	Melissa Tancredi	DF	27.12.1981
18	Tanya Dennis	DF	26.08.1985
20	Taryn Swiatek	GK	04.02.1981
22	Erin McLeod	GK	26.02.1983

Technical Director/Director Técnico: Even PELLERUD

Assistant Coach/Asistente Técnico: Ian BRIDGE

Goalkeeping Coach/ Entrenador de Porteros: Shel BRODSGAARD

Costa Rica



Costa Rica produced the most attractive football in the tournament. Their game was based on excellent teamwork through interpassing, aided by good control and speed from their strikers. They were composed in their defensive work and seldom gave their passes away when not under pressure. They were forced to play quickly by Jamaica, and it affected their rhythm throughout the match. A slim victory gave them full points and a showdown with Canada for the top spot in the group.

From that moment onwards, it seemed apparent that the closeness of the matches, the intensity of the play, caused the skill level of Costa Rica to fall short and because their players were very young compared to the North Americans, they suffered and went out of the running for Athens.

Nevertheless, the Ticos are a team for the future and as their players grow older and gain more experience, they will certainly enjoy more success.

Their outstanding players were Gabriella Trujillo, Xiomara Briceño, Shirley Cruz, Megan Chavez and Cindy Rodriguez.

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name/Nombre</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>DOB/FDN</u>
1	Alejandra Alvarez	GK	19.01.1981
2	Daniela Serruth	DF	16.05.1987
3	Gabriela Trujillo	DF	21.11.1978
4	Karol Segura Argüedas	DF	07.02.1984
5	Monica Salazar	DF	14.06.1986
6	E. Xiomara Briceño	DF	01.09.1977
7	Emilia Solano	MD	06.09.1980
8	Ana Gabriel Campos	MD	04.07.1981
9	Erica Castro	AT	14.08.1980
10	Shirley Cruz	MD	28.08.1985
11	Megan Chavez	AT	04.12.1983
12	Laura Sanchez	DF	09.07.1985
13	Karla Villalobos	AT	16.07.1986
14	Wendy Barrantes	MD	24.07.1974
15	Yahaira Aguilar	DF	09.04.1979
16	Cindy Rodriguez	MD	24.04.1984
17	Jacqueline Alvarez	DF	19.12.1977
18	Maricela Montes	DF	01.04.1986
19	Marian Montes	DF	04.09.1986
20	Silva Arias	GK	01.04.1986

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Assistant Coach/Asistente Técnico: Allan BROWN

Goalkeeping Coach/Entrenador de Porteros: Frank

Haiti



One would never know how Haiti would have performed if they were not faced with some of the most difficult travel arrangements and improper training sessions leading up to the series. In their opening match, despite the heat and strong winds, they held their own against Mexico for the first forty minutes, only conceding one goal in the process. But Mexico settled down in the heat and intensified their effort, much to the detriment of the Haitians, who were clearly feeling the effect of their underpreparedness. Injury to stalwart defender (2) Fritzka Badio in the opening match did not help the cause of Haiti.

However, one could not ignore the excellence of (6) Fernande Hilaire, (13) Pharana Jean Louis and (17) Adeline Santilmond. Their efforts were unreserved and regardless of the tough matches, they rallied on. When they faced Trinidad and Tobago, it was clear that the injury list was long and got even worse with six players pulling up during the game for cramps and strained muscles. Like Trinidad and Tobago, Haiti will have gained experience for their young players, with the hope that the benefits can be shown at the U-19 series.

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name/Nombre</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>DOB/FDN</u>
1	Gina Montinard	GK	31.12.197
2	Fritzka Badio	DF	22.12.1983
3	Judith Fenelon	DF	26.08.1980
4	Kencia Marseille	DF	08.11.1980
5	Elirose Jean-Louis	MD	10.03.1969
6	Fernande Hilaire	MD	16.05.1977
7	Yvette Felix	DF	03.02.1972
8	Myrlande Bien-Aime	AT	15.05.1975
9	Marie Viola Nord	AT	14.05.1978
10	Sherline Ridore	MD	12.11.1984
11	Darline Lundy	MD	17.06.1983
12	Manouchka Salam	MD	22.02.1980
13	Pharana Jean-Louis	MD	
14	Natacha Cajuste	MD	02.05.1984
15	Ghislaine Saint Louis	MD	07.03.1983
16	Nadege Deca	MD	
17	Adeline Saintilmond	MD	14.12.1984
18	Guerda Marcellus	DF	11.04.1981
20	Monique Alsaint	GK	05.07.1969

Technical Director/Director Técnico: Sonche PIERRE

Assistant Coaches/Asistente Técnicos:

Gerald FRANCIS, Jocelyn GERMAIN

Jamaica



Jamaica came into the tournament with a young team and from the first whistle, it showed. The system of play which was attempted would have been more efficient if the players had the technical and physical capability to initiate the game plan. Early injury to their key players did not help their cause and having to make impromptu replacements brought glimpses of vulnerability. As talented as Alicia James, Alicia Wilson, Jodi McGregor and Hisamar Falloner appeared to be, the challenge was too much and they too will have given their young players valuable experience for the future.

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name/Nombre</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>DOB/FDN</u>
1	Chantelle McClennon	GK	11.03.1984
4	Sharika Evans	DF	07.09.1984
5	Geneiya Sinclair	DF	01.03.1979
6	Nordia Reid	MD	25.06.1979
7	Alicia Wilson	AT	19.12.1979
8	Diana Hue	MD	28.08.1981
9	Alicia James	MD	22.09.1982
10	Jodi-Ann McGregor	MD	04.10.1985
11	Neisha Forbes	DF	09.03.1983
12	Philisha Lewis	DF	15.12.1985
13	Peatria Campbell	DF	23.03.1984
14	Rochelle Bryan	MD	11.12.1987
15	Hishamar Falloner	DF	02.06.1983
16	Sasheena Stewart	DF	10.06.1983
17	Venecia Reid	AT	28.10.1987
18	Tashana Vincent	AT	23.03.1987
19	Denise Duncan	MD	28.03.1983
20	Sheree Marrow	AT	28.04.1985

Technical Director/Director Técnico: Christopher BENDER

Assistant Coach/Asistente Técnico: Pablo CAMARGO

Mexico



Those who follow Mexico were not surprised at the quality of their play in this tournament. The Mexicans were unable to match the other North Americans in size and power, but made up for it with superb cohesiveness and a level of mobility which had never been seen in their game before. After defeating Haiti and Trinidad & Tobago easily, the Mexicans were the first team to present the USA with an organized form of attack, supported by good defense. Unfortunately, despite a gallant effort, Mexico lost 2:0.

However, Canada was not that lucky. They met a Mexican team which had all the ingredients of competence. They interpassed well, switched directions of attack sensibly and challenged for the aerial crosses much better than expected.

It was a marvellous display by a Mexican team which was young and giving an impression of having the scope to improve as time rolls on. It would be unwise to write them off in Athens. One should expect the skill and creativity of (9) Dominguez, (10) Mora, (6) Vergara and (11) Perez to assist Mexico during the Olympic Finals.

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name/Nombre</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>DOB/FDN</u>
1	Jennifer Marie Molina	GK	27.06.1981
2	Elizabeth Patricia Gomez	DF	21.09.1981
3	Rubi Marlene Sandoval	DF	18.01.1984
4	Monica Gonzalez	DF	10.10.1978
5	Maria De Jesus Castillo	DF	06.07.1983
6	Monica Vergara	MD	02.05.1983
7	Juana Evelyn Lopez	MD	25.12.1978
8	Fatima Leyva	MD	14.02.1980
9	Maribel Dominguez	AT	18.11.1976
10	Iris Adriana Mora	AT	22.09.1981
11	Patricia Perez	MD	17.12.1978
12	Pamela Tajonar	GK	02.12.1984
13	Laura Carina Maravillas	DF	22.06.1983
14	Jennifer Marie Ruiz	MD	09.08.1983
15	Luz Del Rosario Saucedo	MD	14.12.1983
16	Nadia Teresita Hernández	MD	20.12.1981
17	Rebecca Juarez Bazan	MD	13.12.1986
18	Teresa Guadalupe Worbis	AT	12.12.1983
19	Alma Socorro Martinez	AT	22.09.1981
20	Alba Noemi Garcia	GK	11.09.1981

Technical Director/Director Técnico: Leonardo CUELLAR

Assistant Coach/Asistente Técnico: Rafael MORAN

Goalkeeping Coach/Entrenador de Porteros: J. Rosario PINA

Panama



Panama's late entry into the competition may have left opponents with the belief that they were short of match preparation. Having lost the first match to the hosts Costa Rica, they failed to match the power and speed of Canada, conceding three goals in each half. Clearly not a level comparable to their first two opponents, Panama decided that they must leave the tournament with some consolatory points. By then, Jamaica had been plagued with injuries and seemed to have lost their enthusiasm. Panama was able to express themselves with good attacking play and excellent speed by their strikers.

They will readily admit that they were outclassed by the proven north Americans, but their lessons have been learnt.

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name/Nombre</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>DOB/FDN</u>
1	Mónica Franco	GK	10.11.1983
2	Tricia Arosemena	DF	20.10.1983
3	Yamilet Flores	DF	07.07.1980
4	Elizabeth Louis	DF	24.04.1979
5	Irene Pineda	DF	12.12.1985
6	Raiza Gutierrez	MD	26.06.1983
7	Yoraidil Perez	MD	28.03.1985
8	Máxima Gonzalez	MD	30.01.1985
9	Amarelis De Mera	AT	28.03.1985
10	Lucrecia Bustamante	DF	27.08.1985
11	Diana Valderrama	MD	01.02.1978
12	Stephanie Ortega	GK	25.04.1984
13	Maritzenia Bedoya	AT	15.05.1980
14	Steffany Aguilar	AT	22.06.1977
15	Ruth Romero	DF	28.03.1985
16	Thannia Domínguez	DF	18.10.1984
17	Natalia Perea	AT	27.02.1979
18	Nathalia Abrego	DF	27.08.1987
19	Josselyn Montilla	DF	21.03.1985
20	Tatiana Montes	DF	08.04.1986

Technical Director/Director Técnico: Ezequiel FERNANDEZ

Assistant Coach/Asistente Técnico: Kenneth SZEREMETTA

Trinidad & Tobago



The decision of the technical staff of Trinidad and Tobago to invest in the youthful players was a sensible plan for the future, but turned out to be a painful experience against the might of the USA and Mexico.

Having conceded seventeen goals and scoring once in their first two matches may well have destroyed the confidence of Trinidad and Tobago. However, it was not all negative for the young team, who, from time to time, demonstrated some fine moves.

Tactically, there was a lack of understanding mixed with the ability to perform and it was difficult to recognise the shortcomings in that department.

However, Their encounter against Haiti will have brought some light to the eyes of the team. They were able to present a solid defensive picture with (19) Meyer and (5) James keeping the center tight against a speedy Haitian pair of strikers. By the third match, (12) Mollon and (10) St. Louis had learnt a few lessons, while the talented, but highly temperamental (9) Maylee Attin Johnson and the less utilized (17) Natalie Des Vignes, created some fine attacks which proved productive. Statistically, conceding eighteen goals and scoring seven may be consolatory.

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name/Nombre</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>DOB/FDN</u>
1	Nicole Mitchell	GK	23.07.1975
2	Janelle Noel	DF	05.05.1977
3	Raeann Elder	MD	13.01.1981
4	Sedonna Agard	MD	22.05.1981
5	Nadia James	MD	01.01.1985
6	Niasha Reyes	MD	22.08.1985
7	Jinelle James	AT	10.07.1978
8	Regina McGee	DF	20.02.1984
9	Maylee Attin-Johnson	AT	09.05.1988
10	Tasha St. Louis	MD	20.12.1983
11	Kathy-Ann Nixon	DF	03.04.1976
12	Ahkeela Mollon	AT	02.04.1985
13	Aveann Douglas	AT	10.08.1986
14	Tanekar Alexander	AT	03.09.1984
15	Jenelle Nedd	MD	30.10.1982
16	Leslie Ann James	MD	20.01.1981
17	Natalie Des Vignes	AT	20.09.1976
18	Terrie Lisa John	DF	24.11.1976
19	Katrina Meyer	DF	23.09.1986
20	Lisa Jo Ramkissoon	GK	18.01.1985

Technical Director/Director Técnico: Jamaal SHABAZZ

Assistant Coaches/Asistente Técnicos: Izler BROWNE, Marlon CHARLES

USA



To no surprise, the USA easily won their group and later claimed the CONCACAF title, behind performances built around the experienced players and a number of youngsters.

Defensively, they made full use of their four back defenders in a manner which reduced space in front of them, because of the function of Shannon Boxx, operating as a sweeper, and two highly competitive players in Aly Wagner and the experienced Foudy and Lilly. The result was stability and midfield dominance, plus a surplus of attacks on their opponents. The availability of substitute players like Angela Hucles, Cindy Parlow and Shannon MacMillan allowed Coach April Hendrichs to use his key players sparingly and in so doing, were able to change their methods of attack because of the difference in strength of the players.

The high crosses were still their main weapon and with Mia Hamm using the flanks to gain freedom, she was able to assist Heather Mitts and Kristine Lilly in sending high crosses for Wambach, Boxx and Parlow.

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name/Nombre</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>DOB/FDN</u>
1	Briana Scurry	GK	07.09.1971
2	Heather Mitts	DF	06.06.1978
3	Christie Pearce	DF	24.06.1975
4	Cat Reddick	DF	10.02.1982
5	Leslie Osborne	MD	27.05.1983
6	Amy LePeilbet	DF	12.03.1982
7	Shannon Boxx	MD	29.06.1977
8	Shannon MacMillan	AT	07.10.1974
9	Mia Hamm	AT	17.03.1972
10	Aly Wagner	MD	10.08.1980
11	Julie Foudy	MD	23.01.1971
12	Cindy Parlow	AT	08.05.1978
13	Kristine Lilly	MD	22.07.1971
14	Joy Fawcett	DF	08.02.1968
15	Kate Sobrero	DF	23.08.1976
16	Lindsay Tarpley	MD	22.09.1983
17	Heather O'Reilly	AT	02.01.1985
18	Siri Mullinix	GK	22.05.1978
19	Angela Hucles	MD	05.07.1978
20	Abby Wambach	AT	02.06.1980

Technical Director/Director Técnico: April HEINRICHS

Assistant Coaches/Asistente Técnicos: Tracey LEONE, Greg RYAN
Goalkeeper Coach/Entrenador de Porteros: Phil WHEDDON

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Match #1

25.02.2004: San José, COSTA RICA; Estadio Nacional (A: 1500)

MEXICO - HAITI 5:0 (2:0)

Patricia PEREZ 7', 55', 63'; Maribel DOMÍNGUEZ 80'; Iris Adriana MORA 84'

MEX: 1-Jennifer Marie Molina - 2-Elizabeth Patricia Gomez, 3-Rubi Marlene Sandoval, 4-Monica Gonzalez-C, 5-Maria De Jesus Castillo, 6-Monica Vergara, 8-Fatima Leyva (46: Rebecca Juarez Bazan), 9-Maribel Domínguez, 10-Iris Adriana Mora, 11-Patricia Perez (73: Nadia Teresita Hernández), 18-Teresa Guadalupe Worbis (57: Alma Socorro Martinez). Booked: Domínguez 90'+

HAÍ: 1-Gina Montinard-C - 2-Fritzka Badio (70: 7-Yvette Felix), 3-Judith Fenelon, 4-Kencia Marseille, 6-Fernande Hilaire, 8-Myrlande Bien-Aime (68: 11-Darline Lundy), 9-Marie Viola Nord (52: 15-Ghislaine Saint Louis), 10-Sherline Ridore, 13-Pharana Jean-Louis, 17-Adeline Saintilmond, 18-Guerda Marcellus. Booked: none

R: Erica VARGAS (CRC)

A1: Malena LOPEZ (CRC)

A2: A. Patricia PACHECO (SLV)

FO: Maria ORTEGA (SLV)

Mexico

System of Play: The Mexicans used the conventional 4-4-2 system with a zonal defense in operation at the back. Two playmakers in central midfield were flanked by attacking wing midfielders. Strikers played in tandem mainly in the center, leaving the space on the flanks for the midfielders.

Strengths: Mexico was a well organized and a well balanced team. Their defenders gave excellent support to each other, using the zonal support system and utilizing their capable midfielders to great advantage. They possessed two midfielders in (6) Vergara and (8) Leyva who controlled the center and made some excellent passes to the forwards. Strikers (11) Perez and (9) Dominguez were competent in attack and capitalized upon faulty defending by their opponents.

Weaknesses: There was mediocre speed level from their defenders and sometimes appeared to be vulnerable on fast breaks by Haiti.

Outstanding Players: (6) Monica Vergara was the chief playmaker, with good individual skill and superb choices of passing lanes to her forwards.

(8) Fatima Leyva was also very skilful and seemed dominant until she was replaced when the game seemed won. Maribel Dominguez and Patricia Perez are prolific goalscorers with speed and good shooting power.

Haiti

System of Play: 3-5-2 with a sweeper behind two marking central defenders. Three midfielders and two wing defenders with responsibility to defend and also form part of wing attack.

Strengths: The Haitians are physically capable, especially (6) Fernande Hilaire and (2) Fritzka Badio. They tried a counterattacking game in an effort to use the speed of (8) Bien Aime and (17) Saintilmond.

Weaknesses: Haiti was organizationally weak, mainly because of the shortage of tactical understanding that was needed. They were often seen as ballwatchers, a factor which created imbalance and left gaps in their defense. Too many of their players lacked basic skills and gave the ball away even when they were not under pressure.

Outstanding Players: (6) Fernande Hilaire was very strong in midfield and had a tremendous workrate. (20) Fritzka Badio was excellent at her role as sweeper. She read the game well and was often seen cleaning up some difficult situations. Her passing was often accurate and sensible.

General Analysis: Haiti may have suffered from the travel difficulties, which they had undergone in order to arrive in San Jose. They arrived very late on the night before the match and would certainly have been affected by the long Air travel, airport transfers and lack of sleep. They failed to cope with the enormous heat and were clearly seen struggling with cramps and other related ailments during the match. Mexico were better prepared for the match and their understanding of their game plan, plus the use of their two strong midfield players were mainly responsible for their dominance. Their slow defenseline was not tested, mainly because they were often protected by a competent midfield. Their forwards created eleven shots to goal and had an almost fifty percent success with goals.

MATCH STATISTICS

	MEX	HAI
Possession	65%	35%
Shots on Goal	11	3
Corners	2	4

Actual Playing time: 69:05

Playing Conditions: Hot (36 C), Dry and Windy.

Match #2

25.02.2004: San José, COSTA RICA; Estadio Nacional (A: 1500)

USA - TRINIDAD & TOBAGO 7:0 (6:0)

Shannon BOXX 22', 37', 82'; Kristine LILLY 25'; Mia HAMM 40', 44'; Abby WAMBACH 42'

USA: 1-Briana Scurry - 3-Christie Pearce, 4-Cat Reddick, 7-Shannon Boxx, 9-Mia Hamm, 11-Julie Foudy-C (46: 10-Aly Wagner), 13-Kristine Lilly, 14-Joy Fawcett, 15-Kate Sobrero, 16-Lindsay Tarpley (46: 5-Leslie Osborne), 20-Abby Wambach (71: 8-Shannon McMillan). Booked: Wagner 46', Osborne 46'
TRI: 1-Nicole Mitchell - 2-Janelle Noel, 5-Nadia James (69: 6-Niasha Reyes), 7-Jinelle James (71: 17-Natalie Des Vignes), 8-Regina McGee, 9-Maylee Attin-Johnson, 10-Tasha St. Louis, 11-Kathy-Ann Nixon-C, 12-Ahkeela Mollon, 16-Leslie Ann James, 18-Terrie Lisa John (53: 3-Raeann Elder). Booked: Attin-Johnson 71'

R: Jillanta PROCTOR (CAN)

A1: Jackeline SAEZ (PAN)

A2: Azcena AGUILERA (HON)

FO: Dianne FERREIRA-JAMES (GUY)

USA

System of Play: They used 4-4-2 system. Their four defenders were adopting a square format at times and a zonal support system on certain occasions. They had one midfielder (7) Shannon Boxx supporting three attacking midfielders from behind, and acting as a ballwinner in defense. Their strikers made constant runs towards the flanks, leaving space in the center for onrushing midfielders.

Strengths: Players are physically and mentally very efficient and understood their functions well. They were extremely strong aerially, both in defense and attack, while their shooting was often on target. As a team they were well organized and utilized a very balanced approach at both ends of the field.

Weaknesses: Their ball distribution from the defense and sometimes midfield was faulty at times, and they gave the ball away when not under pressure.

Outstanding Players: (7) Shannon Boxx was effective as a playmaker in the midfield and chose appropriate moments to move into attack. She scored three fine goals. (9) Mia Hamm and (20) Abby Wambach combined well in the final third of the field. They created goals for each other and offered excellent passing options for their midfield.

Trinidad & Tobago

System of play: 5-4-1 was the system used with a sweeper playing ahead of four defenders. Four midfielders, two being used as ballwinners and two flank players specifically.

Strengths: They offered a clustered midfield to their opponents and succeeded at times in containing the traffic in that portion of the field. The speed levels of (7) Jinelle James and (9) Maylee Attin-Johnson affected the cohesion of the USA defense and caused them to make a few mistakes.

Weaknesses: Tactical flaws created early problems and exposed a vulnerable defenseline. The speed of the defenders was less than what was needed and they were exposed to chasing rather than marking opponents. They were subjected to seventeen shots at their goal.

Outstanding Players: (7) Jinelle James was very effective in the first half, with a speedy approach to tackling the opposing defenders. Her workrate was high. (9) Maylee Attin Johnson appeared competent even when she was placed in midfield. But she was more effective in the second half when she was used as a forward. (5) Nadia James was steady and efficient, but seemed unaccustomed to the role she had to play.

General Analysis: The USA starting team was their strongest and this demonstrated that they were not taking chances. Trinidad and Tobago, on the other hand, decided tactically that they must avoid an onslaught. They clustered their defenseline with five at the back and four in the middle, all playing in their own half of the field. This caused the USA to concentrate only on attack, as they pushed their midfield into the firing line. Their mixture of experience of (11) Julie Foudy and (13) Kristine Lilly, together with (16) Lindsay Tarpley and (7) Shannon Boxx penetrated the quagmire of defensive opponents and made full use of the vacant real estate on the flanks. This offered (9) Mia Hamm space to receive and distribute passes without challenge. Trinidad & Tobago's inability to communicate quickly in defense brought their demise, plus the absence of adequate speed by the back four players. Interestingly, the USA midfield produced four of the seven goals scored. Trinidad & Tobago adjusted their pattern of play and pushed a second striker ahead. This proved more effective and could have scored twice in the second half. They also enjoyed more possession in the second half because of their desire to use more of the field, especially away from their goal.

MATCH STATISTICS

	USA	TRI
Possession	65.5%	34.5%
Shots on Goal	18	3

Playing Conditions: Hot (36 C), Dry and Windy.

Match #3

26.02.2004: Herédia, COSTA RICA; Estadio Eladio

Rosabal Cordero (A: 3000)

CANADA - JAMAICA 6:0 (2:0)

Charmaine HOOPER 32', 42' pen; Christine SINCLAIR 46', 61', 90'+; Carmelina MOSCATO 82'

CAN: 1-Karina LeBlanc - 2-Christine Latham, 5-Andrea Neil (73: 16-Brittany Timko), 6-Sharolta Nonen, 10-Charmaine Hooper-C, 11-Randee Hermus, 12-Christine Sinclair, 13-Diana Matheson (59: 3-Carmelina Moscato), 15-Kara Lang(59: 4-Veronique Maranda), 17-Melissa Tancredi, 18-Tanya Dennis. Booked: none

JAM: 1-Chantelle McClennon - 5-Geneiya Sinclair, 7-Alicia Wilson (59: 6-Nordia Reid), 8-Diana Hue (72: 11-Neisha Forbes), 9-Alicia James-C, 10-Jodi-Ann McGregor, 12-Phillisha Lewis (17: 4-Sharika Evans), 15-Hishamar Falloner, 16-Sasheena Stewart, 17-Venecia Reid, 19-Denise Duncan. Booked: Wilson 32', James 70'

R: Dianne FERREIRA-JAMES (GUY)

A1: Maria Isabel TOVAR (MEX)

A2: Amarilis MERETTE (DOM)

FO: Erica VARGAS (CRC)

Canada

System of Play: 4-3-3 system was used by the Canadians. Their pattern was to play a zonal defensive back four and three midfielders with superb ball winning skills. Their three forwards played as two wingers and a striker.

Strengths: Canada possessed players with excellent physical condition and a positive attitude. They adopted a long passing game, which saw the ball travel from the back wing defenders to the forwards, while the midfielders move swiftly in support. They were well organized with their game plan. Their midfield was competent in regaining possession. The central defenders (17) Tancredi and (6) Nonen were outstanding, especially in aerial play while the services, from wingbacks, (18)Dennis and (11) Hermus, set the penetrative pattern for their goals. Strikers (12) Sinclair and (2) Latham .

Weaknesses: They were seen to be extremely weak in the area of heading towards their opponents goal. Their crosses from the flanks often opened goalscoring doors for them, but the headers were either wide or overbar. Their robust type of tackling was sometimes overdone and they conceded fouls in the process.

Outstanding Players: (13) Matheson was the playmaker with good workrate, superb tackling capability, and served well both in support of defense and attack. (17) Tancredi controlled the central defense and covered all passing lanes. She marshalled her defenders well and collectively they were excellent. (12) Sinclair was lethal with her power shooting and

was always finding free space for her players to find her. She scored three fine goals.

Jamaica

System of Play: 4-4-2 was the pattern used. The four defenders moved laterally to support each other. Four midfielders with two players, centrally positioned to restrict midfield interpassing by opponents. Two strikers with isolated responsibilities.

Strengths: Excellent possession in midfield through clever interpassing. Individual skills of (9) James and (10) McGregor were effectively demonstrated. Good intensity at crucial moments, especially when under pressure in defence.

Weaknesses: The team failed to create good balance at important times. Injury to a key player (12) Lewis, saw the defenseline becoming vulnerable. They were weak aerially in defense. There as no organized formula for creating goalscoring opportunities.

Outstanding Players: (7) Alicia Wilson was demonstrating good methods of defending. She read the passes well and either challenged quickly, or gave excellent support to her fellow defenders. (10) Jodi McGregor worked hard in midfield, undertook the playmaker's role and created a positive link between defense and attack. Her skill level was very good.

General Analysis: Jamaica started the match with a possession game that indicated some level of excellent quality play was ahead. They strung passes, many of which were lateral and ended in some penetrative intent. But this was blunted by the positive long passing game of the Canadians. The Jamaicans were unable to keep their midfield in the game because of the regularity of passes traveling from the Canada defense to their forwards. This forced Jamaica to defend doggedly and used some of their attacking players to do same. Jamaica succumbed to the strength and power of the Canadian trio of (12) Sinclair, (2) Latham and (15) Kara Lang. While it appeared as though Jamaica was capable of creating problems for their opponents, they fell short in the fitness level, and were often getting attention for mild cramps. Canada was extremely fit and their experience afforded them ease in the movement of players and the ball. Star player (10) Charmaine Hooper was a passive playmaker in midfield, whose main responsibility bordered around freekicks, corners and a penalty.

MATCH STATISTICS

	CAN	JAM
Possession	63%	37%
Shots on Goal	11	2
Corners	15	1

Match #4

26.02.2004: Heredia, COSTA RICA; Estadio Eladio Rosabal Cordero (A: 3000)

COSTA RICA - PANAMA 6:1 (4:1)

Ana Gabriel CAMPOS 2'; Gabriela TRUJILLO 25'; Megen CHAVEZ 26', 45'; Cindy RODRIGUEZ 54'; Shirley CRUZ 69' - Maritzenia BEDOYA 27'

CRC: 1-Alejandra Alvarez - 3-Gabriela Trujillo-C, 5-Monica Salazar, 6-E. Xiomara Briceno, 8-Ana Gabriel Campos (68: 7-Emila Solano), 10-Shirley Cruz, 11-Megen Chavez, 12-Laura Sanchez, 15-Yahaira Aguilar, 16-Cindy Rodriguez (74: 14-Wendy Barrantes), 17-Jacqueline Alvarez (63: 9-Erica Castro). Booked: J. Alvarez 45'+, Salazar 60', Sanchez 86'

PAN: 1-Monica Franco - 2-Tricia Arosemena, 5-Irene Pineda (40: 19-Josselyn Montilla), 7-Yoraidi Perez (46: 3-Yamilet Flores), 8-Maxima Gonzalez, 9-Amarelis De Mera-C, 10-Lucrecia Bustamente, 11-Diana Valderrama, 13-Maritzenia Bedoya, 15-Ruth Romero, 16-Thannia Dominguez. Booked: Pineda 10', Bustamente 24, Montilla 41', Romero 44', Flores 50'

R: Sandra HUNT (USA)

A1: Sharon WHEELER (USA)

A2: Paulette RILEY (JAM)

FO: Shane DE SILVA (TRI)

Costa Rica

System of Play: 4-4-2 with a sweeper being used in front of the four defenders. A playmaker amidst two midfielders with two forwards.

Strengths: Skill level of all the players is very high quality. The possession game mixed with movement forward make this team a very attacking unit. A very outstanding player in centrefield (10) Shirley Cruz. The interpassing among midfielders and forwards on approach to goal was precise and productive. Central defenders (3) Trujillo and (5) Salazar performed excellently and reduced scoring options for opponents.

Weaknesses: They were short on physical toughness and succumbed to robust tackles. Percentage of accurate shooting too low for the number of shots created.

Outstanding Players: (10) Shirley Cruz is extremely talented. She is a superb dribbler, but uses her skill intelligently. She plays the wall passes very cleverly and her penetrative passes often bring chances for a goal. (3) Gabriela Trujillo is a good reader of the game. She wins most of the air balls and is quick enough to challenge any serious attack on her team's goal. (11) Megen Chavez is quick, skilful and likes to move into attack. She is a good attacking header and has a powerful shot. She has a very positive attitude when going goalwards.

Panama

System of Play: 4-4-2 with the back four defenders moving laterally in support of each other (Zonal marking). Midfield of four, with two on the flanks. Two strikers.

Strengths: Mental and Physical toughness is a major asset in their game. They also possess speedy players in their attacking line. Despite being down on goals, they were sometimes effective in attack, especially through their (11) Diana Valderrama.

Weaknesses: Their midfielders conceded too many unnecessary fouls and paid the penalty of having to defend against numerous Freekicks. They failed to practice good marking principles in midfield and gave up space in that portion of the field. Their goalkeeper made crucial mistakes when the team was trying to stay in the game. Defenders sold themselves into the tackle too frequently.

Outstanding Players: (2) Tricia Arosemena was strong in the air, good in the tackle and a good reader of the game. (11) Diana Valderrama was an efficient attacker on the flank and was quick to recover when the attack broke down. She is quick and very difficult to dribble. (13) Maritzenia Bedoya is quick, skilful and very difficult to mark. She has a good shot and challenges defenders effectively.

MATCH STATISTICS

	CRC	PAN
Possession	66%	34%
Shots on Goal	18	8
Corners	10	1

Playing Conditions: 32 C, Cool and Dry

Match #5

27.02.2004: Herédia, COSTA RICA; Estadio Eladio Rosabal Cordero (A: 350)

MEXICO - TRINIDAD & TOBAGO 8:1 (4:1)

Juana Evelyn LOPEZ 20'; Patricia PEREZ 25', 55'; Iris Adriana MORA 37'; Maribel DOMINGUEZ 38', 59', 73', Alma Socorro MARTINEZ 80' - Tasha ST. LOUIS 42'

MEX: 1-Jennifer Marie Molina - 2-Elizabeth Patricia Gomez, 3-Rubi Marlene Sandoval, 4-Monica Gonzalez-C, 5-Maria De Jesus Castillo, 6-Monica Vergara (13-Laura Carina Maravillas), 7-Juana Evelyn Lopez (8-Fatima Leyva), 9-Maribel Dominguez, 10-Iris Adriana Mora, 11-Patricia Perez (15-Luz Del Rosario Saucedo), 19-Alma Socorro Martinez. Booked: none

TRI: 20-Lisa Jo Ramkisson - 5-Nadia James (13-Aveann Douglas), 6-Niasha Reyes, 7-Jinelle James (3-Raeann Elder), 9-Maylee Attin-Johnson, 10-Tasha St. Louis, 11-Kathy-Ann Nixon-C (17-Natalie Des Vignes), 12-Ahkeela Mollon, 16-Leslie Ann James, 18-Terrie Lisa John, 19-Katrina Meyer. Booked: St. Louis 57'

R: Maria ORTEGA (SLV)

A1: Jackeline SAEZ (PAN)

A2: Malena LOPEZ (CRC)

FO: Sandra HUNT (USA)

Mexico

System of Play: 3-1-4-2 was the system used. A sweeper behind two marking defenders and a deep midfield playmaker ahead of the marking defenders. Four midfielders, two on the flanks. Two forwards.

Strengths: Their organization remained solid throughout the game. They played the possession game effectively with (6)Vergara (9) Dominguez and (11) Perez demonstrating great mobility. Creation of goalscoring chances were well executed. Skill level of many players was good quality and it made the difference between the two teams.

Weaknesses: They took long to settle down and under pressure by their opponents in the early stages, they appeared vulnerable. They became complacent when they took control.

Outstanding Players: (6) Monica Vergara is a competent playmaker. She regulates the direction of attacks, the pace of the game and makes excellent choices with her passes.

(9) Maribel Dominguez is an excellent striker. She is quick and shoots accurately. He uses space effectively.

Trinidad & Tobago

System of Play: 4-4-2 was used, with a sweeper at the back of three defenders and four midfielders, mostly with defending responsibilities and two forwards.

Strengths: Excellent Goalkeeper in (20) Lisa Jo Ramkisson. Some players have demonstrated good workrate, while (12) Ahkeela Mollon and (9) Maylee Attin Johnson used their speed to advantage.

Outstanding Players: (20) Lisa Jo Ramkisson was excellent as the goalkeeper. She anticipated crosses well and made some fine saves from powerful shots. (19) Katrina Meyer was steady in defence and distributed the long passes sensibly. Her performance was consistently good. (5) Nadia James provided the central defence with good support from behind and read the play very well.

General Analysis: A game which gave an early impression of being very competitive from both teams, turned out to be dominated by Mexico. Trinidad & Tobago started in a very positive fashion as they attacked from the first whistle. They created some confusion in Mexico's defence and had two early shots at goal. However, Mexico settled down and, through the brilliance of (6) Monica vergara, took control of midfield. They realized the absence of speed and tackling ability of Trinidad & Tobago central defence and capitalized upon this. All of (9) Dominguez, (10) Mora and (11) Perez created some excellent interpassing moves, most of which ended in shots at goal. At the rare occasions that Trinidad & Tobago attacked, the speed of (7) James and (9) Johnson Clearly bothered the Mexican defence. On one of the raids, the Mexican keeper was forced to Foul an onrushing attacker, for (10) St. Louis to convert the penalty. Mexico lifted their performance level from their first match and deserved their victory.

Match #6

27.02.2004: Herédia, COSTA RICA; Estadio Eladio Rosabal Cordero (A: 350)

HAITI - USA 0:8 (0:3)

Aly WAGNER 12'; Cindy PARLOW 17', 72', 86'; OG 42'; Shannon MACMILLAN 47'; Lindsay TARPLEY 62'; Abby WAMBACH 80'

HAI: 1-Gina Montinard-C - 3-Judith Fenelon, 4-Kencia Marseille, 6-Fernande Hilaire, 7-Yvette Felix, 9-Marie Viola Nord (27: 12-Manouchka Salam) (70: 8-Myrlande Bien-Aime), 10-Sherline Ridore, 13-Pharana Jean-Louis, 15-Ghislaine Saint Louis, 17-Adeline Saintilmond, 18-Guerda Marcellus (19: 14-Natacha Cajuste). Booked: Saintilmond 28', Felix 38'

USA: 18-Siri Mullinix - 2-Heather Mitts, 4-Cat Reddick, 5-Leslie Osborne, 6-Amy Lepeilbet, 7-Shannon Boxx (46: 16-Lindsay Tarpley), 9-Mia Hamm-C (46: 8-Shannon MacMillan), 10-Aly Wagner, 12-Cindy Parlow, 15-Kate Sobrero (62: 20-Abby Wambach), 19-Angela Hucles. Booked: none

R: Shane DE SILVA (TRI)

A1: Maria Isabel TOVAR (MEX)

A2: Paulette RILEY (JAM)

FO: Dianne FERREIRA-JAMES (GUY)

Haiti

System of Play: 4-5-1. A defensive system which offered few options to attack. Five midfielders with ballwinning responsibilities. One forward.

Strengths: Very enthusiastic and courageous players with solid work ethics. A competent defender in (7) Yvette Felix who marshalled a defenseline sensibly. (6) Fernande Hilaire was the hardest worker in the team and was often a deterrent to the opposition. They had an excellent display of goalkeeping by (1) Gina Montinard.

Weaknesses: Proper defensive patterns were often destroyed by ball watching defenders and it was easy to find gaps in their defence. Their attacking moves were often affected by faulty passes in the final third of the field. Their physical capabilities were inferior to their opponents, hence their having the game stopped for injury to players on eight occasions. Organisationally, they provided no real opposition to the USA.

Outstanding Players: (6) Hilaire (7) Felix and (1) Montinard were performing best under the circumstances.

USA

System of Play: 4-4-2 in absolutely conventional style and as predictable as the numbers indicate.

Strengths: Well organized in defence and attack. They are consistent as far as their buildup is concerned and their penetration through the flanks contributed to the number of goals scored. The aerial play of Parlow and Wambach was too much for the Haiti defence.

Weaknesses: Maybe sometimes their midfielders were slow on recovery, but it did not create a positive result for the opposition.

Outstanding Players: (19) Hucles, (12) Parlow, (5) Osborne all performed very well and made excellent contributions to the success of the team.

General Analysis: The USA utilized this match to expose some of their second line players. However, they were also far too strong for Haiti, whose lack of mental and physical preparation did not allow them to be the type of competitors that they wanted to be. The Haitians operated with defense in mind and hardly allowed room for organized attack against their opponents. Naturally the Power of USA's (7) Boxx, (19) Hucles in midfield, plus their strike force of (12) Parlow and (9) Hamm gave them no chance in the contest. The disparity in standards was far too wide and it was truly a one sided affair.

Match #7

28.02.2004: San Jose, COSTA RICA; Estadio Nacional (A: 2200)

PANAMA - CANADA 0:6 (0:3)

Andrea NEIL 14', 25'; Aysha JAMANI 20', 50', 66', 75'
PAN: 1-Monica Franco - 2-Tricia Arosemena, 3-Yamilet Flores (81: 16-Thannia Dominguez), 4-Elizabeth Louis, 6-Raiza Gutierrez, 9-Amarelis De Mera-C, 10-Lucrecia Bustamente (46: 17-Natalia Perea), 11-Diana Valderrama, 13-Maritzenia Bedoya, 15-Ruth Romero, 18-Nathalia Abrego (46: 7-Yoraidi Perez). Booked: Bustamente 23', Bedoya 45'+

CAN: 1-Karina LeBlanc - 2-Christine Latham, 3-Carmelina Moscato, 5-Andrea Neil (76: 4-Veronique Maranda), 6-Sharolta Nonen, 8-Marie-Eve Nault, 10-Charmaine Hooper-C (46: 15-Kara Lang), 11-Randee Hermus (76: 7-Isabelle Morneau), 13-Diana Matheson, 14-Aysha Jamani, 17-Melissa Tancredi. Booked: Morneau 66', Latham 83'

R: Sandra HUNT (USA)

A1: Azucena AGUILERA (HON)

A2: A. Patricia PACHECO (SLV)

FO: Erica VARGAS (CRC)

Panama

System of Play: 4-4-2 being used with a sweeper behind three-marking defenders. Two close marking midfielders in centerfield. Two wing midfielders and two forwards.

Strengths: There are some individual performers who forced their opponents to pay close attention and even adjust their defensive format. They can produce quick counterattacks with two speedy players in (11) Valderrama and (13) Matheson.

Weaknesses: A tactical problem of attempting to play a man to man marking game when the players are in capable of doing the job. Their two flank defenders were short on speed and defensive skill to restrict the opponents from getting behind their backs in attack. The team lacked the intensity to play under pressure and succumbed to a number of easy goals.

Outstanding Players: (11) Diane Valderrama, (13) Maritzenia Matheson and (15) Ruth Romero.

Canada

System of Play: 4-3-3 in a very conventional manner.

Strengths: Their quick movement of the ball forward was most effective. They possessed players of excellent power and technical ability. They destroyed the concept of their opponents defensive plan. They had an outstanding individual performance by (14) Aysha Jamani.

Weaknesses: Some of their players were seen reacting to tackles and subjecting themselves to conceding fouls and getting cautions.

Even when in full control, their midfield tended to reduce their effort at times and give way to an apparently weaker opponent in that area.

Outstanding Players: (14) Jamani was skilful, crafty and had the ability to scored goals with individual efforts. (6) Nonen and (17) Tancredi were excellent central defenders who communicated well and kept the central area well guarded.

General Analysis: Panama appeared to try the man to man marking game against Canada, a pattern which did not suit the (moderate) capability of their players. The Canadians realized their opponents plan early and used their physical strength to offset it with quick movements in various directions. The result was that the Panama man markers gave up chase and allowed freedom to the Canadians. It was also clear that the disorganized defensive policy by Panama seemed difficult to change during the match. Canada then resorted with their proven pattern of using the long diagonal passes to penetrate and bring their final passes from the flanks. (14) Jamani, (2) Latham, and (15) Lang proved too much for the Panama defense. Injuries and physical fatigue were evident in Panama's effort and they seemed completely outclassed.

MATCH STATISTICS

	PAN	CAN
Possession	32%	68%
Shots on Goal	4	12
Corners	0	10

Playing Conditions: 27 C, Dry and Windy

Match #8

28.02.2004: San Jose, COSTA RICA; Estadio Nacional (A: 2200)

COSTA RICA - JAMAICA 1:0 (1:0)

Megen CHAVEZ 43'

CRC: 1-Alejandra Alvarez - 3-Gabriela Trujillo-C, 5-Monica Salazar, 6-E. Xiomara Briceno, 8-Ana Gabriel Campos (60: 14-Wendy Barrantes), 10-Shirley Cruz, 11-Megen Chavez (77: 19-Marian Montes, 12-Laura Sanchez, 15-Yahaira Aguilar, 16-Cindy Rodriguez, 17-Jacqueline Alvarez (46: 9-Erica Castro). Booked: Chavez 76'

JAM: 1-Chantelle McClennon - 4-Sharika Evans, 5-Geneiya Sinclair, 7-Alicia Wilson, 8-Diana Hue, 9-Alicia James-C, 10-Jodi-Ann McGregor, 15-Hishamar Falloner, 17-Venecia Reid (75: 20-Sheree Marrow), 18-Tashana Vincent (46: 6-Nordia Reid), 19-Denise Duncan (65: 16-Sasheena Stewart). Booked: A. James 9', McClennon 23', McGregor 31', Hue 44', N. Reid 40', Evans 67', V. Reid 68', Sent off: Hue 62'

R: Jillanta PROCTOR (CAN)

A1: Sharon WHEELER (USA)

A2: Amarilis MERETTE (DOM)

FO: Shane DE SILVA (TRI)

Costa Rica

System of Play: 4-4-2 was used. There was a diamond shaped midfield with one defending and another attacking, while two were ballwinners. There were two strikers.

Strengths: Excellent defensive players, a feature which reduced the opponents chances of scoring. Great mobility by the midfielders. Basic skills of the players were above average.

Weaknesses: Their key players were outwitted by the opposition gameplan too easily. They lacked the intensity when challenging for fifty/fifty balls. They became vulnerable to aggressive tactics.

Outstanding Players: (16) Cindy Rodriguez (6) Xiomara Briceno and (10) Shirley Cruz were the best performers.

Jamaica

System of Play: 4-4-2 was used. Much emphasis was placed upon a compact defense which was provided by four competent defenders.

Strengths: The Jamaican defense were alert, quick and aggressive throughout the match. The playmakers (9) James and (10) McGregor outplayed their opposite numbers in head on combat for midfield space.

Weaknesses: They were short on finishing, mainly

because of a lack of numbers to complete attacking moves. Too many players were losing tempers and conceding fouls for frivolous reasons.

Outstanding Players: (15) Hishamar Falloner and (9) James were outstanding in their respective roles.

General Analysis: It was a good performance by Jamaica and in contrast to their previous match. They were quick to the ball, well organized in defense and made some quality counter attacks. They forced Costa Rica to adjust as the Jamaican marked out the key Costa Ricans (10) Criz and (11) Chavez. Costa Rica continued to conduct a midfield passing game which quickened when they approached the opponents goal. However, their final passes were often intercepted by an alert Jamaican defense. Megen Chavez produced a superb free kick from 35metres to register the only goal in the match. Alicia James almost equalled that feat with a similar freekick which saw the cross bar get in the way of what would have been an excellent goal. A number of goal scoring efforts were close but unproductive. Both teams tended to lose control of their discipline late in the game and the quality of play deteriorated towards the end.

MATCH STATISTICS

	CRC	JAM
Possession	61%	39%
Shots on Goal	9	4
Corners	6	3

Playing Conditions: 27 C, Dry and Windy

Match #9

29.02.2004: San Jose, COSTA RICA; Estadio Nacional (A: 1304)

TRINIDAD & TOBAGO - HAITI 6:2 (4:1)

Natalie DES VIGNES 3', 38', 65'; Maylee ATTIN-JOHN-SON 8'; Raeann ELDER 27'; Leslie Ann JAMES 82' - Fernande HILAIRE 32'; Nadege DECA 89'

TRI: 20-Lisa Jo Ramkissoon - 2-Janelle Noel (71: 4-Sedonna Agard), 3-Raeann Elder, 5-Nadia James (62: 10-Tasha St. Louis), 9-Maylee Attin-Johnson, 12-Ahkeela Mollon, 13-Aveann Douglas, 16-Leslie Ann James-C, 17-Natalie Des Vignes (75: 14-Tanekar Alexander), 18-Terrie Lisa John, 19-Katrina Meyer. Booked: James 21', Johnson 50'

HAI: 1-Gina Montinard-C - 3-Judith Fenelon, 4-Kencia Marseille, 5-Elirose Jean-Louis, 6-Fernande Hilaire, 7-Yvette Felix, 9-Marie Viola Nord (80: 16-Nadege Deca), 10-Sherline Ridore, 13-Pharana Jean-Louis, 14-Natacha Cajuste (46: 8-Myrlande Bien-Aime), 17-Adeline Saintilmond (73: 11-Darline Lundy). Booked: Viola Nord 19', Hilaire 53'

R: Erica VARGAS (CRC)

A1: Maria Isabel TOVAR (MEX)

A2: Patricia PACHECO (SLV)

FO: Maria ORTEGA (SLV)

Trinidad & Tobago

System of Play: 4-4-2 in a conventional manner with two central defenders rotating whenever necessary. Two forwards with specific focus on attack.

Strengths: The competence of the defense pattern was vastly improved, with #19 Meyer effectively doing duty as a sweeper. Solid ballwinning procedure by the four midfielders, through quick tackling and sensible distribution. Forwards were very aggressive in the final third of the field.

Weaknesses: Anxiety to move forward caused many passes into space to be accepted by opponents. Too many fouls given away in dangerous areas. The possession game in midfield sometimes caused the ball to be lost, even when not under pressure.

Outstanding Players: (#19) Katrina Meyer, (#12) Ahkeela Mollon were high in workrate and efficient in their duties, while both (9) Maylee Attin Johnson and (#17) Natalie Des Vignes provide good finishing skills in the final third.

Haiti

System of Play: 4-4-2 with a deep lying sweeper behind three defenders. Four midfielders and two strikers with specific roles.

Strengths: Three players with good skill levels in (6) Fernande Hilaire (13) Pharana Jean-louis and (7) Yvette Felix. Good attempts to create attacking moves, which resulted in seven shots on goal.

Weaknesses: Too many players seemed jaded and slow to perform. Their speed level was generally poor and their defense lost too many of the high percentage balls, both in the air and on the ground. Eight players suffered injuries during the match for cramps and stomach ailments. This affected their progress.

Outstanding Players: (6) Hilaire, (13) Jean-Louis and (7) Felix all performed creditably.

General Analysis: Trinidad & Tobago invested in their younger players and it seemed to have paid off better than they expected. Their defense line was organized with (19) Meyer marshalling the forces from the Centre. The midfield saw improved efforts from (2) Janelle Noel and Raeann Elder on the flanks while (12) Mollon continued to dominate midfield with her quick footedness and good services to forwards. Haiti appeared to be more alert at the start, but soon found themselves defending doggedly, after they conceded two goals in the first eight minutes. In a match where the speed and skill levels were not comparable to the more matured teams in the competition, one detected a more committed effort by the players and although the passing features did not reach high levels, there were some efforts of possession by both teams which appeared to be formidable. Trinidad & Tobago were more positive in attack and by extension, scored more goals. For the Haitians, maybe lack of physical preparation was their major problem and the heat did not help the cause. Both teams will have learnt some lessons from the exercise.

MATCH STATISTICS

	TRI	HAI
Possession	53%	47%
Shots on Goal	9	7
Corners	4	5

Playing Conditions: 29 C, Cool, Dry and Windy

Match #10

29.02.2004: San Jose, COSTA RICA; Estadio Nacional (A: 1304)

USA - MEXICO 2:0 (2:0)

OG 10'; Abby WAMBACH 26'

USA: 1-Briana Scurry - 3-Christie Pearce (76: 2-Heather Mitts), 4-Cat Reddick, 7-Shannon Boxx, 9-Mia Hamm, 11-Julie Foudy-C, 13-Kristine Lilly, 14-Joy Fawcett, 15-Kate Sobrero, 16-Lindsay Tarpley (60: 8-Shannon MacMillan), 20-Abby Wambach (70: 19-Angela Hucles).
Booked: none

MEX: 1-Jennifer Marie Molina - 2-Elizabeth Patricia Gomez, 3-Rubi Marlene Sandoval, 4-Monica Gonzalez-C, 5-Maria De Jesus Castillo, 6-Monica Vergara, 9-Maribel Dominguez (78: 7-Juana Evelyn Lopez), 10-Iris Adriana Mora (81: 16-Nadia Teresita Hernandez), 11-Patricia Perez, 18-Teresa Guadalupe Worbis, 19-Alma Socorro Martinez (54: 15-Luz Del Rosario Saucedo).
Booked: Evelyn Lopez 27'

R: Dianne FERREIRA-JAMES (GUY)

A1: Malena LOPEZ (CRC)

A2: Paulette RILEY (JAM)

FO: Jillanta PROCTOR (CAN)

USA

System of Play: 4-4-2 was the system used. One of the midfielders played just in front of the two central defenders, while one striker roamed as the other focused mainly on playing among the opponents defenseline.

Strengths: The physical capability was a major factor in their victory quest. They also made use of aerial play in attack where (20) Wambach and (7) Boxx could outjump their shorter opponents. Their mental toughness was important to the state of the match.

Weaknesses: They succumbed to the skill and speed of the Mexicans. They failed to latch on to through passes because they were slower than the Mexicans. They lacked cohesion in midfield and literally gave up dominance in that area.

Outstanding Players: (#11) Julie Foudy, (#15) Kate Sobrero, and (#7) Shannon Boxx were solid and very competent in doing their respective tasks.

Mexico

System of Play: 3-5-2 was the system used. A sweeper behind two central defenders (marking). One deep midfielder ahead of the two central defenders with two ballwinning midfielders. Two forwards with specific attacking responsibilities.

Strengths: Mexico were quicker to the ball. They were also more skilful than their opponents. Their midfield was cohesive and shifted their lines of attack rapidly to confuse the opposition. Despite their inferior size, they competed favourably and aggressively in close situations.

Weaknesses: Lack of communication between defenders and goalkeeper caused their own goal, which changed the complexion of the game. They created opportunities, but were too reluctant to shoot and lost possession. They were weaker in aerial play in defense than their opponents.

Outstanding Players: (#3) Rubi Sandoval, (#6) Monica Vergara, (#10) Iris Mora, and (#11) Patricia Perez were mainly contributory to the chemistry of Mexico.

General Analysis: In what was the most qualitative match in the group, Mexico demonstrated that skill, mixed with good planning, could bring dividends. After suffering from a confusion that caused them to score the Mexican midfield went to work and produced a level of cohesion which may have surprised the USA. Playmaker (6) Monica Vergara was the brainchild in the Mexican center and she controlled the pace, the direction and the chemistry which her team possessed. USA tried the tough tactics with some bouncing and tackling the visibly smaller opponents. But they failed to change the course of Mexico, who reduced the predicted high crosses all evening, except for (20) Wambach's header from (9) Hamm's corner.

The Mexican defense was tight and aggressive, leaving the USA to try long shots. If Mexico was faulted, it was their reluctance to shoot the chances their midfield created. Although they were outshot ten to six by the USA, their efforts seemed more likely to have goalscoring possibilities.

USA prevailed because they were more experienced and used their superior physical strength to advantage. It was a very good performance by Mexico.

MATCH STATISTICS

	USA	MEX
Possession	52%	48%
Shots on Goal	10	6
Corners	6	1

Playing Conditions: 29 C, Dry and Windy

Match #11

01.03.2004: Herédia, COSTA RICA; Estadio Eladio Rosabal Cordero (A: 1650)

JAMAICA - PANAMA 0:3 (0:0)

Raiza GUITERREZ 74'; Amarelis DE MERA 85'; Maritzenia BEDOYA 90'

JAM: 1-Chantelle McClennon (57: 13-Peatricia Campbell) - 4-Sharika Evans, 5-Geneiya Sinclair, 7-Alicia Wilson-C, 10-Jodi Ann McGregor, 15-Hishamar Falloner, 16-Sasheena Stewart, 17-Venecia Reid, 18-Tashana Vincent (69: 11-Neisha Forbes), 19-Denise Duncan, 20-Sheree Marrow (83: 14-Rochelle Bryan). Booked: Duncan 42', Evans 62', Sent off: Evans 73'

PAN: 1-Monica Franco - 2-Tricia Arosemena, 4-Elizabeth Louis (55: 3-Yamilet Flores), 6-Raiza Gutierrez-C, 7-Yoraidi Perez, 9-Amarelis De Mera, 11-Diana Valderrama, 13-Maritzenia Bedoya, 15-Ruth Romero, 16-Thannia Dominguez, 20-Tatiana Montes (23: 14-Steffany Aguilar) (90: 17-Natalia Perea). Booked: none

R: Shane DE SILVA (TRI)

A1: Sharon WHEELER (USA)

A2: Amarilis MERETTE (DOM)

FO: Jillanta PROCTOR (CAN)

Jamaica

System of Play: 3-4-1-2 was used with a sweeper back behind two marking defenders and wing-midfielders patrolling the flanks both in attack and defense. Two strikers with a deep lying playmaker.

Strengths: A reorganized defenseline that accepted greater responsibility and seemed strong tactically. The quick tackling by midfielders saw them regain possession in the center of the field. Their potent attacking flair brought about eleven shots at the opponents goal.

Weaknesses: Their desire to attack regularly with great numbers, made them vulnerable in defense. Their recovery after completing an attack was slow and sometimes disorganized. They failed to hold territorial advantage in the second half and paid the penalty.

Outstanding Players: (#7) Alicia Wilson was excellent in defense and often took the challenge to the opposition by going into attack herself. (#10) Jodi Ann McGregor was the hardest worker in her team. She showed great tenacity, her skill was well executed and she served her forwards well.

Panama

System of Play: 3-5-2 with much emphasis on two attacking wing defenders serving two strikers.

Strengths: The speed level of the players was generally higher than their opponents. Their players, especially (11) Valderrama and (15) Romero were very instrumental in building organized attacks and placing great pressure on the opponents. The strikers (13) Bedoya and (9) De Mera created excellent scoring options and played extremely well in tandem.

Weaknesses: Too much unnecessary fouling and conceding freekicks in dangerous positions. Lacked composure in the final third of the field and shot poorly 50% of the time.

Outstanding Players: (9) De Mera, (13) Bedoya, (11) Valderrama and (15) Romero were the main contributors to Panama's victory, through their clever work, their consistent work effort and their positive attitude to winning.

General Analysis: Jamaica came into the game with a slightly rearranged team due to injuries to key players. However, they appeared to have worked out a formula to restrict Panama to a continuous mode. They were quick to the ball in the early period and took the attack to Panama. But as Panama adjusted their game and brought their planned wing attack through two fine players Valderrama and Romero, Jamaica seemed to have lost control of midfield. Jamaica's Alicia Wilson was holding firm in defense, but as the game flowed, penetration seemed apparent by Panama. Half time saw the score goalless with both teams missing chances in the first half. Jamaica's goalkeeping substitution seemed to correspond with an imbalance in defense, leaving the Panama strikers, (9) De Mera and (13) Bedoya with too much space to be dangerous. Nevertheless, it was reassuring to see that the quality of play by the two teams had surpassed their previous performances.

MATCH STATISTICS

	JAM	PAN
Possession	44%	56%
Shots on Goal	5	8
Corners	1	6

Match #12

01.03.2004: Herédia, COSTA RICA; Estadio Eladio Rosabal Cordero (A: 1650)

COSTA RICA - CANADA 1:2 (0:2)

Shirley CRUZ 60', Christine LATHAM 7'; Aysha JAMANI 21'
CRC: 1-Alejandra Alvarez - 3-Gabriela Trujillo-C, 4-Karol Segura Arguedas, 5-Monica Salazar, 7-Emila Solano (56: 8-Ana Gabriel Campos), 9-Erica Castro, 10-Shirley Cruz, 11-Megen Chavez (40: 17-Jacqueline Alvarez), 15-Yahaira Aguilar, 16-Cindy Rodriguez, 19-Marian Montes (46: 6-E. Xiomara Briceno). Booked: Arguedas 28', Castro 65'

CAN: 1-Karina LeBlanc - 2-Christine Latham, 5-Andrea Neil, 6-Sharolta Nonen, 8-Marie-Eve Nault, 10-Charmaine Hooper-C (58: 3-Carmelino Moscato), 11-Randee Hermus, 12-Christine Sinclair, 13-Diana Matheson, 14-Aysha Jamani (46: 15-Kara Lang), 17-Melissa Tancredi (46: 7-Isabelle Morneau). Booked: Tancredi 24', Jamani 29', Hooper 54', Nonen 57', Moscato 67'

R: Maria ORTEGA (SLV)

A1: Jackeline SAEZ (PAN)

A2: Azucena AGUILERA (HON)

FO: Sandra HUNT (USA)

Costa Rica

System of Play: 4-4-2 was the system with which Costa Rica started and changed their midfield structure to use a sweeper in front of the two central defenders.

Strengths: The skill level of the players was of a superior standard to their opponents.

Their smooth interpassing in midfield was well executed and forced Canada to resort to robust tackling. They were quicker to the ball than their opponents. Their playmakers (10) Cruz, (6) Briceno, and (16) Rodriguez carried the attack to their opponents effectively.

Weaknesses: They found it difficult to settle down in the early stages because of the tough tackling method of Canada. The decision of their defenders to stand and appeal for offside caused them to concede an early goal.

Outstanding Players: (10) Shirley Cruz was easily the most talented performer on the field. She was crafty, skilful and quick. She made some excellent penetrative passes and scored a beautiful goal.

(6) Xiomara Briceno controlled the defensive line and won the majority of air balls served by Canada. She controlled the pace of the game and the direction of her team's attacks. (16) Cindy Rodriguez, a pint sized wing-midfielder who showed no fear for her much heavier and taller opponents. She was aggressive and won the fifty/fifty balls. She joined her midfielders to display superb cohesion.

Canada

System of Play: 4-3-3 was used. Three strikers operating as two wingers and a striker.

Strengths: Canada were physically more capable than Costa Rica. They benefited from the aerial strength of their players. Their players were able to shoot from outside the penalty area. The services from their defenders to the three strikers were often well executed.

Weaknesses: Their inability to play the short passing game was exposed by the crafty Costa Ricans. They were seen using robust tactics to offset the clever player of the Ticas' midfield. Whenever they attacked at corners, the recovery of their defenders was slow and sometimes left their defense open.

Outstanding Players: (12) Christine Sinclair was steady and consistent with her choices of passes and her ability to create space for her fellow players. (14) Aysha Jamani had the speed and skill which provided a constant source of worry to the Costa Rica defense. Her goal was a result of good skill and speed past opponents. (6) Sharolta Nonen kept a level head in Defense and blunted many potent attacks. She is also a very good header of the ball in defense.

General Analysis: It was a match of good quality from both sides. There was a significant contrast to the styles of play. Canada continued to bank heavily on its long passes from defense to their three strikers and while it seemed to work for a short while, the Costa Ricans found a way to reduce its effectiveness. The Canadians used their superior physical capability to demand respect, a factor which may have affected the rhythm of their game. On the other hand, Costa Rica produced a smooth passing game which had their opponents chasing shadows in midfield. The intensity of their game forced the Canadian midfield, including star player (10) Charmaine Hooper to resort to tough tactics. Despite the difficulty, Canada persisted with their strong defensive play and for the final thirty minutes, were faced with a barrage of organized attacks from the Costa Ricans. Their Goalkeeper (1) Karina Le Blanc performed brilliantly during that period and was instrumental in retaining their slim lead to the final whistle. Costa Rica was an unlucky loser, simply because their best goalscoring opportunities were either well saved or struck wide of the target.

MATCH STATISTICS

	CRC	CAN
Possession	66%	34%
Shots on Goal	3	6
Corners	3	3

Playing Conditions: 27 C, Dry and Windy

Match #13 (SEMIFINALS)

03.03.2004: San Jose, COSTA RICA; Estadio Nacional (A: 1800)

CANADA - MEXICO 1:2 (0:1)

Aysha JAMANI 84' - Maribel DOMINGUEZ 25', 59'
CAN: 1-Karina LeBlanc - 2-Christine Latham, 5-Andrea Neil (46: 7-Isabelle Morneau), 6-Sharolta Nonen, 8-Marie-Eve Nault (62: 15-Kara Lang), 10-Charmaine Hooper-C, 11-Randee Hermus, 12-Christine Sinclair, 13-Diana Matheson, 14-Aysha Jamani, 17-Melissa Tancredi. Booked: none

MEX: 1-Jennifer Marie Molina - 2-Elizabeth Patricia Gomez, 3-Rubi Marlene Sandoval, 4-Monica Gonzalez-C, 5-Maria De Jesus Castillo, 6-Monica Vergara, 7-Juana Evelyn Lopez, 8-Fatima Leyva (76: 19-Alma Socorro Martinez), 9-Maribel Dominguez, 10-Iris Adriana Mora (71: 17-Rebecca Juarez Bazan) (90: 15-Luz Del Rosario Saucedo), 11-Patricia Perez. Booked: none

R: Dianne FERREIRA-JAMES (GUY)

A1: Sharon WHEELER (USA)

A2: Paulette RILEY (JAM)

FO: Sandra HUNT (USA)

Canada

System of Play: 4-3-3 was the system used and in the usual conventional manner where responsibilities were specific to each position.

Strengths: The fitness of the players was evident, especially when they had to challenge for the fifty/fifty balls. Their central defenders were solid and communicated well when having to adjust their respective roles in defense. They were superior in aerial play when their flank players served crossed balls or corners.

Weaknesses: They seemed incapable of dealing with the ground passing game of Mexico. They were vulnerable against the skilful (11) Perez and (9) Dominguez. Their familiar long passes were inaccurate at most times and intercepted by the Mexican defense. They could not match the speed of the Mexicans.

Outstanding Players: (6) Sharolta Nonen stood out in defense and produced some timely tackles. (13) Diana Matheson was a hard worker in midfield and was the real ballwinner in midfield. (14) Aysha Janami created problems for the Mexican defense and scored the only Canadian goal.

Mexico

System of Play: 4-1-3-2 was cleverly used, with a sweeper in front of two central defenders, and a playmaker behind two strikers.

Strengths: Excellent ground passing and quick interchanging of players positions, confused their opponents. The speed level of the front six players seemed too much for Canada. The possession game in midfield, when switched to quick penetrative passes, brought them success. The finishing power of (9) Dominguez when set up by (10) Mora, provided the game winners.

Weaknesses: Mexico made a serious mistake by trying their two goals lead for the final 30 minutes. They defended without going in search of counterattack and brought constant pressure on themselves. They appeared to be tiring towards the end of the match.

Outstanding Players: (9) Maribel Dominguez was quick, skilful and produced good and accurate shooting power, features which her opponents failed to deal with. (10) Iris Mora controlled the midfield and split the Canadian defense with some superb through passes. (11) Patricia Perez was a good partner for Dominguez and as a pari, they were too difficult to mark for the Canadian defense.

General Analysis: In a match which was filled with intense play, Canada may have been feeling the effect of their previous game against Costa Rica, where they were stretched to the limit less than forty two hours earlier. They were outpaced by Mexico and stringing passes seemed more difficult than they had previously imagined. They were unable to adjust their predictable long passing game, a method which the Mexicans had studied and for which they found solutions. This having failed, Canada appeared frustrated and were faced with a Mexican team that literally mastered the ground passing game with some swift interchanging movements by their players and superb skills when under pressure. The Canadians were unable to use their bodyweight and tough tackles as they had done previously and saw possession drifting away from them. Mexico challenged them with speed from midfield to the final third and it worked. Six shots on goals by Mexico as against two by Canada tells its own story. Tactically, Mexico used the extra rest day sensibly and despite the heat of the midday sun, they benefited from the extra hours of rest. Tactically, it was a good game and Mexico seem to be ready for the more advanced countries in women's soccer.

MATCH STATISTICS

	CAN	MEX
Possession	42%	58%
Shots on Goal	4	7
Corners	4	9

Playing Conditions: 34 C, Hot, Dry and Windy

Match #14 (SEMIFINALS)

03.03.2004: San Jose, COSTA RICA; Estadio Nacional (A: 1800)

USA - COSTA RICA 4:0 (3:0)

Aly WAGNER 5'; Abby WAMBACH 26'; Kristine LILLY 30'; Shannon BOXX 51'

USA: 1-Briana Scurry - 2-Heather Mitts, 4-Cat Reddick, 7-Shannon Boxx (61: 16-Lindsay Tarpley), 9-Mia Hamm, 10-Aly Wagner, 11-Julie Foudy-C, 13-Kristine Lilly, 14-Joy Fawcett, 15-Kate Sobrero (34: 6-Amy Lepeilbet), 20-Abby Wambach (46: 8-Shannon MacMillan). Booked: Hamm 44', Lepeilbet 61'

CRC: 1-Alejandra Alvarez - 3-Gabriela Trujillo-C, 4-Karol Segura Arguedas, 5-Monica Salazar, 6-E. Xiomara Briceno, 9-Erica Castro (76: 19-Marian Montes), 10-Shirley Cruz, 12-Laura Sanchez (46: 7-Emila Solano), 15-Yahaira Aguilar, 16-Cindy Rodriguez, 17-Jacqueline Alvarez (68: 13-Karla Villalobos). Booked: none

R: Maria ORETGA (SLV)

A1: Maria Isabel TOVAR (MEX)

A2: Jackeline SAEZ (PAN)

FO: Jillanta PROCTOR (CAN)

USA

System of Play: 4-1-3-2, Four defenders with a sweeper ahead of the two central defenders. One main striker with another moving deep in field.

Strength: The experience of the US players to allow the ball to do the work rather than be running unnecessarily, brought the game solidly in their favour from the start. They tempered the length and height of their passes to accommodate the windy conditions. They scored three of their six shots in the first half. They retained the numbers in defense throughout the match, although they led by an appreciable number of goals.

Weaknesses: Changing a positive and productive attitude for a passive and less productive mode was offering a glimmer of hope to Costa Rica. It also affected their first half chemistry and dropped the quality of their performance.

Outstanding Players: (7) Shannon Boxx was the absolute playmaker, whose passing was selective and accurate. She supported her attackers well and also scored a brilliant goal. (10) Aly Wagner was the hard-working midfielder who dominated centrefield and used the long diagonal passes effectively. (14) Joy Fawcett was steady in defense and provided good leadership to the team.

Costa Rica

System of Play: 4-4-2 was used. There was a sweeper ahead of two central defenders. Two playmakers in midfield.

Strengths: Costa Rica had in their team some very talented players in (10) Cruz and (6) Briceno, plus a hard working (16) Rodriguez. They tried to play the possession game and often strung passes together in midfield

Weaknesses: The players were clearly Jaded from their previous match and their small physique did not allow them to withstand the pressure of a competent USA team. They were outplayed aerially in defense and attack. They were slower to the ball than their opponents. They had no answer to the distribution process used by the US and were often ballwatching. The US marking out (10) Cruz did not help their cause.

Outstanding Players: (16) Cindy Rodriguez was a coach's dream. She was aggressive, skilful and tenacious. She attacked when necessary and had a recovery rate which was unbelievably quick.

(6) Xiomara Briceno matched her rivals in size, skill and aggression. She forced the US midfield to make mistakes and give the ball away sometimes. (10) Shirley Cruz, although tightly marked, was creating problems for the opposing midfield. She challenged the defenders with skill and speed.

General Analysis: Costa Rica were unable to recover from the rigours of their match against Canada and were clearly short of speed and endurance, features that made them a tough opponent for Canada some 42 hours before. The heat and America's intense pressure for the first 30 minutes, exposed an obvious deficiency in Costa Rica's preparation. They provided a slow version of their usual performance and the difference showed. The USA recognized this and made the ball do the work while the Costa Ricans chased from side to side and length to breadth at passes but they were unable to stop the flow. The result was three early goals and a confident USA, whose desire to relax was non-existent. They made full use of the outstanding contributions of Shannon Boxx and Aly Wagner, whose passes and support for the various attacking moves, left the Costa Ricans conceding minutes before the final whistle. The Costa Ricans could consider themselves unlucky. The USA were clearly the strongest team in the tournament and their success seemed never in doubt at any time during this match.

MATCH STATISTICS

	USA	CRC
Possession	66%	34%
Shots on Goal	13	1
Corners	7	1

Playing Conditions: 34 C, Hot, Dry and Windy

Match #15 (THIRD PLACE)

05.03.2004: Heredia, COSTA RICA; Estadio Eladio Rosabal Cordero (A: 2004)

CANADA - COSTA RICA 4:0 (2:0)

Christine SINCLAIR 20', 78'; Charmaine HOOPER 43'; Aysha JAMANI 58'

CAN: 1-Karina LeBlanc (69: 22-Erin McCleod) - 5-Andrea Neil (55: 4-Veronique Maranda), 7-Isabelle Morneau, 8-Marie-Eve Nault, 10-Charmaine Hooper-C, 11-Randee Hermus, 12-Christine Sinclair, 13-Diana Matheson, 14-Aysha Jamani, 15-Kara Lang (54: 9-Rhain Wilkinson), 17-Melissa Tancredi. Booked: Hooper 38', Tancredi 66', Nault 83'

CRC: 1-Alejandra Alvarez - 3-Gabriela Trujillo-C, 4-Karol Segura Arguedas (33: 12-Laura Sanchez), 5-Monica Salazar, 6-E. Xiomara Briceno, 9-Erica Castro, 10-Shirley Cruz, 14-Wendy Barrantes (46: 11-Megen Chavez), 15-Yahaira Aguilar, 16-Cindy Rodriguez, 17-Jacqueline Alvarez (67: 13-Karla Villalobos). Booked: Trujillo 17', Salazar 28'

R: Sandra HUNT (USA)

A1: Sharon WHEELER (USA)

A2: Jackeline SAEZ (PAN)

FO: Maria ORTEGA (SLV)

Canada

System of Play: 4-3-3 was the system used, with three forwards, two wingers and a centreforward.

Strengths: Distribution of long passes from the defense to the flanks was frequent and accurate. Excellent support from (17)Melissa Tancredi and (13) Diana Matheson, both in defense and attack. Strong in aerial play, two of which produced goals.

Weaknesses: Although they were leading in terms of goals, they did not appear to be totally dominant, and gave up possession far too often during the game. The desire to foul opponents was unnecessary and led to three cautions.

Outstanding Players: (12) Christine Sinclair (14) Aysha Jamani and (17) Melissa Tancredi all performed creditably.

Costa Rica

System of Play: 4-1-3-2 was used with a sweeper (6) being a playmaker just in front of the defenseline. Three attacking midfielders and two strikers.

Strengths: Individual players possess good skill and mobility, which gave them more possession in midfield than their opponents.

Weaknesses: In this game, the younger players were clearly feeling the effect of five matches in nine days,

and their speed level, which made them dangerous in the early matches, was reduced considerably. They succumbed to the powerful tactics of their opponents.

Outstanding Players: (6) Xiomara Briceno, (16) Cindy Rodriguez and (10) Shirley Cruz were excellent contributors.

General Analysis: Costa Rica was clearly feeling the effect of the tight schedule. Having played the USA and Canada within forty hours and again facing Canada, seemed to have taken the sharpness which they demonstrated in the early matches. Canada was able to share the responsibilities among their reserve players and still retain efficiency on the field. They used the usual long passing game, except that on this occasion, their strikers made full use of them. Sinclair was exquisite in her choice of passing lanes and she was able to create chances for the other forwards. (10) Charmaine Hooper was seen for the first time in a new role as central defender, a position that she handled sensibly and her ability to pass the ball over, was beneficial to her team. Despite Costa Rica's physical fatigue, the key players (6) Briceno, (16) Rodriguez and (10) Cruz, provided much excitement and effective play. They stood out amidst a difficult game. No doubt, the benefits are great for the young players in the team, of which there were seven in the squad under nineteen years. Canada deserved to be the third best team and also have a new group of young players to replace the ageing ones.

MATCH STATISTICS

	CAN	CRC
Possession	51%	49%
Shots on Goal	6	7
Corners	8	3

Playing Conditions: 26 C, Cool, Dry and Windy

Match #16 (FINAL)

05.03.2004: Heredia, COSTA RICA; Estadio Eladio Rosabal Cordero (A: 2004)

USA - MEXICO 3:2 (1:2)

Lindsay TARPLEY 45'; Abby WAMBACH 79'; Julie FOUUDY 84' - Maribel DOMINGUEZ 9', 15'

USA: 18-Siri Mullinix - 2-Heather Mitts, 5-Leslie Osborne, 6-Amy Lepeilbet, 8-Shannon MacMillan (46: 20-Abby Wambach), 11-Julie Foudy-C, 12-Cindy Parlow, 13-Kristine Lilly, 14-Joy Fawcett (46: 4-Cat Reddick), 15-Kate Sobrero, 16-Lindsay Tarpley (59: 9-Mia Hamm). Booked: none

MEX: 12-Pamela Tajonar - 2-Elizabeth Patricia Gomez, 3-Rubi Marlene Sandoval (46: 4-Monica Gonzalez), 5-Maria De Jesus Castillo, 6-Monica Vergara, 8-Fatima Leyva, 9-Maribel Dominguez, 10-Iris Adriana Mora-C (46: 11-Patricia Perez) (59: 19-Alma Socorro Martinez), 14-Jennifer Marie Ruiz, 15-Luz Del Rosario Saucedo, 18-Teresa Guadalupe Worbis. Booked: none

R: Jillanta PROCTOR (CAN)

A1: Paulette RILEY (JAM)

A2: Malena LOPEZ (CRC)

FO: Dianne FERREIRA-JAMES (GUY)

USA

System of play: 4-4-2 with specific responsibilities which correspond to the positions on the field.

Strengths: Endurance and excellent organisation were essential factors in this game and the overall strength in these areas were obvious.

They possessed the good tactical awareness to adjust the style of their game in the middle of the match and it made a difference. The typical fighting spirit of the USA team brought them a result which seemed remote half way into the match.

Weaknesses: They were extremely vulnerable to the short passing game and faltered against the skill of the Mexican strikers. Their square defense policy failed to function against the speed of the opposing strikers and superbly timed passes from midfield through the US defense.

Outstanding Players: (20) Wambach was brought on at halftime and she changed the match with her speed and aggression, getting a crucial equalizing goal. (13) Lilly and (2) Mitts were effective on the flanks and brought pressure on the Mexican defense through the use of crossed balls.

Mexico

System of Play 4-4-2 with one midfield (6) playing deep in the role of attacker.

Strengths: For the entire first half, Mexico produced a quality of play which was mixed with superb interpassing, mobility and penetration through the use of speed. They destroyed the opposition's concept of a square defense and scored two goals which resulted from through passes. They also held a solid defensive pattern during the first half which blunted almost every attack.

Weaknesses: Their decision to defend their lead for forty five minutes was a huge mistake. They allowed the USA to play the game in their half of the field. They seemed to have suffered from physical fatigue halfway in the second half.

Outstanding Players: (6) Vergara was brilliant in her choice of passes and her ability to control the direction of her team's attacks. (9) Dominguez outsped and outskilled the USA defense on three occasions, two of which produced goals. (2) Patricia Gomez was an effective defender who worked hard to the very end.

General Analysis: Mexico provided a serious challenge to the supremacy of CONCACAF's women soccer. Maybe for the first time in their history, the USA was faced with a team that dominated through sheer skill, good chemistry and tactical strength. For half the match, the USA knew little about how to retrieve the ball from Mexico. They chased shadows, tackled tough and talked over their problems after they conceded two goals. However, it was not surprising that the halftime discussion brought a different approach, more effective player personnel and a fighting spirit which is synonymous with American sport. The change of approach met with a Mexican drop off in physical capabilities. They also made the tactical error of trying to defend their one goal lead for half the match. The USA took up the challenge and ended with a resounding victory.

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<u>Group/Grupo A</u>	<u>GP/PJ</u>	<u>W/G</u>	<u>L/D</u>	<u>T/E</u>	<u>GF:GA/E</u>	<u>PTS</u>
Canada	3	3	0	0	14:1	9
<u>Costa Rica</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>8:3</u>	<u>6</u>
Panama	3	1	2	0	4:12	3
Jamaica	3	0	3	0	0:10	0

26.02.2004	CANADA - JAMAICA	6:0 (2:0)	Estadio Eladio Rosabal Cordero	3000
26.02.2004	COSTA RICA - PANAMA	6:1 (4:1)	Estadio Eladio Rosabal Cordero	3000
28.02.2004	PANAMA - CANADA	0:6 (0:3)	Estadio Nacional	2200
28.02.2004	COSTA RICA - JAMAICA	1:0 (1:0)	Estadio Nacional	2200
01.03.2004	JAMAICA - PANAMA	0:3 (0:0)	Estadio Eladio Rosabal Cordero	1650
01.03.2004	COSTA RICA - CANADA	1:2 (0:2)	Estadio Eladio Rosabal Cordero	1650

<u>Group/Grupo B</u>	<u>GP/PJ</u>	<u>W/G</u>	<u>L/D</u>	<u>T/E</u>	<u>GF:GA/E</u>	<u>PTS</u>
USA	3	3	0	0	17:0	9
<u>Mexico</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>13:3</u>	<u>6</u>
Haiti	3	1	2	0	7:17	3
Trinidad & Tobago	3	0	3	0	2:19	0

25.02.2004	MEXICO - HAITI	5:0 (1:0)	Estadio Nacional	1500
25.02.2004	USA - TRINIDAD & TOBAGO	7:0 (6:0)	Estadio Nacional	1500
27.02.2004	MEXICO - TRINIDAD & TOBAGO	8:1 (4:1)	Estadio Eladio Rosabal Cordero	350
27.02.2004	HAITI - USA	0:8 (0:3)	Estadio Eladio Rosabal Cordero	350
29.02.2004	TRINIDAD & TOBAGO - HAITI	6:2 (4:2)	Estadio Nacional	1304
29.02.2004	USA - MEXICO	2:0 (2:0)	Estadio Nacional	1304

Semifinals/Semifinales

03.03.2004	SF1: CANADA - MEXICO	1:2 (0:2)	Estadio Nacional	1800
03.03.2004	SF2: USA - COSTA RICA	4:0 (3:0)	Estadio Nacional	18:00

Finals/Finales

05.03.2004	THIRD-PLACE/TERCER PUESTO			
	CANADA - COSTA RICA	4:0 (2:0)	Estadio Eladio Rosbal Cordero	2004
05.03.2004	CHAMPIONSHIP/CAMPEONATO *			
	USA - MEXICO	3:2 (1:2)	Estadio Eladio Rosbal Cordero	2004

** Both teams qualify for 2004 Olympic Games in Athens, Greece /
Los dos equipos clasificarán a los 2004 Juegos Olímpicos en Atenas, Grecia*

GOALS/GOLES

9. Maribel DOMINGUEZ (MEX)	8
14. Aysha JAMANI (CAN)	7
11. Patricia PEREZ (MEX)	5
12. Christine SINCLAIR (CAN)	5
20. Abby WAMBACH (USA)	5
7. Shannon BOXX (USA)	4
11. Megen CHAVEZ (CRC)	3
17. Natalie DES VIGNES (TRI)	3
10. Charmaine HOOPER (CAN)	3
12. Cindy PARLOW (USA)	3
13. Maritzenia BEDOYA (PAN)	2
10. Shirley CRUZ (CRC)	2
9. Mia HAMM (USA)	2
13. Kristine LILLY (USA)	2
10. Iris Adriana MORA (MEX)	2
16. Lindsay TARPLEY (USA)	2
9. Maylee ATTIN-JOHNSON (TRI)	1
8. Ana Gabriel CAMPOS (CRC)	1
16. Nadege DECA (HAI)	1
9. Amarelis DE MERA (PAN)	1
3. Raeann ELDER (TRI)	1
11. Julie FOU DY (USA)	1
6. Raiza GUITERREZ (PAN)	1
6. Fernande HILAIRE (HAI)	1
16. Leslie Ann JAMES (TRI)	1
2. Christine LATHAM (CAN)	1
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8. Shannon MACMILLAN (USA)	1
19. Alma Socorro MARTINEZ (MEX)	1
3. Carmelina MOSCATO (CAN)	1
5. Andrea NEIL (CAN)	1
16. Cindy RODRIGUEZ (CRC)	1
10. Tasha ST. LOUIS (TRI)	1
3. Gabriela TRUJILLO (CRC)	1
10. Aly WAGNER (USA)	1

OWN GOALS/AUTOGOLES:

3 Judith FENELON (HAI)	1
5. Maria DE JESUS CASTILLO (MEX)	1

2004 CONCACAF Women's Pre-Olympic Qualification All-Tournament Team/ Equipo del Torneo Clasificatorio Preolímpico Femenino de CONCACAF 2004

Best XI/Mejores XI

GK: Karina LEBLANC (CAN);
DF: Joy FAWCETT (USA), Sharolta NONEN (CAN),
Gabriela TRUJILLO (CRC);
MD: Shannon BOXX (USA), Cindy RODRIGUEZ (CRC),
Monica VERGARA (MEX), Aly WAGNER (USA);
AT: Shirley CRUZ (CRC), Maribel DOMINGUEZ (MEX),
Abby WAMBACH (USA)

Honourable Mentions/Menciones Honorables

GK: Brianna SCURRY (USA);
DF: E. Xiomara BRICEÑO (CRC);
MD: Diana MATHESON (CAN), Patricia PEREZ (MEX),
Alicia WILSON (JAM);
AT: Christine SINCLAIR (CAN), Aysha JAMANI (CAN)

**2004 CONCACAF
WOMEN'S OLYMPIC QUALIFYING/
ELIMINATORIA OLÍMPICA FEMENINA**

PRELIMINARY ROUND/RONDA PRELIMINAR

SERIES A

09.11.2003: Paramaribo, SURINAME; Andre Kamperveen Stadium (A: 400)

SURINAME - TRINIDAD & TOBAGO 0:2 (0:0)

OG 79'; Tasha ST. LOUIS 88'

SUR: Daniella Lawrence - Raquel Zeegelaar, Eleonor Wisch, Yolanda Saling, Vanessa Asaimi, Deborah Jeso (78: Rachel Righters), Aisa Smith (85: Ethel Fraser), Manuella Ruperti, Jennifer Buyne, Denia Uliet, Kimberly Pinas (65: Brigitte Righters). Booked: Jeso 10'

TD: Percy BENDT

TRI: Nicole Mitchell - Kathy-Ann Nixon, Leslie-Ann James, Terrie Lisa John, Natalie Des Vignes (68: Sedonna Agard), Tasha St. Louis, Jenelle Nedd, Maylee Johnson (84: Nadia James), Kia Rigsby, Aveann Douglas (68: Tanekar Alexander), Niasha Reyes. Booked: Douglas 27'

TD: Jamaal SHABAZZ

R: Esther Paez ALVAREZ (CUB)

12.11.2003: Paramaribo, SURINAME; Andre Kamperveen Stadium (A: 300)

TRINIDAD & TOBAGO - SURINAME 4:2 (3:2)

Maylee JOHNSON 9', 74'; Natalie DES VIGNES 34', 38' - Denia ULIET 18', 41'

TRI: Nicole Mitchell - Kathy-Ann Nixon, Leslie-Ann James, Terrie Lisa John, Natalie Des Vignes (77: Nadia James), Tasha St. Louis, Jenelle Nedd, Maylee Johnson (76: Tanekar Alexander), Kia Rigsby, Aveann Douglas (67: Sedonna Agard), Niasha Reyes. Booked John 45'

TD: Jamaal SHABAZZ

SUR: Daniella Lawrence (37: Nathalie Benjamin) - Eleonor Wisch, Yolanda Saling, Raquel Ziegelaar, Vanessa Asaimi, Deborah Jeso, Brigitte Righters, Manuella Ruperti (71: Ethel Traner), Jennifer Buyne, Aisa Smith (78: Jefta Plato), Denia Uliet. Booked: none

TD: Edwin SCHAL

R: Dianne FERREIRA-JAMES (GUY)

Trinidad & Tobago wins 6:2 on aggregate/gana 6:2 por marcador global

SERIES B

05.12.2003: Georgetown, CAYMAN ISLANDS; Truman Bodden Sports Complex (A: 800)

JAMAICA - CAYMAN ISLANDS 3:0 (0:0)

Omolyn DAVIS 75'; Venicia REID 79'; Tashana VINCENT 90'+

JAM: Nikkesha Thomas - Jennifer Williams, Rochelle Bryan (46: Petrona Ricketts), Tashana Vincent (46: Melecia Wright), Venicia Reid, Philisha Lewis, Omolyn Davis, Diana Hue, Sharika Evans, Jodi-Ann McGregor, Denise Duncan. Booked: none

TD: Christopher BENDER

CAY: Kerry Chavelle Dilbert - Scimone Belzenfe Campbell, Cassandra Daneille Bodden (87: Bobeth O'Garro), Wilma Marina Godet, Donnette Therese Goddard, Wanda Sue

Nixon, Loletta Dinora Hanna, Sabrina Leacock-Craig, Yvonne Michelle McField (68: Wendy Fisher), Sophia Natasha Johnston (56: Donna Wilson), Gilliam Elizabeth Lawrence. Booked: Leacock-Craig 53'

TD: Thaigo CUNHA

R: Irazema AGUILLERA (CUB)

07.12.2003: Georgetown, CAYMAN ISLANDS; Truman Bodden Sports Complex (A: 1000)

CAYMAN ISLANDS - JAMAICA 0:1 (0:0)

Venicia REID 78'

CAY: Kerry Chavelle Dilbert - Scimone Belzenfe Campbell, Cassandra Daneille Bodden, Wilma Marina Godet, Donnette Therese Goddard (66: Natalie Richards), Wanda Sue Nixon, Loletta Dinora Hanna, Sabrina Leacock-Craig, Yvonne Michelle McField (87: Justina Hurlston), Sophia Natasha Johnston (40: Donna Wilson), Gilliam Elizabeth Lawrence. Booked: Hanna 34'

TD: Thaigo CUNHA

JAM: Nikkesha Thomas - Jennifer Williams, Rochelle Bryan (46: Iesha Mowatt), Tashana Vincent (70: Neisha Forbes), Venicia Reid, Philisha Lewis, Omolyn Davis, Diana Hue, Sharika Evans, Jodi-Ann McGregor, Denise Duncan. Booked: none

TD: Christopher BENDER

R: Kari SEITZ (USA)

Jamaica wins 4:0 on aggregate/gana 4:0 por marcador global

SERIES C

31.10.2003: San Cristóbal, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC; Estadio de Fútbol San Cristóbal (A: 100)

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC - HAITI 0:7 (0:5)

Fritzca BADIO 1', 20'; Judith PIERRE 27', 87'; Myrlande BIEN AIME 42'; Guerda MARCELUS 45'; Darline LUNDY 89'
DOM: Heidi Tejeda - Jocelyn Rodríguez, Anabay Mendoza (46: Altagracia Rodríguez), Nieves Corletto (46: Milargro Leonardo), Dahiana Joseph, Vicky Castillo Alvarez, Ana Diaz (46: Florentina Mae), Luisa Santos, Carmen Olivier, Yolanda Valerio, Sension Lopez. Booked: Santos 15', A. Rodriguez 90' +

TD: Santiago MOREL

HAI: Martine Charleston - Yvette Felix, Mandoucheka Salam, Kencia Marseille, Fritzca Badio (46: Darline Lundy), Fernande Hilaire, Sherline Ridore, Claudia Marcelus (61: Gina Dugrasil), Guerda Marcelus, Myrlande Bien Aime (85: Nadege Cajuste), Judith Pierre. Booked: Marseille 60'

TD: Jean Yves LABARI

R: Esther Paez ALVAREZ (CUB)

02.11.2003: San Cristóbal, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC; Estadio de Fútbol San Cristóbal (A: 1000)

HAITI - DOMINICAN REPUBLIC 3:2 (1:2)

Judith PIERRE 21'; Fernande HILAIRE 55'; Sherline RIDORE 88' - Dahiana JOSEPH 33'; Jocelyn RODRIGUEZ 39'

HAI: Martine Charleston - Yvette Felix, Mandoucheka Salam, Kencia Marseille, Fernande Hilaire, Sherline Ridore, Guerda Marcelus (87: Adeline Saitilmond), Judith Pierre, Fritzca Badio (46: Nadege Cajuste), Gina Dugrasil, Darline Lundy (74: Myrland Bien Aime). Booked: Cajuste 87'

TD: Jean Yves LABARI

DOM: Florentina Mae - Ana Diaz, Luisa Santos, Sension Lopez, Milagros Carmona, Leonela Mojica (24: Jocelyn Rodriguez) (83: Maria Rodriguez), Vicky Castillo, Carmen Jiménez, Dahiana Joseph (66: Lucas Jiménez), Yolanda Valerio, Maria Casilla. Booked: J. Rodríguez 28', Diaz 77', Sent offs: Diaz 84'

TD: Santiago MOREL

R: Cassie MOORE (TRI)

Haiti wins 10:2 on aggregate score/gana 10:2 por marcador global

SERIES D

10.12.2003: Tegucigalpa, HONDURAS; Estadio Tibercio Carias Andino (A: 2500)

NICARAGUA - HONDURAS 0:1 (0:0)

Maria DEL ROSARIO 72'

NCA: Arelen Medrano - Ysayana Alguera, Aura Maria Aguirre, Maria Elisa Molina, Meylin Morales, Karen Moreira (74: Cretchin Reyes), Laura Espinoza (82: Modesta Rojas), Claudia Mojica, Miurel Maradiaga, Clinthiya Baltodano, Langie Moreira (69: Wendy Gonzalez). Booked: Molina 45'
TD: Edward Miguel URROZ

HON: Lorena Padilla - Nancy Sánchez, Liliana Amaya, Reyna Valladares (82: Melisa Rodríguez Suazo), Paula Hernández, Alba Romero, Bertha Ramírez (57: Johana Lagos), Waleska Amaya, Digna Zúñiga, Maria Del Rosario, Julissa Guzmán (61: Rosa Maria Sambula). Booked: none
TD: Miguel ESCALANTE

R: Sonia DENONCOURT (CAN)

12.12.2003: Tegucigalpa, HONDURAS; Estadio Tibercio Carias Andino (A: 2000)

MEXICO - NICARAGUA 8:0 (4:0)

Maribel DOMÍNGUEZ 4', 16', 49', 60'; Patricia PEREZ 9', 33'; Teresa Guadalupe WORBIS 80'; Monica GONZALEZ 85'

MEX: Pamela Tajonar Alonso - Elizabeth Patricia Gomez, Maria de Jesus Castillo, Monica Vergara Rubio, Patricia Perez, Mayra Rosales Loera (46: Evelin Lopez Luna), Maribel Domínguez, Fatima Leiva (63: Nadia Hernández), Ruby Marlene Sandoval, Iris Adriana Mora (60: Teresa Guadalupe Worbis). Booked: none
TD: Leonardo CUELLAR

NCA: Arlen Medrano Flores - Isayana Maria Alguera, Aura Maria Aguirre, Maria Elisa Molina (65: Modesta Rojas Gonzalez), Maylin Dense Morales, Karen Gabriela Moreira (74: Francis Bravo Chavarria), Laura Espinoza Peunet, Claudia Maria Mojica, Miurel Pamela Maradiaga, Cinthia Baltodano Romero (52: Greitchin Reyes), Martha Contreras Romas. Booked: none
TD: Edward Miguel URROZ

R: Sandra HUNT (USA)

14.12.2003: Tegucigalpa, HONDURAS; Estadio Tibercio Carias Andino (A: 4000)

HONDURAS - MEXICO 0:6 (0:3)

Maribel Domínguez 13', 39'; Teresa Guadalupe WORBIS 36'; Patricia PEREZ 47'; Luz DEL ROSARIO 83'; Kristy CONTRERAS 90'

HON: Lorena Padilla - Liliana Amaya, Reyna Valladerez (35: Rosa Maria Sambula), Paula Hernandez, Alba Romer, Bertha Ramirez, Waleska Amaya, Digna Zúñiga, Maria Del

Rosario, Cinthia García (29: Melisa Rodríguez), Johana Lagos (73: Afroditis Mazariegos). Booked: Ramírez 86'
TD: Miguel ESCALANTE

MEX: Pamela Tajonar Alonso - Elizabeth Patricia Gomez, Maria de Jesus Castillo, Marcia Vergara Rubio, Patricia Perez (64: Luz Del Rosario), Maribel Domínguez, Monica Gonzalez, Fatima Leiva, Rubi Marelene Sandoval (59: Jennifer Ruiz), Evelin Lopez Luna, Teresa Guadalupe Worbis (69: Kristy Contreras).

TD: Leonardo CUELLAR

R: Sonia DENONCOURT (CAN)

Mexico wins triangular/gana triangular

SERIES E

19.11.2003: Ciudad de Guatemala, GUATEMALA; Estadio Mateo Flores (A: 1000)

BELIZE - GUATEMALA 0:18 (0:10)

Candida Patricia CUELLAR 14'; Tamara Gabriel DE LEON 20; Magnolia Maribel PEREZ 24', 72', 90'; Maria Alejandra DE LEON 4', 29', 33', 37'; Gladys Janette SURIANA 35', 42', 52'; Diana Maria BUSMESTER 44'; Milvra Liseth VARGAS 54'; Susan Michelle WIZEL 61'; OWN GOAL 69'; Marcela Johanna BARRERA 79', 84'

BLZ: Shirley Codd (40: Abigail Armendarez) - Melanie Gamboa, Ashanti Valasquez, Daisy Perez, Aretha Flores, Caroll Marr, Sharlet Rodriguez (22: Victoria Perez), Samantha Carlos, Karen Garcia, Abbe Halliday (46: Denise Vanstuivenberg), Carol Bernardez. Booked: D. Perez 76'
TD: David GRIFFITH

GUA: Ana Lucia Colina - Claudia Marleny Cea, Ericka Rufina Acevedo, Maria Fernanda Rossell, Magnolia Maribel Perez, Diana Maria Busmester (69: Merari Eunice Quechie), Tamara Gabriela De Leon, Gladys Janette Suriana (60: Milvra Liseth Vargas), Candida Patricia Cuellar, Susan Michelle Wizel, Maria Alejandra De Leon (76: Marcela Johana Barrera). Booked: none
TD: Antonio GARCIA

R: Delmy Genara FUENTES (SLV)

21.11.2003: Ciudad de Guatemala, GUATEMALA; Estadio La Pedrera (A: 150)

PANAMA - BELIZE 15:2 (9:1)

Natalia PEREA 4', 36', 45', 49'; Diana VALDERRAMA 17', 27', 77', 89'; Yordel PEREZ 20'; Maxima GONZALEZ 34', 51'; Raiza GUTIERREZ 35', 78'; Lisbeth DAVIS 37', 75' - Karen GARCIA 10'; Carroll MARR 81'

PAN: Dilian Alvarado - Diana Valderrama, Tricia Arosemena, Yamileth Flores (46: Irene Pineda), Iruva Lopez (46: Stefany Aguilar), Tania Dominguez, Maxima Gonzalez, Raiza Gutierrez, Yordel Perez, Natalia Perea, Lisbeth Davis. Booked: Aguilar 72'
TD: Ezequiel FERNANDEZ

BLZ: Shirley Codd - Ashanti Valasquez, Daisy Perez, Aretha Flores, Carroll Marr, Samantha Carlos (66: Sharlet Rodriguez), Karen Garcia, Victoria Perez (29: Abbe Holliday), Cristine Avila (25: Shermaine Murillo), Melisa Serano, Lisa Smith. Booked: D. Perez 26', Smith 38', Rodriguez 70'

TD: David GRIFFITH

R: Maria ORTEGA (SLV)

23.11.2003: Ciudad de Guatemala, GUATEMALA;
Estadio Mateo Flores (A: 2500)

GUATEMALA - PANAMA 1:1 (0:1)

Magnolia PEREZ 48' - Amarelis DE MERA 45'

GUA: Ana Lucia Colina - Claudia Marleny Cea, Ericka Rufina Acevedo, Maria Fernanda Rossell, Magnolia Maribel Perez, Diana Maria Busmester, Susan Michelle Wizel (46: Sandra Patricia Argueta), Candida Patricia Cuellar, Tamara Gabriela De Leon, Gladys Janette Suriana (71: Cindy Campos), Maria Alejandra De Leon (62: Marcela Barrera).
Booked: Busmester 38', Barrera 65'

TD: Antonio GARCÍA

PAN: Monica Franco - Tricia Arosemena, Ruth Romero, Irene Pineda, Máxima Gonzalez (78: Natalia Perea), Raiza Gutierrez, Diana Valderrama, Yordel Perez, Lisbeth Davis (30: Stefany Aguilar), Maritzenia Bedoya, Amarelis De Mera. Booked: Gonzalez 16', Romero 22', Bedoya 43', Arosemena 70', Sent off: Gutierrez 49'

TD: Ezequiel FERNANDEZ

R: Delmy Genara FUENTES (SLV)

Guatemala wins Series over Panama on goal differential tiebreaker but is suspended by FIFA/gana Serie por mejor diferencia de gol, pero es suspendido por FIFA

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