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Honduras' Montoya battles USA's Olsen as the eventual Olympic qualifiers open the tournament

HONDURAS OVERCOMES ROUGH START, EARNS TRIP TO SYDNEY

Remarkably, improbably, Honduras overcame myriad difficulties to not only qualify for the Olympic Games football tournament for the first time in history, but also win the final qualifying tournament title with a 2:1 victory against the USA.

"It's historic for us just to get to the Olympics for the first time in our history, even though we had to overcome a lot of difficulties just to get to this tournament," said Honduras technical director Ramon Enrique Maradiaga. "We did have a big 3:0 loss to the United States to start the tournament, but we were then able to settle ourselves."

Of course, the big prize for both countries was settled in the semifinal round. After Honduras used the penalty shootout to earn the Sydney berth, the USA blitzed Guatemala with three goals in the first 22 minutes on their way to a 4:0 victory and a fifth consecutive trip to the Olympic finals and 12th overall.

Less than 48 hours before the tournament was to start, it appeared for a brief period of time the Honduran team wouldn't even travel to Hershey, Pennsylvania, the site of the tournament.

An internal dispute between the team and FENAFUTH, the Honduran federation, caused the team to miss its first flight to the USA. As a result, Honduras opened pre-Olympic group play against the USA a scant 14 hours after arriving in Hershey following an all-day flight and long bus trip.

But after the opening loss to the USA, Honduras qualified for the semifinal stage with a comprehensive 2:0 victory against Canada - less than 48 hours later.

After a well-deserved rest, Honduras came up against heavily-favored Mexico in the semifinals. But after a scoreless draw over 120 minutes, Honduras converted all five of their penalty attempts, and the *catrachos* were deliriously celebrating a trip to the Olympic Games. "We have a group of players who believe in God, believe in work, and believe in hard work," Maradiaga said. "This is truly a historic time in Honduras."



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PRESIDENT JACK WARNER'S MESSAGE



It is fair to say that the pace of activity within the Confederation in the last three months is without parallel in our history and, in fact, in the whole world of football within this time span.

With almost no gap in between, we moved from the Gold Cup into the qualifying stages of the biggest prize of all, the FIFA World Cup, as well as four groups, including the final group, of the Olympic Games.

For three months, our teams have been criss-crossing our region, flying on so many airlines and on so many different routes that it sometimes seems that every flight was carrying someone to or from a game of football under our banner.

Not only our teams were taking to the air, of course. For every game there was a Match Commissioner and four games officials, all from neutral countries, all spending the time necessary to ensure that our games were conducted in the proper manner and at the proper time.

With the myriad detail required of the game organizers in addition to the complex travel necessary, it is a pleasure to say that despite problems which arose over the scheduling of a few games, the entire enterprise was a success; on time and with no untoward incidents.

For that, many people within our Confederation deserve credit - as well as encouragement to continue to improve in all aspects of the game, on and off the field.

For a few, of course, our sincere congratulations must be extended.

To Canada, of course, for their victory in the Gold Cup, all the more so because even our friends in the north could not have expected the resurgence of Canadian football to bring such a result so soon. Canada will now join the current holders, Mexico, to give this Confederation two teams in the next edition of the FIFA Confederations' Cup.

To Honduras and the United States who, after an arduous and intense series of qualifying games, have emerged as our representatives in the Olympic Games of Sydney later this year and to whom we wish every possible success.

To those who "touched the hem" of the World Cup, some for the first time ever, and lost; and to those who continue towards the target of all targets, qualification for the World Cup of Japan/Korea in two years' time.

It is a time, therefore, to be proud of our efforts but also a time to redouble them.

Jack A. Warner



FC President Jack Warner and FIFA President Joseph S. Blatter present Gold Cup 2000 champions Canada with the trophy

FC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BEGINS TYING WORLD CUP QUALIFYING CALENDAR TO REST OF WORLD



The Executive Committee began the process of adapting the Football Confederation calendar to those of other confederations around the world in the committee's bi-annual meeting Tuesday at the Football Confederation General Secretariat in New York.

The scheme ties future international match dates for the Confederation to those already known,

notably from UEFA, with the Executive agreeing it is necessary to conform with the European schedule to allow confederation members to recall players for World Cup duty without the difficulties that have so far been experienced by so many countries and clubs around the world, including North and Central America and the Caribbean.

To achieve that end, FC General Secretary Chuck Blazer said in presenting the plan, the 16 match dates in the semifinal and final rounds of qualifying for the 2002 Korea/Japan World Cup will have to be supplemented with dates during the summer months. In addition, of the 16 total dates, five must be midweek.

While the plan was agreed in principle, a more precise application will be discussed further between the countries primarily involved, then the proposed schedule and dates must be presented to FIFA for final approval.

In other business, the Committee agreed the sites for FC qualifying tournaments for the FIFA World Youth Championship (U-20), set for June/July 2001 in Argentina, and the FIFA World U-17 Championship, to be hosted by Trinidad & Tobago in 2001.

Qualifying tournaments for the U-20 championship were awarded to Trinidad & Tobago and Canada, with the qualifying tournaments for the U-17 championship awarded to Honduras and USA. Final dates for all the competition will be determined by the host countries in consultation with the FC, and announced next month.

The Executive also heard presentations from two candidates bidding to be organizers of the 2006 FIFA World Cup. Making presentations were South Africa 2006, with Danny Jordaan, and Brazil 2006, with Ricardo Teixeira. The remaining three bid committees will make presentations during the Football Confederation Ordinary Congress, May 11-14 at Paradise Island, Bahamas.



FOOTBALL CONFEDERATION CONGRESS SET FOR 13 MAY AT PARADISE ISLAND IN BAHAMAS



The XXII Congress of the Football Confederation will take place in the Bahamas on May 13 in the presence of many leaders and dignitaries from the world of football.

The 35 full members and 3 associate members of the Confederation will be convened by President Jack Warner of Trinidad and Tobago at 9 a.m. on that date to review

the activities of the past two busy years and to look forward to the plans for the future.

The President of FIFA, Mr J S Blatter, will address the Congress which will also be honored by the presence of the FIFA Honorary President, Dr Joao Havelange during whose tenure at the head of the world body, so much help was given to the development of this Confederation.

Nominated for re-election to the Executive Committee of the Confederation of North, Central American and Caribbean Association Football - without opposition - are:

- Vice-President, Central America - Rafael Salguero
- Member, North America - Hugo Kiese
- Member, Caribbean - Tony James
- Representative to FIFA, Caribbean - Jack Warner
- Representative to FIFA, North America - Chuck Blazer

In addition to the business of Congress, there will also be presentations from the nations bidding to host the World Cup of 2006, the decision on which will be made by the FIFA Executive Committee, meeting in Zurich on July 6 this year.

In accordance with FIFA directives, each bid group is limited to a presentation of 20 minutes, and all five groups will be attending in force to take advantage of the opportunity afforded them. They are, in alphabetical order, Brazil, England, Germany, Morocco and South Africa.



HONDURAS, USA TAKE DIFFERENT ROUTES TO EARN TRIP 'DOWN UNDER'



Honduras ended a remarkable and historic run in the final qualifying tournament for the 2000 Olympic Games with a triumph, defeating the USA 2:1 behind a pair of goals from Oscar David Suazo to capture top honors in the Football Confederation.

Two nights earlier, Honduras qualified for Olympic football tournament for the first time in the country's history. In the final, the Central American country finished off a four-game stretch with the victory against the USA - a stretch which began nine days

previously with a 0:3 loss to the same opponent a scant 14 hours after arriving from Honduras after an internal disagreement between the federation and the U-23 national team.

The USA struck first in the final, the home side going ahead after 12 minutes. Honduras failed to clear a corner which Dan Califf headed back across goal. Josh Wolff was all alone in the center of the box, and headed inside the post for the early lead.

Yet as the half wore on, Cagliari Calcio-based Suazo began to gain more and more influence on the match, the U.S. defenders having difficulty dealing with the powerful striker's size and pace.

After spurning a pair of half-chances, he made no mistake just before the half-hour, playing a nifty 1-2 with Maynor Suazo at the right corner of the area. David Suazo ran on to the return pass and blasted an angled shot from 10 yards inside the far side netting.

Eleven minutes into the second half, he grabbed his second, courtesy of another namesake. Julio Cesar Suazo won a 50/50 ball and pushed it down the left touchline, the ball rolling on the chalk for a good distance. He drove a low cross from the left corner just behind a diving U.S. defender, Suazo stooping to nod a spinning ball past U.S. keeper Tim Howard to give Honduras the lead, and eventually the victory.

But the real drama was two nights earlier, when the semifinal winners knew a victory in that game would secure a spot in the Sydney 2000 Summer Olympic Games.

Mexico had been a heavy favorite to advance to the final football

tournament for the third consecutive Olympiad and ninth overall. But Honduras technical director Ramon Enrique Maradiaga sent his team out in a defensive tactical plan designed to frustrate Mexico, and succeeded.

The Mexicans had the majority of the chances on the night, only to see most blocked by a wall of defenders around the penalty area. Those that weren't blocked were saved by Honduran goalkeeper Noel Valladares - Juan Pablo Rodriguez getting onto the end of a fine movement with a side volley from the right side of the area, only to see Valladares parry the shot at full stretch; Emilio Mora and Luis Ernesto Perez also nearly put clean through, only to see Valladares quickly off his line to smother the chances.

After 120 minutes, the match went to the penalty shootout. Mexican playmaker Juan Pablo Rodriguez missed the opening kick, his shot grazing the outside of the left post on its way past. And though the next four Mexicans all hit the back of the net with their kicks, David Suazo, Francisco Pavon, Maynor Suazo, Junior Izaguirre did the same.

Hector Gutierrez stepped to the spot to take the final kick, and when he made no mistake with a well-taken effort sending Mexican keeper Adrian Zermeño the wrong way, the team and the large group of Honduran fans on hand at Hersheypark Stadium went into a celebration alternating between shock and delirium.

"Many opportunities, no goals," said Gustavo Vargas, technical director for the Mexican U-23 national team. "In the end, I must be held responsible."

FINAL - OLYMPIC QUALIFYING TOURNAMENT

30.04.00

USA 1 (Josh WOLFF 12)

HONDURAS 2 (David SUAZO 29, 56)

USA: Tim Howard - Steve Cherundolo, Dan Califf, Chad McCarty, Ramiro Corrales (46: Eric Denton) - John Thorington (46: Ben Olsen), Peter Vagenas, John O'Brien, DaMarcus Beasley - Landon Donovan (72: Chris Albright), Josh Wolff

HON: Noel Valladares - Hector Gutierrez - Junior Izaguirre, Elmer Montoya - Walter Lopez, Maynor Suazo, Jaime Rosales, Francisco Pavon (89: Elvis Danilo Turcios), Julio Cesar Suazo - Luis Ramirez, David Suazo
R: Peter PRENDERGAST (JAM)

THIRD-PLACE MATCH

MEXICO 5 (Joaquin BELTRAN 23, Adrian SANCHEZ 43,

Daniel OSORNO 55, Juan Pablo RODRIGUEZ 59, Cesareo VICTORINO 82)

GUATEMALA 0

R: Neftali RECINOS (SLV)



Honduras celebrates after defeating the USA 2:1 and winning the Olympic qualifying tournament in Hershey, Pennsylvania

There was no similar tension in the second match. A blitzkrieg from the USA - scoring three goals in the first 22 minutes - settled matters quickly in a 4:0 rout against Guatemala.

The first came before the match was a minute old. Winning a free kick just inside the Guatemala half, a long ball was played into the penalty area. Chris Albright headed the ball back toward the top of the area, where John O'Brien took a touch and hammered a vicious drive which tore past 'keeper Luis Pedro Molina into the back of the net.

Then, just seven minutes later Albright added a second. Ramiro Corrales hit a searching ball down the left flank which saw Albright outpace the defender to run onto. He dribbled into the penalty area before hitting a low shot which Molina could only parry. But Josh Wolff was first to the rebound, sweeping it into the unguarded goal.

The searing pace of the USA attack force - Albright, Wolff, Ben Olsen and Landon Donovan spearheading a 4-2-3-1 formation which was continually going forward - found no answers from the Guatemalan defense.

On 22 minutes, the home side put matters beyond all doubt. A free kick on the right was rolled toward the byeline, where Josh Wolff was first to reach it. He drove a low ball across the face of goal, where Albright's brilliant dummy sold the 'keeper and a pair of defenders. Donovan raced up the center of the box and stroked the ball home. Donovan then added the fourth in stoppage time.



"This was a big relief for us," Albright said. "Being here, at home, we had a lot of pressure on us."

With the victory by Honduras against the USA in the final, no team escaped the qualifying tournament unscathed.

After their opening loss to the USA, Honduras defeated Canada 2:0, before the scoreless draw with Mexico in the semifinals. The USA drew 0:0 with Canada in their second group match, before racing past Guatemala in the semifinal.

Only Panama was unable to take a point from the tournament: A late goal from Carlos Ruiz - his second of the match - gave Guatemala a 2:1 victory against the *canaleros* in the first match of the tourney, then Mexico defeated Panama 3:0 to secure first place in Group E. Another late goal - this one a tremendous 80th-minute strike from Fredy Garcia - gave Guatemala a 1:1 draw with Mexico in their group match.

But some of the biggest cheers were to be reserved for the host Hershey Wildcats organizing committee. The five match dates in the tournament drew more than 50,000 fans total to Hersheypark Stadium, the biggest crowd 12,299 who filed in to see the semifinal matches. The tournament was truly an international festival in the central Pennsylvania city, with large groups of fans of each of the six countries side-by-side in the stands cheering on their heroes.

FINAL OLYMPIC QUALIFYING TOURNAMENT

GROUP D

21.04.00

USA 3 (Chris ALBRIGHT 37, 77; John THORRINGTON 85)
HONDURAS 0
R: Peter PRENDERGAST (JAM)

23.04.00

CANADA 0
HONDURAS 2 (Hesler PHILLIPS 32; Luis RAMIREZ 91)
R: William MATTUS (CRC)

25.04.00

USA 0
CANADA 0
R: Neftali RECINOS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
USA	2	1	1	0	3	0	+3	4
Honduras	2	1	0	1	2	3	-1	3
Canada	2	0	1	1	0	2	-2	1

GROUP E

21.04.00

GUATEMALA 2 (Carlos RUIZ 27, 81)
PANAMA 1 (Antonio ORTEGA 68)
R: Neftali RECINOS (SLV)

23.04.00

MEXICO 1 (Joaquin BELTRAN 42)
GUATEMALA 1 (Fredy GARCIA 80)
R: Ramesh RAMDHAN (TRI)

25.04.00

MEXICO 3 (Rafael MARQUEZ 4, Alejandro NAVA 10, Emilio MORA 33)
PANAMA 0
R: Peter PRENDERGAST (JAM)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
Mexico	2	1	1	0	4	1	+3	4
Guatemala	2	1	1	0	3	2	+1	4
Panama	2	0	0	2	1	5	-4	0

28.04.00 - SEMIFINALS

MEXICO 0

HONDURAS 0

MEX: Adrian Zermeño - Edgar Solano (63: Hector Altamirano), Joaquin Beltran, Rafael Marquez, Ignacio Hierro - Juan Pablo Rodriguez, Adrian Sanchez (46: Luis Perez), Gerardo Torrado, Emilio Mora (82: Jorge Collazo) - Daniel Osorno, Alejandro Nava

HON: Noel Valladares - Hector Gutierrez - Elvis Danilo Turcios, Junior Izaguirre, Elmer Montoya, Ivan Guerrero - Francisco Pavon, Maynor Suazo, Mario Chirinos (38: Orvin Cabrera), Hesler Phillips (58: David

Suazo) - Luis Ramirez (106: Walter Lopez)

after extra time; Honduras wins on penalty kicks 5:4
R: William MATTUS (CRC)

USA 4 (John O'Brien 1; Josh Wolff 8; Landon Donovan 22, 91)
GUATEMALA 0

USA: Adin Brown - Steve Cherundolo, Dan Califf, Chad McCarty, Ramiro Corrales (85: Eric Denton) - Peter Vagenas, John O'Brien, Landon Donovan - Josh Wolff (70: DaMarcus Beasley), Chris Albright (69: Conor Casey), Ben Olsen

GUA: Luis Pedro Molina - Edin Lopez - Pablo Melgar, Luis Swisher - Uwaldo Perez, Gustavo Cabrera, Carlos Quinonez (63: Dwight Pezzarossi), Francisco Gonzalez (46: Andres Rivera) - Guillermo Ramirez, Carlos Ruiz (87: Julio Ariz Leiva), Fredy Garcia
R: Ramesh RAMDHAN (TRI)

QUALIFYING ROUNDS

GROUP A

21.03.00

CANADA 0
GUATEMALA 0
R: Armundo Archundia (MEX)

TRINIDAD & TOBAGO 6 (Sam 34, 52; Scotland 56, 70; Rahim 89 pen, 91+ pen)

NETHERLANDS ANTILLES 0
R: Noel Egan (ATG)

23.03.00

CANADA 1 (Stalteri 55)
NETHERLANDS ANTILLES 0
R: Hughil Thompson (JAM)

TRINIDAD & TOBAGO 0

GUATEMALA 0
R: Rodrigo Badilla (CRC)

25.03.00

GUATEMALA 9 (Pezzarossi 3; Garcia 12, 24, 37, 43, 86, 90; Rivera 55; Perez 66)
NETHERLANDS ANTILLES 1 (Tokaay 69)
R: Rodrigo Badilla (CRC)

TRINIDAD & TOBAGO 0

CANADA 2 (Kindel 33, Stalteri 86)
R: Benito Archundia (MEX)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
Canada	3	2	1	0	3	0	+3	7
Guatemala	3	1	2	0	9	1	+8	5
Trinidad & Tobago	3	1	1	1	6	2	+4	4
Netherlands Antilles	3	0	0	3	1	16	-15	0

GROUP B

04.04.00

JAMAICA 1 (Taylor 35)
COSTA RICA 2 (Bolaños 36, Sequeira 39)
R: Carlos Batres (GUA)

MEXICO 2 (Collazo 52, Rodriguez 77)
HONDURAS 2 (Ramirez 15, Suazo 32)
R: Kevin Stott (USA)

06.04.00

COSTA RICA 1 (Bryce 9)
HONDURAS 1 (Leon 47)
R: Rodolfo Sibrian (SLV)

MEXICO 5 (Rodriguez 12 pen, 23 pen, 65, 68; Marquez 63)

JAMAICA 0
R: Samuel Richard (DOM)

08.04.00

JAMAICA 0
HONDURAS 2 (Turcios 5; Ramirez 89)
R: Kevin Stott (USA)

MEXICO 5 (Beltran 2, 46+; Marquez 48; Nava 78, 79)

COSTA RICA 1 (Bolaños 74)
R: Carlos Batres (GUA)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
Mexico	3	2	1	0	12	3	+9	7
Honduras	3	1	2	0	5	3	+2	5
Costa Rica	3	1	1	1	4	7	-3	4
Jamaica	3	0	0	3	1	9	-8	0

GROUP C

05.04.00

PANAMA 1 (Zapata 44)
BERMUDA 0
R: Mauricio Navarro (CAN)

07.04.00

CUBA 0
BERMUDA 0
R: Noel Bynoe (TRI)

09.04.00

PANAMA 1 (Brown 72)
CUBA 1 (Moré 69)
R: Oscar Diaz (HON)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
Panama	2	1	1	0	2	1	+1	4
Cuba	2	0	2	0	1	1	-	2
Bermuda	2	0	1	1	0	1	-1	0

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FC WELL-REPRESENTED AMONG OLYMPIC GAMES MATCH OFFICIALS

Seven match officials from the Confederation have the honor of being chosen to officiate at the final football tournament in the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games.

Four referees and three assistant referees are among 42, 26 men and 16 women, from the six confederations in FIFA selected to work in the Olympic Games.

The four chosen referees are:

Peter PRENDERGAST (JAM)
Felipe RAMOS (MEX)
Sonia DENONCOURT (CAN)
Sandra HUNT (USA)



USA's Casey holds off Honduras' M. Suazo in the FC Olympic Qualifying Tournament

The three selected assistant referees are:

Vladimir FERNANDEZ (SLV)
Michael RAGOONATH (TRI)
Jacqueline SAEZ (PAN)

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OLYMPIC QUALIFYING

CENTRAL AMERICAN PRELIMINARY

05.09.99, Estadio Cuscutlan, San Salvador
EL SALVADOR 1 (Morales 12)
PANAMA 2 (Brown 46, Mendez 68)

12.09.99, Estadio Rommel Fernandez, Cd. Panamá
PANAMA 1 (Guardia)
EL SALVADOR 1 (Carballo pen)
(Panama wins on aggregate 3:2)

12.09.99, San Ignacio, Belize
BELIZE 1 (Pacheco 79)
GUATEMALA 3 (Ramirez 40, 68, 77)

19.09.99, Estadio Mateo Flores, Cd. Guatemala
GUATEMALA 6 (Rivera 8; Gonzalez 40; Garcia 45, 53; Pezzarossi 49; Ramirez 62)
BELIZE 1 (Kevins 32)
(Guatemala wins on aggregate 9:2)

05.09.99, Estadio Cacique Diriangen, Diriamba
NICARAGUA 0
HONDURAS 6 (Martinez 20, 71, 90; Ramirez 30, 37, 40)

12.09.99, Estadio Francisco Morazan, San Pedro Sula
HONDURAS 4 (Turcios 43, Ramirez 59, Salinas 85, Martinez 87)
NICARAGUA 2 (West 54, Webster 75)
(Honduras wins on aggregate 10:2)

CARIBBEAN PRELIMINARY 1

15.08.99, George Town
GUYANA 4 (Browne 63, Jerome 68, Lowe 74, Ridley 89)
SURINAME 1 (Zinhagel 32)

29.08.99, Paramaribo
SURINAME 3 (Zinhagel 40, Bishop og 70, Zebeda 75)
GUYANA 4 (Holligan 19, Hernandez 65, Browne 70, DeLon 71)
(Guyana wins on aggregate 8:4)

25.07.99, Oranjestad
ARUBA 0
NETHERLANDS ANTILLES 6

15.08.99, Brevenga
NETHERLANDS ANTILLES 7
ARUBA 1
(Netherlands Antilles wins on aggregate 13:1)

22.08.99, Port-au-Prince
HAITI 3 (Adbert 30, Clercant 65, Max 69)
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC 2 (Sanchez 53, Reyes 59)

05.09.99, San Cristobal
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC 1 (Sanchez 80 pen)
HAITI 0
(aggregate 3:3; Dominican Republic wins on away goals)

CUBA v BAHAMAS - BAHAMAS WITHDRAWS

27.01.99, Kingston
ST. VINCENT & GRENADINES 1
TRINIDAD & TOBAGO 5

28.02.99, Arima
TRINIDAD & TOBAGO 4
ST. VINCENT & GRENADINES 0
(Trinidad & Tobago wins on aggregate 9:1)

21.03.99, Castries
ST. LUCIA 2
BARBADOS 1

11.04.99, Bridgetown
BARBADOS 4
ST. LUCIA 1
(Barbados wins on aggregate 5:3)

04.07.99, Roseau
DOMINICA 1
ST. KITTS & NEVIS 1

18.07.99, Basseterre
ST. KITTS & NEVIS 2
DOMINICA 0
(St. Kitts & Nevis win on aggregate 3:1)

CARIBBEAN PRELIMINARY 2

19.09.99, George Town
GUYANA 1 (Lewis 18)
NETHERLANDS ANTILLES 1 (Margarittha 80)

26.09.99, Willemstad
NETHERLANDS ANTILLES 0
GUYANA 0
(aggregate 1:1; Netherlands Antilles win on away goals)

19.09.99, Santo Domingo
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC 0
CUBA 4 (Domenech 12, Lay 27, Moré 48, Zayas 78)

24.10.99, La Habana
CUBA 3 (Moré 23, 73; Lay 51)
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC 0
(Cuba win on aggregate 7:0)

03.10.99, Port of Spain
TRINIDAD & TOBAGO 4 (Jemmott 4, 80; Mulraine 30; Pierre 42)
BARBADOS 1 (Holmes 23)

17.10.99, Bridgetown
BARBADOS 2 (og 8, Lucas 27)
TRINIDAD & TOBAGO 2 (Pierre 65, 86)
(Trinidad & Tobago win on aggregate 6:3)

19.09.99, Basseterre
ST. KITTS & NEVIS 1 (Isaacs 83 pen)
JAMAICA 3 (Lewis og 14, Davis 33, Graham 77)

26.09.99, Kingston
JAMAICA 2 (Graham 57, A. Williams 88)
ST. KITTS & NEVIS 1 (Qualley 4)
(Jamaica win on aggregate 5:2)

FIVE FC CLUBS TO PARTICIPATE IN COPA MERCONORTE

Five clubs from the Football Confederation will participate in Copa Merconorte 2000, four clubs from Mexico's Primera Division, and one from Costa Rica.

CID Necaxa, CD Guadalajara and CD Toluca FC, all from Mexico, were all previously invited by CONMEBOL, the South American Confederation.

In addition, the FC Executive Committee has decided LD Alajuelense, from Costa Rica, will also represent the Confederation as the current Central American club champion, as will Pachuca CF, also from Mexico. They replace two clubs originally invited from the USA who elected not to take part.

The draw for the competition will be held 11 May at the Eden Rock Hotel in Miami, with play to begin in August.



WOMEN GET READY FOR THEIR INAUGURAL GOLD CUP



The inaugural Women's Gold Cup will be held in three U.S. cities from 23 June - 3 July.

Eight teams - including a pair of powerhouse guest countries and the top three finalists in the last Women's World Cup - will participate in the first-ever Women's Gold Cup, the format of which closely parallels the men's competition of the same name, the continental championship for national teams which is the showpiece event for the Confederation of North, Central America and the Caribbean of Association Football.

The three sites which will host matches in Women's Gold Cup 2000 - and the dates of scheduled first-round matches, are as follows:

- Hersheypark Stadium, Hershey, Pa.
- Friday 23 June and Monday 26 June
- Foxboro Stadium, Foxboro, Mass.
- Saturday 24 June and Tuesday 27 June
- Cardinal Stadium, Louisville, Ky.
- Sunday 25 June and Wednesday 28 June

The semifinals are set for Saturday 1 July at Louisville, with the final and third-place match set for Foxboro on Monday 3 July.

Six members of the Football Confederation will take part:

USA, the defending Women's World Cup champion, Mexico and Canada, both of which participated in the 1999 WWC, and Costa

Rica, Trinidad and Tobago and Guatemala.

They will be joined by two guest countries: China, which lost to the USA in the thrilling Women's World Cup final on penalty kicks, and Brazil, defeated by the USA in the WWC semifinals before a huge crowd at Stanford, California.



Canada, here facing Norway in the 1999 Women's World Cup, will also take part in the first Women's Gold Cup

For information and group sales, fans may call a special toll-free number created for the event. The number is 877.407.TIXS (8497).



1999 Women's World Cup Champion USA will face Brazil again, this time in the first round of the inaugural Women's Gold Cup in June 2000

GROUP A: USA, Brazil, Costa Rica, Trinidad & Tobago
GROUP B: Canada, China, Guatemala, Mexico

First Round

23.06.00 Hershey

Brazil v Costa Rica 17:30
USA v Trinidad & Tobago 20:00

24.06.00 Foxboro

China v Guatemala 12:00
Canada v Mexico 14:30

25.06.00 Louisville

Brazil v Trinidad & Tobago 13:30
USA v Costa Rica 16:00

26.06.00 Hershey

Mexico v Guatemala 17:30
China v Canada 20:00

27.06.00 Foxboro

Costa Rica v Trinidad & Tobago 17:30
USA v Brazil 20:00

28.06.00 Louisville

Guatemala v Canada 17:30
China v Mexico 20:00

01.07.00 Louisville

SEMIFINAL 1 17:00
SEMIFINAL 2 20:00

03.07.00 Foxboro

THIRD-PLACE MATCH 18:30
FINAL 21:00

HERSHEY, Pennsylvania: Hersheypark Stadium

FOXBORO, Massachusetts: Foxboro Stadium

LOUISVILLE, Kentucky: Papa John's Cardinal Stadium

BERMUDA VICTORY OPENS FIRST CARIBBEAN WOMEN'S FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

The first-ever full international for the Bermuda women's national team opened play in the inaugural Caribbean Football Union Women's Championship.

Bermuda defeated Bahamas 3:0 on 23 April at the National Centre in Hamilton, beginning play in the first round.

Thirteen countries have entered the competition, with preliminary round series to be played through mid-May.

Two groups of four countries each will play the semifinal round, with the group winners meeting on 19 August in Haiti for the Caribbean championship.

PRELIMINARY ROUND

23.04.00: Bermuda - Bahamas 3:0
15.05.00: Bahamas v Bermuda

30.04.00: St. Vincent & Grenadines v Dominica
15.05.00: Dominica v St. Vincent & Grenadines

30.04.00: Guadeloupe v Martinique
15.05.00: Martinique v Guadeloupe

07.05.00: Jamaica v Cayman Islands (in Cayman Islands)
09.05.00: Cayman Islands v Jamaica

TBD: St. Lucia v British Virgin Islands
TBD: British Virgin Islands v St. Lucia

SEMIFINAL ROUND

GROUP 1 - 12-16 July 2000, Haiti
Haiti
winner Bermuda v Bahamas
winner Cayman Islands v Jamaica
winner Guadeloupe v Martinique

GROUP 2 - 11-16 August, Trinidad & Tobago
Trinidad & Tobago
Suriname
winner Dominica v St. Vincent & Grenadines
winner British Virgin Islands v St. Lucia

FINAL

19 August, Haiti:
GROUP 1 WINNER v GROUP 2 WINNER

LONG QUALIFYING ROAD FOR 2002 FIFA WORLD CUP BEGINS HERE



The honor of beginning qualifying for the 2002 FIFA World Cup once again fell to the Football Confederation, as on 4 March the first of more than 800 matches in the world's biggest sporting event kicked off at Hasely Crawford Stadium in Port of Spain as Trinidad & Tobago faced Netherlands Antilles.

In less than two months, the Confederation's full complement of 35 entries has been whittled to 12 as the semifinal round quickly approaches. By the end of 2001, the field will be finally reduced to the three qualifiers for the World Cup finals.

* Two preliminary round series were as tight as they could be. Llewellyn Riley's 96th-minute goal gave Barbados a 3:2 victory in the second leg against Grenada; the two countries had played to a 2:2 first-leg draw in Waterford as well as a 2:2 full-time draw in St. George. In addition, St. Lucia and Suriname each took 1:0 victories at home, Suriname eventually advancing through penalty kicks.

* Two countries made their debut in World Cup qualifying: British Virgin Islands and U.S. Virgin Islands. Both suffered a rude welcome to the biggest show on earth, each losing 14:1 on aggregate (to Bermuda and St. Vincent & Grenadines respectively).

* Golman Pierre leads all goalscorers in World Cup qualifying as Haiti has evoked memories of 1974, when the country made its only appearance in a World Cup finals. Pierre has 10 goals through Haiti's four matches - Haiti averaging five goals per

match through the first two rounds. Pierre has collected two hat-tricks, scoring three goals in Haiti's 4:0 first-leg and 3:1 second-leg defeats of Dominica. Pierre was able to hit the back of the net just twice - in each leg - of Haiti's 13:1 aggregate victory against Bahamas.

* Haiti weren't the only country to hit for nine, the most goals by one team in a qualifying match. St. Vincent & Grenadines won 9:0 at home against US Virgin Islands, while Bermuda hit for nine against British Virgin Islands. The largest aggregate victory was posted by St. Kitts & Nevis, 14:0 against Turks & Caicos Islands.

* Panama and El Salvador were surprisingly on target to advance to the semifinal round as group winners. Panama, which played its first full international in more than a year in December, took maximum points from their first two matches, including a surprising 1:0 victory against Honduras in Ciudad de Panama. El Salvador, whose qualifying buildup included a 0:5 reverse to Honduras, also had maximum points through three matches and a +8 goal differential, all but guaranteeing the group title.

* Cuba has yet to allow a goal in qualifying for the 2002 World Cup - though they also have yet to score a goal away from La Habana. A 4:0 victory in the first leg against the Cayman Islands in the preliminary round was followed a scoreless draw in the return leg. Cuba then carried a tight 1:0 advantage to Suriname in the second round, but again a scoreless draw saw them through.

* Antigua & Barbuda scored just one goal in the first two rounds, but it was incredibly important. Given a preliminary round bye after the suspension of Guyana, the twin islands drew Bermuda for the second round. A scoreless draw in Antigua was followed by a 1:1 draw in Hamilton - the away goal (a 73rd-minute strike from Derrick Edwards) enough to secure passage to the third round. Haiti and Trinidad and Tobago are set for a titanic clash in Caribbean Zone qualifying for the 2002 Korea/Japan World Cup after both advanced to the third round on Sunday

CARIBBEAN ZONE - PRELIMINARY ROUND

GROUP 1

SERIES A

05.03.00, La Habana, Estadio Pedro Marrero
CUBA 4 (Luis MARTEN 37, Ariel ALVAREZ 57,
Serguei PRADO 89, Angel GANDARA 93+)
CAYMAN ISLANDS 0
R: Hughil THOMPSON (JAM); HT: 1:0

19.03.00, Georgetown, Truman Bodden Sports Complex

CAYMAN ISLANDS 0
CUBA 0
R: Ibrahim BROHIM (DMA)
(Cuba win on aggregate 4:0)

SERIES B

05.03.00, Castries, Mindoo Phillip Park
ST. LUCIA 1 (Rene REGIS 56)
SURINAME 0
R: Noel EGAN (ATG); HT: 0:0

19.03.00, Paramaribo, Andre Kamperveen Stadium

SURINAME 1 (Alberto DOESBURG 87)
ST. LUCIA 0
R: Harlem VILLAR (ARU); HT: 0:0; FT: 1:0
(aggregate 1:1; Suriname wins on penalty kicks 3:1)

SERIES C

11.03.00, Oranjestad, G.P. Trinidad Stadium
ARUBA 4 (Wander GROSS SANTANA 47;
Theodore FELOMENA 54, 70; Mark MacKAY 85)
PUERTO RICO 2 (Rafael ORTIZ 12; Carlos ASTONDOA 43)
R: Roger GURLEY (VCT); HT: 0:2

18.03.00, San Juan, Estadio Sixto Escobar
PUERTO RICO 2 (Rafael ORTIZ 7, o.g. 15)
ARUBA 2 (Mark MacKAY 35; Wander GROSS SANTANA 41)
R: Urwin FANEIJTE (ANT); HT: 2:2
(Aruba win on aggregate 6:4)

SERIES D

05.03.00, Waterford, St. Michael, National Stadium
BARBADOS 2 (Jerry ALEXANDER 31, 47)
GRENADA 2 (Anthony MODESTE 75, 77)
R: Franklyn DORSET (SKN); HT: 1:0

18.03.00, St. George, Queen's Park National Stadium
GRENADA 2 (o.g. 47+; Keith FLETCHER 60)
BARBADOS 3 (Kirk COX 20; Norman FORDE 36;
Llewellyn RILEY 96)
R: Ramesh RAMDHAN (TRI); HT: 1:2; FT: 2:2
(after extra time; Barbados win on aggregate 5:4)

GROUP 2

SERIES E

05.03.00, Kingstown, Arnos Vale Sporting Complex
ST. VINCENT & GRENADINES 9 (Rodney JACK 6, 16, 51;
Alwyn GUY 19, 21, 52; James CHEWITT 76, 88;
Kenlyn GONSALVES 83)
US VIRGIN ISLANDS 0
R: Floyd ALEXANDER (LUC); HT: 5:0

29.03.00, St. George, St. Croix, Paul E. Joseph Stadium

US VIRGIN ISLANDS 1 (Joaquin SANTOS 72)
ST. VINCENT & GRENADINES 5 (Kenlyn GONSALVES 7;
James CHEWITT 15, 35, 51, 89)
R: Mark FORDE (BRB); HT: 0:3
(St. Vincent & Grenadines win on aggregate 14:1)

SERIES F

18.03.00, Basseterre, Warner Park
ST. KITTS & NEVIS 8 (Alexis SADDLER 22, 55, 66;
George ISAAC 26; Leroy FRANCIS 47; Michael CRAWFORD 50;
Keith GUMBS 75; John SMITH 86)
TURKS & CAICOS ISLANDS 0
R: Leroy BRYAN (AIA); HT: 2:0

21.03.00, Basseterre, Warner Park
TURKS & CAICOS ISLANDS 0
ST. KITTS & NEVIS 6 (Austin HUGGINS 20, 62; Keith GUMBS

30; George ISAAC 58; Leroy FRANCIS 69; John SMITH 73)
R: Ian PHILLIPS (CYM); HT: 0:2
(St. Kitts & Nevis win on aggregate 14:0)

SERIES G

ANTIGUA & BARBUDA v GUYANA
Antigua & Barbuda advances; Guyana FA suspended

SERIES H

05.03.00, Roadtown, Tortola, A.O. Shirley Recreation Grounds
BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS 1 (Prince WILLIAMS 61)
BERMUDA 5 (Kyle LIGHTBOURNE 20; Paul CANN 22; Shaun
GOATER 35, 48, 65)
R: Caudel McNABB (BHM); HT: 0:2

19.03.00, Prospect, Devonshire, Bermuda National Stadium
BERMUDA 9 (Devarr BOYLES 6; Tokia RUSSELL 34;
Mescach WADE 53; Shannon BURGESS 57 pen;
Stanton LEWIS 60; Stephen ASTWOOD 61, 79;
John Barry NUSUM 75, 89)
BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS 0
R: Rosnick GRANT (HAI); HT: 2:0
(Bermuda win on aggregate 14:1)

GROUP 3

SERIES I

04.03.00, Port of Spain, Hasely Crawford Stadium
TRINIDAD & TOBAGO 5 (Marvin ANDREWS 19;
Angus EVE 43, 57; Arnold DWARIKA 63, 86)
NETHERLANDS ANTILLES 0
R: Argelio SABILLON (HND); HT: 2:0

18.03.00, Willemstad, Curaçao, Ergelio Hato Stadium
NETHERLANDS ANTILLES 1 (Angelo MARTINA 41)
TRINIDAD & TOBAGO 1 (Marvin ANDREWS 92+)
R: Peter PRENDERGAST (JAM); HT: 1:0
(Trinidad & Tobago win on aggregate 6:1)

SERIES J

05.03.00, San Cristobal, Estadio San Cristobal
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC 3 (Omar ZAPATA 31; Miguel PEREZ 38;

Carlos REYES 44)
MONTSERRAT 0
R: Luis YERO (CUB); HT: 3:0

19.03.00, Port of Spain, Trinidad, Hasely Crawford Stadium
MONTSERRAT 1
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC 3
R: Lazaro ROJAS (CUB); HT:
(Dominican Republic win on aggregate 6:1)

SERIES K

11.03.00, Port-au-Prince, Stade Sylvio Cator
HAITI 4 (Golman PIERRE 51, 66, 90; Jean-Rebert MENELAS 86)
DOMINICA 0
R: Samuel RICHARD (DOM); HT: 0:0

19.03.00, Roseau, Windsor Park
DOMINICA 1 (Kelly PETERS 6)
HAITI 3 (Golman PIERRE 58, 68, 88)
R: Lenfort LEVY (PUR); HT: 1:0
(Haiti win on aggregate 7:1)

SERIES L

05.03.00, The Valley, James Ronald Webster Park
ANGUILLA 1 (Kenneth HUGHES 70 pen)
BAHAMAS 3 (Anton HAVEN 11, George MOUSSIS 27, Kevin DAVIES 32)
R: Stuart CROCKWELL (BER); HT: 0:3

19.03.00, Nassau, Thomas A. Robinson National Stadium
BAHAMAS 2 (Anton HAVEN 14; Kevin DAVIES 78)
ANGUILLA 1 (Richard O'CONNOR 40)
R: Valman BEDEAU (GRD)
(Bahamas win on aggregate 5:2)

CARIBBEAN ZONE - SECOND ROUND

GROUP 1

02.04.00, La Habana, Estadio Pedro Marrero
CUBA 1 (Osmin HERNANDEZ 19)
SURINAME 0
R: Peter PRENDERGAST (JAM); HT: 1:0

16.04.00, Paramaribo, Andre Kamperveen Stadium
SURINAME 0
CUBA 0
R: Wilson SAINT-CLAIRE (HAI)
(Cuba win on aggregate 1:0)

01.04.00, Oranjestad, G.P. Trinidad Stadium
ARUBA 1 (Wander GROSS SANTANA 89)
BARBADOS 3 (Llewellyn RILEY 5; Jerry ALEXANDER 23, 85)
R: Timothy HAZELWOOD (VIN)

16.04.00, National Stadium, Waterford, St. Michael
BARBADOS 4 (Jerry ALEXANDER 45, 67; Gregory GOODRIDGE 47; Llewellyn RILEY 70)
ARUBA 0
R: Ramesh RAMDHAN (TRI); HT: 1:0
(Barbados win on aggregate 7:1)

GROUP 2

16.04.00, Kingstown, Arnos Vale Sporting Complex
ST. VINCENT & GRENADINES 1 (Marlon JAMES 82)

ST. KITTS & NEVIS 0
R: Noel EGAN (ATG); HT: 0:0

23.04.00, Warner Park, Basseterre
ST. KITTS & NEVIS 1 (Keith GUMBS 68)
ST. VINCENT & GRENADINES 2 (Rodney JACK 18, Kendal VELOX 61)
R: Noel BYNOE (TRI); HT: 0:1
(St. Vincent & Grenadines win on aggregate 3:1)

16.04.00, Antigua, Antigua Recreation Ground
ANTIGUA & BARBUDA 0
BERMUDA 0
R: Charles MARTIN (DMA)

23.04.00, National Stadium, Prospect, Devonshire
BERMUDA 1 (Shannon BURGESS 60)
ANTIGUA & BARBUDA 1 (Gregory GRAYSON 74)
R: Alexander WILLIAMS (LCA); HT: 0:0
(aggregate 1:1; Antigua & Barbuda win on away goals)

GROUP 3

02.04.00, Port of Spain, Queen's Park Oval
TRINIDAD & TOBAGO 3 (Arnold DWARIKA 68 pen, 90 pen; Angus EVE 79)
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC 0
R: Stuart CROCKWELL (BER); HT: 0:0

16.04.00, Santo Domingo, Estadio San Cristobal
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC 0
TRINIDAD & TOBAGO 1 (Nigel PIERRE 72)
R: Kevin STOTT (USA); HT: 0:0
(Trinidad & Tobago win on aggregate 4:0)

01.04.00, Port-au-Prince, Stade Sylvio Cator
HAITI 9 (Michel GABRIEL 4, 16, 58; Jean-Rebert MENELAS 9, 34, 68; Golman PIERRE 30, 38; Vladimir EDOUARD 72)
BAHAMAS 0
R: Nery ALFARO (SAL); HT: 6:0

16.04.00, Thomas A. Robinson National Stadium, Nassau
BAHAMAS 0
HAITI 4 (Vladimir EDOUARD 10, 50; Golman PIERRE 68, 75)
R: Mark FORDE (BRB); HT: 0:1
(Haiti win on aggregate 13:0)

CARIBBEAN ZONE - THIRD ROUND

GROUP 1

07.05.00: Cuba v Barbados, Estadio Pedro Marrero, La Habana, 16:00
21.05.00: Barbados v Cuba, National Stadium, Waterford, St. Michael, 19:00

GROUP 2

07.05.00: Antigua & Barbuda v St. Vincent & Grenadines
21.05.00: St. Vincent & Grenadines v Antigua & Barbuda

GROUP 3

07.05.00: Trinidad & Tobago v Haiti, Hasely Crawford Stadium, Port of Spain, 16:00
20.05.00: Haiti v Trinidad & Tobago, Stade Sylvio Cator, Port-au-Prince, 18:00

CENTRAL AMERICAN ZONE - PRELIMINARY ROUND

GROUP A

05.03.00, San Salvador, Estadio Cuscatlan
EL SALVADOR 5 (Roberto MARTINEZ 15; Jorge RODRIGUEZ 31, Ronald CERRITOS 70, Raul DIAZ ARCE 79, William RENDEROS 89)
BELIZE 0
R: Nelson CALIX (HND); HT: 2:0

19.03.00, San Pedro Sula, Honduras, Estadio Olimpico
BELIZE 1 (Edon ROWLEY 40)
GUATEMALA 2 (Freddy GARCIA 33; Rudy RAMIREZ 74)
R: Rafael PEDROZA (PAN); HT: 1:1

02.04.00, Cd. Guatemala, Estadio Mateo Flores
GUATEMALA 0
EL SALVADOR 1 (Raul DIAZ ARCE 52)
R: Antonio MARRUFO (MEX); HT: 0:0

16.04.00, People's Stadium, Orange Walk
BELIZE 1 (Bent BURGESS 65)
EL SALVADOR 3 (Raul DIAZ ARCE 5, Elmer MARTINEZ 51, Jorge RODRIGUEZ 63)
R: Roger MIRANDA (NCA); HT: 0:1

TO BE PLAYED:

07.05.00: El Salvador v Guatemala, 20.05.00: Guatemala v Belize

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
El Salvador	3	3	0	0	9	1	+8	9
Guatemala	2	1	0	1	2	2	--	3
Belize	3	0	0	3	2	10	-8	0

GROUP B

04.03.00, San Pedro Sula, Estadio Francisco Morazan
HONDURAS 3 (Alex PINEDA 29, Ivan GUERRERO 40, Milton NUÑEZ 71)
NICARAGUA 0
R: Ramon ARGUETA (SAL); HT: 2:0

19.03.00, Diriamba, Estadio Cacique Diriangen
NICARAGUA 0
PANAMA 2 (Mario MENDEZ 5; Julio Cesar DELY VALDES 60)
R: David JONES (BLZ)

02.04.00, Cd. Panama, Estadio Rommel Fernandez
PANAMA 1 (Julio Cesar DELY VALDES 71 pen)
HONDURAS 0
R: Marvin AMORES (CRC); HT: 0:0

16.04.00, Diriamba, Estadio Cacique Diriangen
NICARAGUA 0
HONDURAS 1 (Luis RAMIREZ 81)
R: Hugo CASTILLO (GUA); HT: 0:0

TO BE PLAYED:

07.05.00: Honduras v Panama; 21.05.00: Panama v Nicaragua

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
Honduras	3	2	0	1	4	1	+3	6
Panama	2	2	0	0	3	0	+3	6
Nicaragua	3	0	0	3	0	6	-6	0



Trinidad & Tobago - courtesy of this header from Marvin Andrews - score the first goal in FIFA 2002 World Cup qualifying

GROUPS DETERMINED FOR SEMIFINAL ROUND OF FC QUALIFYING FOR 2002 KOREA/JAPAN FIFA WORLD CUP

The draw for the semifinal round of qualifying in the Football Confederation for the 2002 Korea/Japan FIFA World Cup was held Friday 28 April at the FIFA Sonnenberg headquarters in Zurich, determining the three groups of four teams that will begin play in July.

The 12 teams will be known after the completion of the Interzone Round in mid-June, when the runners-up of the three Caribbean Zone groups will play the runners-up of the two Central American Zone groups, along with Canada. The winners of the Caribbean Zone and Central American Zone groups will be determined when play is completed after the third weekend of May.

The three groups of four teams will each play in a round-robin on a home and away basis from 12-16 July 2000 to 14-15 November 2000. The top two teams of each group go through to the Final Round, where three finalists will advance to the 2002 World Cup Finals.

The three FC finalists from FIFA World Cup France 1998 were seeded into the final round - Jamaica, Mexico and the USA. Costa Rica was also seeded into the final round, the four countries in all reflecting the Confederation's participants in the last three World Cup Finals.

In the draw, each country was also drawn to a schedule number (for example, D1, D2, D3 or D4), each corresponding to a schedule of matches.

RESULTS OF DRAW FOR FC SEMIFINAL ROUND 2002 FIFA WORLD CUP QUALIFYING

GROUP C

- C1: Winner Central American Zone B (Honduras or Panama)
- C2: Mexico
- C3: Winner Interzone Round 1 (Canada v Runner-up Caribbean Zone 1)
- C4: Winner Caribbean Zone 3 (Trinidad & Tobago v Haiti)

GROUP D

- D1: Winner Central American Zone A (El Salvador, Guatemala or Belize)
- D2: Winner Interzone Round 3 (Runner-up Caribbean Zone 3 v Runner-up Central American Zone B)
- D3: Winner Caribbean Zone 2 (St. Vincent/Grenadines v Antigua/Barbuda)
- D4: Jamaica

GROUP E

- E1: Winner Interzone Round 2 (Runner-up Caribbean Zone 2 v Runner-up Central American Zone A)
- E2: USA
- E3: Winner Caribbean Zone 1 (Barbados v Cuba)
- E4: Costa Rica

DRAW SCHEDULE FOR FC WORLD CUP QUALIFYING SEMIFINAL ROUND



- DATE PERIOD 1: Wednesday 12 July - Sunday 16 July
- DATE PERIOD 2: Saturday 22 July - Wednesday 26 July
- DATE PERIOD 3: Tuesday 15 August - Wednesday 16 August
- DATE PERIOD 4: Saturday 2 September - Sunday 3 September
- DATE PERIOD 5: Saturday 7 October - Wednesday 11 October
- DATE PERIOD 6: Tuesday 14 November - Wednesday 15 November

(matches to be scheduled within the above date periods listed)

DATE PERIOD	GROUP C	GROUP D	GROUP E
1	C1 v C2	D1 v D2	E1 v E2
	C3 v C4	D3 v D4	E3 v E4
2	C1 v C3	D1 v D3	E1 v E3
	C4 v C2	D4 v D2	E4 v E2
3	C2 v C3	D2 v D3	E2 v E3
	C4 v C1	D4 v D1	E4 v E1
4	C2 v C1	D2 v D1	E2 v E1
	C4 v C3	D4 v D3	E4 v E3
5	C3 v C1	D3 v D1	E3 v E1
	C2 v C4	D2 v D4	E2 v E4
6	C1 v C4	D1 v D4	E1 v E4
	C3 v C2	D3 v D2	E3 v E2

INTERZONE MATCHUPS

Interzone 1:

Runner-up Caribbean 1 (BRB/CUB) vs. Canada

Interzone 2:

Runner-up Caribbean 2 (VIN/ATG) vs. Runner-up Central America A (SLV/GUA/BLZ)

Interzone 3:

Runner-up Caribbean 3 (HAI/TRI) vs. Runner-up Central America B (HON/PAN)



El Salvador celebrate their first goal in a 5:0 victory against Belize to open World Cup qualifying on 5 March at the Estadio Cuscutlan in San Salvador

FC QUALIFYING TOURNAMENTS SET FOR FIFA U-17, U-20 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

The final Football Confederation qualifying tournaments for the 2001 FIFA World Youth Championship (U-20) and 2001 FIFA World U-17 Championship have been set for the early part of 2001.

Two qualifying tournaments will be held in each competition. Trinidad & Tobago and Canada will host four-team tournaments for the U-20 championship, and Honduras and USA will host four-team tournaments in the U-17 competition.

The 2001 FIFA World U-17 Championship will be held in October or November in Trinidad & Tobago, the first time the Caribbean nation has hosted a world football championship. The 2001 FIFA World Youth Championship is scheduled for 17 June – 8 July in Argentina, with matches to be played in Buenos Aires, Cordoba, Mendoza, Mar del Plata, Rosario and Salta.

FOOTBALL CONFEDERATION QUALIFYING TOURNAMENTS

2001 FIFA WORLD YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP (U-20)

10-14 January 2001 – Trinidad & Tobago

28 February – 4 March 2001 – Canada

2001 FIFA WORLD U-17 CHAMPIONSHIP

11-15 April 2001 – USA

2-6 May 2001 – Honduras

NETHERLANDS ANTILLES TO FACE SURINAME IN PRELIMINARY ROUND OF FC FUTSAL QUALIFYING

Netherlands Antilles was selected as the home team in the first leg of the Caribbean Zone preliminary round in qualifying for the FIFA Futsal World Championship, set for 18 November - 3 December in Guatemala.

The winner of the total goals, home-and-home series between Netherlands Antilles and Suriname will advance to the FC final qualifying tournament, to be held in San Jose, Costa Rica from 22-29 July. Costa Rica (host), Cuba, Mexico, Puerto Rico and USA will also participate, with the top two teams advancing to the finals.

FC FUTSAL QUALIFYING – PRELIMINARY ROUND

1ST LEG: Netherlands Antilles v Suriname, 20.05.00, Sentro Deportivo Korsou, Willemstad, Curacao, 20:00 hrs

2ND LEG: Suriname vs. Netherlands Antilles, 28.05.00, Amos Sports Centre, Flora Paramaribo, 20:00 hrs

Preparations continue at a rapid pace for the Futsal World Championship in Cd. Guatemala. Work began in mid-March on renovating the former "Plaza de Toros La Aurora", which will be the main hall for the tournament. The facility will seat 7,500.

The first phases of construction, currently being completed, involve construction of the floor and the concourse area. After those projects are completed, a domed roof will be put over the structure – which was previously an open-air arena. The organizing committee says the facility should be ready by October.



(FC COUNTRIES ONLY)

Ranking as of 12 April 2000

Rank	Team	Points: Apr 00	Rank: Mar 00
8	Mexico	704	10
18	USA	638	20
40	Trinidad & Tobago	555	40
50	Jamaica	530	48
63	Canada	501	61
66	Honduras	490	60
67	Costa Rica	487	68
74	Guatemala	460	73
75	Cuba	458	81
90	Haiti	431	100
92	El Salvador	425	91
110	Barbados	360	116
118	Panama	314	121
123	Grenada	288	122
127	St Lucia	276	124
131	St Kitts & Nevis	261	140
136	St Vincent & Grenadines	244	138
144	Dominican Republic	198	145
145	Cayman Islands	195	148
146	Bermuda	194	157
153	Dominica	176	152
154	Surinam	175	163
156	Antigua & Barbuda	174	153
163	Netherlands Antilles	149	166
165	British Virgin Islands	144	160
175	Guyana	105	172
176	Bahamas	98	184
178	Aruba	87	192
187	Puerto Rico	63	187
189	Belize	58	188
190	Nicaragua	55	189
194	US Virgin Islands	33	194
195	Anguilla	28	195
197	Turks & Caicos Islands	22	197
201	Montserrat	11	201



Panama (No. 118) was surprisingly atop Group B in World Cup qualifying, thanks to this 1:0 victory against Honduras (No. 66)

GOLD CUP 2000: CANADA SURPRISES FOR FIRST INTERNATIONAL TITLE



The Canadian national team grabbed virtually all Gold Cup 2000 honors in their historic route to their first-ever major international title. Canada not only crowned themselves Gold Cup champions, but also won the FIFA Fair Play award and numerous individual honors.

Savvy Canadian international Craig Forrest (West Ham United FC of England's Premier League) was voted the tournament's Most Valuable Player by the international media, after posting his third clean sheet of the tournament, running his personal unbeaten streak to 235 minutes in his team's victory in the final against Colombia. Highlighting his consistently solid performance were his two saved penalty kicks, including stopping Colombian international Faustino Asprilla's shot in the final.

Canadian striker Carlo Corazzin converted his fourth goal in the final, passing Carlos Pavon of Honduras, and finishing as the tournament's top goalscorer and the winner of the Golden Boot award. Richard Hastings' sensational and decisive Golden Goal against three-time Gold Cup champions Mexico, earned him the honor of "Rookie of the Tournament."

Forrest, Corazzin and team captain Jason DeVos were named to the tournament's "Best 11" squad.

Canada's head coach Holger Osieck was widely credited for the success of the team. The German coach shunned the spotlight saying the players, not him, deserve the credit.

"We're definitely very happy because we were an outsider who had to qualify for the tournament," he said. "We played quality football and I'd like to give the players credit."

In the final, Colombia started the brighter of the two teams in the first half, owning many of the early exchanges. But the Maple Leafs soon righted their ship and began to press the advantage, playmaking midfielder Paul Stalteri gaining more and more influence pulling the strings in midfield.

As the rain picked up in intensity, the game lost some of its spark, the best chances over much of the latter half of the period coming through misplays. The weather possibly played a part in the first goal, coming with the seconds winding down in the half as improbably went ahead.

Nash swung in a corner from the right, and Jason DeVos came in from behind at the back of the six. He directed a header inside the near post, but Gomez was well-placed to get down and make the save at the base of the post. But the 'keeper was unable to control the ball, and it just dribbled over the line before he swept it back over.

The second half began with Colombia putting Canada under pressure, but the South Americans were unable to break through the organized Canadian defense. But after 67 minutes, the match changed immeasurably.

Midfielder Jeff Clarke intercepted a lazy backpass to Gomez, and as he rounded the Colombian 'keeper he was pulled down. Corazzin made no mistake from the spot, blasting the ball to the 'keeper's left.

Forrest then saved his day's work for the final quarter-hour. After a little triangulation on the right side of the area put Asprilla through, Forrest tipped his toe-poke wide of the far post.

Then when Congo burst through into the area 10 minutes later, he was hauled down by a Canadian defender before going clean through. But the West Ham-based 'keeper dove to his right to easily snare Asprilla's spot kick, and Canada had taken their first international honors in 115 years of football history.

"This has exceeded my wildest dreams - to make the final, much less win," Forrest said. "We want to make CONCACAF proud and the crowd wasn't what it would have been if it was Mexico or the United States. But in the long run CONCACAF will profit and we'll perform on a world level."

Osieck said he hopes this victory will be a catalyst for the further growth of Canadian football. "I hope it wakes up the Canadian people as to what is possible and what we can do.

"The absence of a professional football league did not affect them as the team has benefitted from the players who go overseas and their individual development which helps the development of the team," Osieck said.



Canada's Mark Watson outjumps Colombia's Faustino Asprilla

GOLD CUP 2000 FINAL STANDINGS AND RESULTS

GROUP A

12.02.00, Orange Bowl, Miami, Florida
 COLOMBIA 1 (Gonzalo Martínez 15)
 JAMAICA 0
 R: Felipe RAMOS (MEX)

14.02.00, Orange Bowl, Miami, Florida
 JAMAICA 0
 HONDURAS 2 (Carlos Pavón 51 pen, Jorge Samuel Caballero 86)
 R: Mario SÁNCHEZ (CHI)

16.02.00, Orange Bowl, Miami, Florida
 HONDURAS 2 (Carlos A. Pavón 71, Milton Núñez 78)
 COLOMBIA 0
 R: Ramesh RAMDHAN (TRI)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
HONDURAS	2	2	0	0	4	0	+4	6
COLOMBIA	2	1	0	1	1	2	-1	3
JAMAICA	2	0	0	2	0	3	-3	0

GROUP B

12.02.00, Orange Bowl, Miami, Florida
 USA 3 (Jovan Kirovski 18, Eric Wynalda 55 pen, Cobi Jones 89)
 HAITI 0
 R: Olger MEJIAS (CRC)

14.02.00, Orange Bowl, Miami, Florida
 HAITI 1 (Sebastien Vorbe 61)
 PERU 1 (Israel Zúñiga 69)
 R: Carlos BATRES (GUA)

16.02.00, Orange Bowl, Miami, Florida
 PERU 0
 USA 1 (Cobi Jones 59)
 R: Felipe RAMOS (MEX)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
USA	2	2	0	0	4	0	+4	6
PERU	2	0	1	1	1	2	-1	1
HAITI	2	0	1	1	1	4	-3	1

GROUP C

13.02.00, Qualcomm Stadium, San Diego, California
 MEXICO 4 (Rafael Marquez 37, Luis Hernandez 52, Shurland David 75 og, Juan Francisco Palencia 85)
 TRINIDAD & TOBAGO 0
 R: Rafael RODRIGUEZ (SLV)

15.02.00, Los Angeles Coliseum, Los Angeles, California
 TRINIDAD & TOBAGO 4 (Russell Latapy 26, Arnold Dwarika 36, David Nakhid 52, Dwight Yorke 83)
 GUATEMALA 2 (Juan Carlos Plata 29, Guillermo Ramirez 47)
 R: Young Joo KIM (KOR)

17.02.00, Los Angeles Coliseum, Los Angeles, California
 GUATEMALA 1 (Erick Miranda 28)
 MEXICO 1 (Juan Francisco Palencia 26)
 R: Gustavo MENDEZ (URU)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
MEXICO	2	1	1	0	5	1	+4	4
T&T	2	1	0	1	4	6	-2	3
GUATEMALA	2	0	1	1	3	5	-2	1

GROUP D

13.02.00, Qualcomm Stadium, San Diego, California
 COSTA RICA 2 (Jafet Soto 10, Harold Wallace 54)
 CANADA 2 (Carlo Corazzin 19 pen, 57)
 R: Peter PRENDERGAST (JAM)

15.02.00, Los Angeles Coliseum, Los Angeles, California
 CANADA 0
 KOREA REPUBLIC 0
 R: Brian HALL (USA)

17.02.00, Los Angeles Coliseum, Los Angeles, California
 KOREA REPUBLIC 2 (Dong Gook Lee 14, Min-sung Lee 74)
 COSTA RICA 2 (Paolo Wanchope 66, Hernan Medford 85)
 R: Argelio SABILLON (HON)



THE CHAMPIONS

1 FORREST Craig	GK	20.09.67	West Ham United FC (ENG)
2 FENWICK Paul	DF	25.08.69	Greenock Morton FC (SCO)
4 MENEZES Tony	DF	24.11.74	Botafogo FR (BRA)
5 DE VOS Jason	DF	02.01.74	Dundee United FC (SCO)
7 STALTERI Paul	FW	18.10.77	SV Werder Bremen (GER)
9 CORAZZIN Carlo	FW	25.12.71	Northampton Town FC (ENG)
10 XAUSA David	FW	10.03.76	Inverness Caledonian Thistle FC (SCO)
11 BRENNAN Jim	MF	08.05.77	Nottingham Forest FC (ENG)
13 WATSON Mark	DF	08.09.70	Oxford United FC (ENG)
15 HASTINGS Richard	MF	18.05.77	Inverness Caledonian Thistle FC (SCO)
16 KUSCH Garret	FW	26.09.73	SV Mechelen (BEL)
17 PESCHISOLIDO Paul	FW	25.05.71	Fulham FC (ENG)
18 THOMAS Elvis	FW	27.07.72	Toronto Olympians (CAN)
21 NASH Martin	FW	27.12.75	Rochester Raging Rhinos (USA)
22 ONSTAD Pat	GK	13.01.67	Dundee United FC (SCO)
23 CLARKE Jeff	FW	18.10.77	none
24 DE ROSARIO Dwayne	FW	15.05.78	Richmond Kickers (USA)
25 ARISTODEMO Robbie	MF	20.05.77	University of Tulsa (USA)

GOLD CUP 2000 TOP PLAYERS

Voted by the international media covering the event:

"Best Eleven":

Craig Forrest (Goalkeeper/Canada)
 Rafael Marquez (Defender/Mexico)
 Jason DeVos (Defender/Canada)
 Ramon Ramirez (Midfielder/Mexico)
 Cobi Jones (Forward/USA)
 Arnold Dwarika (Forward/T&T)
 Roberto Palacios (Midfielder/Peru)
 Russell Latapy (Midfielder/T&T)
 Carlo Corazzin (Forward/Canada)
 Carlos Pavon (Forward/Honduras)
 Faustino Asprilla (Forward/Colombia)

"Most Valuable Player":

Craig Forrest (Goalkeeper/Canada)

"Rookie of the Tournament":

Richard Hastings (Forward/Canada)



ROLL OF HONOR

1991	Mexico
1993	USA
1996	Mexico
1998	Mexico
2000	Canada

CORAZZIN WINS "GOLDEN BOOT"

A total of 53 goals were scored in Gold Cup 2000. Canada's Carlo Corazzin lead all goalscorers with four, followed by Honduran international Carlos Pavon with three, and four players with two goals apiece. 38 other players scored one goal each. List of goal scorers:

4 goals - CORAZZIN Carlo (Canada)
 3 goals - PAVON Carlos Alberto (Honduras)
 2 goals - PALENCIA Juan Francisco (Mexico)
 2 goals - PALACIOS Roberto (Peru)
 2 goals - DWARIKA Arnold (Trinidad & Tobago)
 2 goals - JONES Cobi (USA)



Gold Cup 2000 MVP, Canada's Craig Forrest, saves Faustino Asprilla's penalty in the final

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
COSTA RICA	2	0	2	0	4	4	0	2
CANADA	2	0	2	0	2	2	0	2
KOREA	2	0	2	0	2	2	0	2

*Canada advances over Korea by lottery.

QUARTERFINALS

19.02.00, Orange Bowl, Miami, Florida
 USA 2 (Brian McBride 20, Chris Armas 51)
 COLOMBIA 2 (Faustino Asprilla 24, Gerardo Bedoya 82)
 Colombia advances 2:1 on penalty kicks
 Carlos BATRES (GUA)

19.02.00, Orange Bowl, Miami, Florida
 HONDURAS 3 (Jose Reynaldo Clavijas 32, Carlos Pavon 67 pen., Alex Pineda 69)
 PERU 5 (Roberto Larsen 7, Jorge Soto 14 pen, Jose Del Solar 50, Roberto Palacios 52, Waldir Saenz 87)
 R: Mario SANCHEZ (CHI)

20.02.00, Qualcomm Stadium, San Diego, California
 COSTA RICA 1 (William Hidalgo 89)
 TRINIDAD & TOBAGO 2 (Arnold Dwarika 26, Mickey Trotman 101) after extra time
 R: Young-Joo KIM (KOR)



Canada's Carlo Corazzin and Colombia's Victor Bonilla battle in the Gold Cup final

20.02.00, Qualcomm Stadium, San Diego, California
 MEXICO 1 (Jesus Ramirez 35)
 CANADA 2 (Carlo Corazzin 83, Richard Hastings 92)
 R: Peter PRENDERGAST (JAM)

SEMIFINALS

23.02.00, Qualcomm Stadium, San Diego, California
 COLOMBIA 2 (Marcial Salazar 39 og, Victor Bonilla 53)
 PERU 1 (Roberto Palacios 70)
 R: Rafael RODRIGUEZ (SLV)

24.02.00, Los Angeles Coliseum, Los Angeles, California
 TRINIDAD & TOBAGO 0
 CANADA 1 (Mark Watson 68)
 R: Gustavo MENDEZ (URU)

FINAL

27.02.00, Los Angeles Coliseum, Los Angeles, California
 COLOMBIA 0
 CANADA 2 (Jason DeVos 46, Carlo Corazzin 68 pen)

COL: Diego Gomez - Andres Mosquera, Roberto Cortes, Gonzalo Martinez, Faustino Asprilla, Martin Zapata, John Wilmar Perez, Bonner Mosquera (46: Hector Hurtado), Mayer Candelo, Arley Dinias, Victor Bonilla (57: Edwin Congo)
 CAN: Craig Forrest - Paul Fenwick, Tony Menezes, Jason DeVos, Paul Stalteri, Carlo Corazzin, Jim Brennan, Jeff Clarke, Mark Watson, Richard Hastings, Martin Nash (89: Garret Kusch)
 R: Peter PRENDERGAST (JAM)

FC CHAMPIONS CUP REACHES SEMIFINAL STAGE IN CENTRAL AMERICAN ZONE; CARIBBEAN ZONE SCHEDULE SET



Both entries from Panama have historically qualified for the second round of the UNCAF Club Championship, joining the two entrants from Costa Rica, Guatemala and Honduras in the semifinal round.

Deportivo Arabe Unido finished second to CSD Comunicaciones on goal difference in Group 3 after finishing their play in the first round, advancing along with Panama Viejo FC as the Central American country enjoys a true renaissance in their football. Panamanian clubs did not participate in the '99 Champions Cup.

Real CD España of Honduras won Group 1, with CD Saprissa of Costa Rica the winners in Group 2. CSD Municipal won Group 4 after a 3:2 victory away to CD Olimpia in their final group match played; both clubs agreed to cancel the final match between the two (in Guatemala) when it became unnecessary.

Liga Deportiva Alajuelense joined fellow Costa Rican club CD Saprissa in the second round following their 1-1 draw with Real CD Espana in San Pedro Sula on March 9.

Meanwhile, CD Olimpia began defense of the UNCAF championship won last year in fine style, joining CSD Municipal atop the table after their first two matches in the competition. The Whites took maximum points from Corozal Victoria FC of Belize to guarantee passage into the second stage, with two matches still left against Municipal.



Alianza FC and Panama Viejo FC battle in the Whites' 7:2 victory on 17 February



LD Alajuelense celebrate one of their six goals v Real Esteli FC on 3 February

The semifinal round of the UNCAF Club Championship, sponsored by LG, is set for a pair of quadrangulares in June, one in Guatemala and one in Honduras.

Group A, consisting of CD Saprissa (Costa Rica), CD Olimpia (Honduras), CSD Municipal (Guatemala) and Panama Viejo FC (Panama), will play at the Estadio Mateo Flores in Guatemala from 7-11 June. Group B, with LD Alajuelense (Costa Rica), CSD Comunicaciones (Guatemala), Real CD España (Honduras) and Deportivo Arabe Unido (Panama), will play at the Estadio Francisco Morazan in San Pedro Sula, Honduras from 20-24 June.

The top two clubs from each group advance to the final phase, a four-team round-robin to be played in August, with dates and site to be determined. The top three then advance to the final phase of the 2000 FC Champions Cup.

UNCAF CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP - SEMIFINAL PHASE

GROUP A - Estadio Mateo Flores, Cd. Guatemala

07.06.00

CD Saprissa - CD Olimpia; CSD Municipal - Panama Viejo FC

09.06.00

Panama Viejo FC - CD Saprissa; CSD Municipal - CD Olimpia

11.06.00

CD Olimpia - Panama Viejo FC; CSD Municipal - CD Saprissa

GROUP B - Estadio Francisco Morazan, San Pedro Sula, Honduras

20.06.00

LD Alajuelense - CSD Comunicaciones; Real CD España - Deportivo Arabe Unido

22.06.00

Deportivo Arabe Unido - LD Alajuelense; CSD Comunicaciones - Real CD España

24.06.00

CSD Comunicaciones - Deportivo Arabe Unido; Real CD España - LD Alajuelense

LD Alajuelense

CARIBBEAN CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP SET FOR AUGUST



Eight clubs will contest the 2000 version of the Caribbean Club Championship, to be played 12-19 August.

The championship is also part of the preliminary phase of the FC Champions Cup; the winner will advance to the final round of the 2000 FCCC.

Last year's champion, Joe Public FC of Trinidad & Tobago, will look to defend their title in a competition which has been dominated recently by Trinidadian clubs, breaking a stranglehold by sides from French and Dutch dependencies.

Joe Public has been the Caribbean entrant in the final phase for the past two seasons; the year previous United Petrotrin FC won the Caribbean honors.

2000 CARIBBEAN CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Joe Public FC (TRI, holders)

Tivoli Gardens FC (JAM, 1999/2000 NPL Heroes' Cup winners)

Chelsea FC (VIN, 1999 champion)

Club Franciscain (MTQ, 1998/99 champion)

Defence Force FC (TRI, 1999 PFL champion)

Notre Dame SC (BRB, 1999 Premier League champion)

105 W Connection FC (TRI, PFL sub-champion)

Guadeloupe champion

12.08.00

1. Tivoli Gardens FC v Guadeloupe champion

2. Joe Public FC v Chelsea FC

13.08.00

3. Club Franciscain v Defence Force FC

4. 105 W Connection FC v Notre Dame SC

16.08.00 - SEMIFINALS

Winner Match 1 v Winner Match 3

Winner Match 2 v Winner Match 4

19.08.00 - FINAL

FOOTBALL CONFEDERATION CHAMPIONS CUP 2000 PRELIMINARY PHASE UNCAF CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP



Deportivo Arabe Unido v CSD Comunicaciones

17.02.00, Estadio Flor Blanca, San Salvador, El Salvador
ALIANZA FC 7 (Agnardo de Oliveira 1, 54, 73, 89; Adonay Martinez 13, 82; José Roberto da Silva 67)
PANAMÁ VIEJO FC 2 (Victor Piggott 29 pen, Marcos Aparicio 85)
 Booked: Alianza: Reynaldo Argueta, Mario Guevara, Agnardo de Oliveira; Pma. Viejo: Alberto Blanco, Antonio Ortega
 R: William Mendoza (NCA)

19.02.00, Estadio Ebal Rodríguez, Guapiles, Costa Rica
CD SAPRISSA 3 (Adrián Mahia 35, Vicente Rosella 47, Farlen Ilama 84)
PANAMÁ VIEJO FC 0
 Booked: Pma. Viejo: Marcos Aparicio, Jairo Pineda, Gary Ramos, Winston Dasent
 Sent off: Jairo Pineda, Gary Ramos (both Pma. Viejo)
 R: Victorino Rodríguez (SAL)

24.02.00, Estadio Flor Blanca, San Salvador, El Salvador
ALIANZA FC 1 (Carlos Prieto 63)
CD SAPRISSA 2 (Gustavo Martínez 7 pen, Steven Bryce 19)
 Booked: Alianza: Oscar Navarro, Alejandro Curbello; Saprissa: Randall Row, Kervin Lacey
 Sent off: Mario Guevara (Alianza); Vinicio Montero (Saprissa)
 R: Oscar Bardales (HND)

01.03.00, Estadio Rommel Fernández, Cd. Panamá
PANAMÁ VIEJO FC 1 (Ricardo Phillips 45)
CD SAPRISSA 0
 Booked: Pma. Viejo: Victor Herrera, Miguel Ortega, Winston Dasent; Alianza: Hugo Medeiros
 R: Marcio Carranza (HND)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
CD Saprissa	4	3	0	1	8	3	+5	9
Panamá Viejo	4	2	0	2	5	10	-5	6
Alianza FC	4	1	0	3	9	9	-	6



GROUP C

15.01.00, Michael Ashcroft Stadium, Independence, Belize
SAGITUN FC 1 (Oliver Hendricks 68)
CSD COMUNICACIONES 1 (Ronald González 18)
 Booked: Sagitun: Raúl Celiz, Oliver Hendricks, Julio Valle; Comunicaciones: Erick Miranda
 R: Jose Vitelio Rivera (SAL)

03.02.00, Estadio Mateo Flores, Cd. Guatemala
CSD COMUNICACIONES 4 (Manuel Callen 27; Ricardo Arenas 31; Oscar Samayoa 55, 73)
SAGITUN FC 1 (Benedict Lopez 17)
 Booked: Comunicaciones: Oscar Samayoa; Sagitun: Darren Hinds
 R: Argelio Sabillón (HND)

03.02.00, Estadio Rommel Fernández, Cd. Panamá
DEPORTIVO ARABE UNIDO 2 (Jairo Cadena 13, 43)
SAGITUN FC 1 (Deris Benavides 75)
 Booked: Arabe Unido: Abdul Chiari, Manuel Torres, Alberto Cerezo; Sagitun: Benedict López, Charles Cadle; Deris Benavides, Bent Burgess
 R: Greivin Porras (CRC)

02.03.00, Estadio Rommel Fernández, Cd. Panamá
DEPORTIVO ARABE UNIDO 1 (Julio Medina 88)
CSD COMUNICACIONES 0
 R: William Mattus (CRC)

09.03.00, Estadio Mateo Flores, Cd. Guatemala
CSD COMUNICACIONES 1 (Jorge Pérez 5 pen)
DEPORTIVO ARABE UNIDO 0
 Booked: Comunicaciones: Oscar Samayoa, Ronald González; Arabe Unido: Lizandro Solís, Leonel Phillips
 R: Oscar Diaz (HND)

11.03.00, Michael Ashcroft Stadium, Independence, Belize
SAGITUN FC 2 (Benedict López 56, Bent Burgess 68 pen)
DEPORTIVO ARABE UNIDO 2 (Jairo Cadena 14, Alberto Cerezo 44)
 Booked: Sagitun: David Torres, Bent Burgess, Julio Valle; Arabe Unido: Manuel Torres, Lizandro Solís, Agustín Salinas
 Sent off: Benedict Lopez (Sagitun); Manuel Torres (Arabe Unido)
 R: Nery Alfaro (SAL)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
CSD Comunicaciones	4	2	1	1	6	3	+3	7
Arabe Unido	4	2	1	1	5	4	+1	7
Sagitun FC	4	0	2	2	5	9	-4	2



GROUP D

20.01.00, Santiago Ricalde Stadium, Corozal Town, Belize
COROZAL VICTORIA FC 0
CSD MUNICIPAL 1 (Eduardo Pérez 73 og)
 Booked: Corozal: Antonio Castillo; Municipal: Uwaldo Pérez
 R: Vivian Rodríguez (HND)

27.01.00, Estadio del Ejército, Cd. Guatemala
CSD MUNICIPAL 6 (Rolando Benítez 25, 52; Guillermo Ramírez 49, 88; Rudy Ramírez 55 pen, 85 pen)
COROZAL VICTORIA FC 1 (Edmund Pandy 83)
 Booked: Municipal: Juan López; Corozal: Pablo Tun, Marvin Ottley
 R: Rodolfo Sibrián (SAL)

12.03.00, Santiago Ricalde Stadium, Corozal Town, Belize
COROZAL VICTORIA FC 0
CD OLIMPIA 3 (Wilmer Neal 9, Danilo Tosello 28, Elvis Nugent 48 og)
 Booked: Victoria: Ariel Magaña; Olimpia: Danilo Tosello
 R: Edgar Ramirez (SAL)

17.03.00, Estadio Francisco Morazan, San Pedro Sula, Honduras
CD OLIMPIA 3
COROZAL VICTORIA FC 0
 walkover - Corozal Victoria does not appear
 R: Wenceslao Velásquez (GUA)

23.03.00, Estadio Nacional, Tegucigalpa, Honduras
CD OLIMPIA 2 (Danilo Tosello 13 pen, Eduardo Arriola 58)
CSD MUNICIPAL 3 (Rudy Ramirez 1, Carlos González 30 pen, Juan Carlos Plata 62)
 Booked: Olimpia: Eduardo Arriola; Municipal: Walter Hurtarte
 R: Ronald Cedeño (CRC)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
CSD Municipal	3	3	0	0	10	3	+7	9
CD Olimpia	3	2	0	1	8	3	+5	6
Corozal Victoria FC	4	0	0	4	1	13	-12	0



GROUP A

03.02.00, Estadio Alejandro Morera Soto, Alajuela, Costa Rica
LD ALAJUELENSE 6 (Edson Valente 3; Luis Marín 39; Harold Miranda 60; Alexander Castro 73; Alejandro Alpizar 85; Pablo Izaguirre 87)
REAL ESTELÍ FC 0
 Booked: Esteli: Will Bonilla
 R: Carlos de Leon (PAN)

14.02.00, Estadio Independencia, Estelí, Nicaragua
REAL ESTELÍ FC 1 (Carlos Alonzo 88 pen)
LD ALAJUELENSE 2 (Heriberto Quirós 18, 45)
 Booked: Esteli: Samuel de Jesús Olivás, Selvin Alvarez; LDA: Geovanny Hidalgo, Kenneth Paniagua, Enrique Smith
 Sent off: Kenneth Paniagua, Enrique Smith (both LDA)
 R: Edgar Ramirez (SAL)

27.02.00, Estadio Francisco Morazán, San Pedro Sula, Honduras
REAL CD ESPAÑA 2 (Nelson Vera 27, Luis Ramírez 69)
REAL ESTELÍ FC 1 (Selvin Alvarez 48)
 Booked: Real España: Nelson Vera
 R: David Jones (BLZ)

01.03.00, Estadio Edgardo Ballodano Briceño, Liberia, Costa Rica
LD ALAJUELENSE 1 (Wilmer López 15)
REAL CD ESPAÑA 0
 Booked: LDA: Pablo Izaguirre, Pablo Chinchilla, Wilmer López, Edson Valente; Real España: César Obando, Carlos Olivás
 R: Fredy Burgos (GUA)

15.03.00, Estadio Francisco Morazán, San Pedro Sula, Honduras
REAL CD ESPAÑA 1 (Carlos Oliva 32)
LD ALAJUELENSE 1 (Pablo Izaguirre 71)
 Booked: Real España: José Rolón, Carlos Oliva; LDA: Leonardo Durán, Sandro Alfaro, Geovanny Hidalgo
 R: Otto Mejía (GUA)

27.03.00, Estadio Independencia, Estelí, Nicaragua
REAL ESTELÍ FC 8 (Edgar Delgado 4; Jorge Zapata 8; José Rolón 36; Ricardo Alcerro 47; Nelson Vera 50, 52, 83; César Obando 78)
REAL CD ESPAÑA 0
 Booked: Esteli: José Bermudez, Selvin Alvarez; España: Marcos Ortega
 R: Hugo Castillo (GUA)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
Real CD España	4	2	1	1	11	3	+8	7
LD Alajuelense	4	2	1	1	9	3	+6	7
FC Real Esteli	4	1	0	3	3	17	-14	1



GROUP B

10.02.00, Estadio Rommel Fernández, Cd. Panamá
PANAMÁ VIEJO FC 2 (Edmundo Gómez 2, Marcos Aparicio 71)
ALIANZA FC 0
 Booked: Panamá Viejo: Edmundo Gómez, Alberto Blanco; Alianza: Adonays Martínez, Reinaldo Argueta, Alejandro Curbello, Agnaldo de Oliveira, Nelson Flores
 R: Mario Ramirez (GUA)

12.02.00, Estadio Saprissa, San Jose, Costa Rica
CD SAPRISSA 3 (Farlen Ilama 2, Johnny Murillo 52, Vicente Rosella 86)
ALIANZA FC 1 (Agnaldo de Oliveira 49)
 Booked: Saprissa: Hugo Madeiros; Alianza: Alejandro Curbello, Agnaldo de Oliveira, Oscar Navarro, Cecilio Galeano
 R: Fredy Burgos (GUA)

Confederation Calendar Of Events

2000	EVENT	LOCATION
13 May	FC XXII Ordinary Congress	Paradise Island, Bahamas
20/21 May	FC World Cup Qualifying	
	Central American/Caribbean Zone Matches	Various
3/4 June	FC World Cup Qualifying, Interzone Matches	Various
6-11 June	UNCAF Club Championship - Semifinal Round	Guatemala
17/18 June	FC World Cup Qualifying, Interzone Matches	Various
20-24 June	UNCAF Club Championship - Semifinal Round	Tegucigalpa, Honduras
22-29 July	FC Qualifying, Futsal World Championship	San Jose, Costa Rica
23 June - 3 July	FC WOMEN'S GOLD CUP	USA
12-16 July	FC World Cup Qualifying, Semifinal Round #1	Various
22-26 July	FC World Cup Qualifying, Semifinal Round #2	Various
12-19 August	CFU Club Championship	TBD
15-16 August	FC World Cup Qualifying, Semifinal Round #3	Various
19 August	Final, CFU Women's Tournament	Haiti
2-3 September	FC World Cup Qualifying, Semifinal Round #4	Various
13-30 September	Olympic Games Football Tournament	Sydney, Australia
7-11 October	FC World Cup Qualifying, Semifinal Round #5	Various
14-15 November	FC World Cup Qualifying, Semifinal Round #6	Various
18 Nov - 3 Dec	FIFA Futsal World Championship	Guatemala
2001		
10-14 January	FC Qualifying World Youth Championship (U-20)	Trinidad & Tobago
28 Feb - 4 March	FC Qualifying World Youth Championship (U-20)	Canada
11-15 April 2001	FC Qualifying World U-17 Championship	USA
2-6 May 2001	FC Qualifying World U-17 Championship	Honduras
17 June-8 July	FIFA World Youth Championship	Argentina
TBA	FIFA World U-17 Championship	Trinidad & Tobago

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