

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

**Day 3**

A most thrilling matchday saw traditional powerhouses Argentina and Uruguay on the verge of elimination before rallying back and winning their matches against Chile and Paraguay, respectively. The traditional rivals will meet in Saturday's semi-final, while Venezuela – winners 7-5 against Peru today – meets world champions.

**Match 7 – Group A - Thursday, April 25**

**FINAL SCORE: Venezuela 7 x 5 Peru**

At the end of the day, Venezuela finally realized – after the Argentinians' win over Chile – that the exhilarating 7-5 comeback win meant a semi-final berth for them. The odd side is that now their up against all-odds favourites Brazil.

Venezuela			Peru		
#	PLAYER	Starters	#	PLAYER	Starters
1	CASAL	x	1	HERNANDEZ	X
2	ROMERO		2	RIVAS	
11	LONGA	x	3	<b>MARUY</b>	X
4	CARDONE		4	LEON	X
5	FERREIRA	x	6	DEL POZO	
3	JIMENEZ		8	NEUHAUS	
7	QUINTERO	x	9	E. DRAGO	X
9	RODRIGUEZ	x	10	RIVERA	X
10	KLEUDES		11	REYES	
22	MORENO		12	I. DRAGO	
<b>Head coach: Roby Cavallo</b>			<b>Head coach: Jaime Drago</b>		

**Referees:**

1<sup>st</sup> referee: Javier Betancor (URU)

2<sup>nd</sup> referee: Erick Chavarría (CRC)

3<sup>rd</sup> referee: Ivo Santos (BRA)

**SCORE CHART:**

Goal Scorer	Time left	Period	VEN	PER
#4 León (PER)	11'57	1 <sup>st</sup>	0	1
#10 Rivera (PER)	9'25	1 <sup>st</sup>	0	2
#11 Longa (VEN)	8'33	1 <sup>st</sup>	1	2
#4 León (PER)	8'30	1 <sup>st</sup>	1	3
#5 Ferreira (VEN)	8'40	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2	3
#7 Quintero (VEN)	6'41	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3	3
#9 Rodriguez (VEN)	5'47	2 <sup>nd</sup>	4	3
#4 León (PER)	3'36	2 <sup>nd</sup>	4	4
#3 Jiménez (VEN)	2'59	2 <sup>nd</sup>	5	4
#10 Kleudes (VEN)	9'47	3 <sup>rd</sup>	6	4
#9 E. Drago (PER)	6'31	3 <sup>rd</sup>	6	5
#2 Romero (VEN)	2'39	3 <sup>rd</sup>	7	5

TEAM	Player	CARDS		
		Card*	Period	Time left
Venezuela				
Peru	#1 Hernandez	Y	1 <sup>st</sup>	3'01
	#9 E. Drago	Y	2 <sup>nd</sup>	9'05
	#3 Maruy	Y	2 <sup>nd</sup>	6'43
	#12 I. Drago	Y	3 <sup>rd</sup>	11'29
	#8 Neuhaus	Y	3 <sup>rd</sup>	8'09
	#9 E. Drago	YR	3 <sup>rd</sup>	0'50

\* Y: yellow; R: red

### Match 8 – Group B - Thursday, April 25

**FINAL SCORE: Uruguay 5 x 4 Paraguay**

After trailing 1-4 after the 1<sup>st</sup> period, the Uruguayans put themselves together and rallied back with courage all the way till the 5-4 winner scored by striker Ricar with just over 2 minutes left in the match. Uruguay thus reached the semi-finals, finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> in Group B.

Uruguay			Paraguay		
#	PLAYER	Starters	#	PLAYER	Starters
1	DIEGO		1	ESPINOLA	
2	FABIRICIO		2	MERELES	
3	RICAR		3	MALDONADO	
4	COCO		4	NOGUERA	
5	PAMPERO		5	GONZALEZ	
6	PICO		6	SANTANDER	
7	PARRILLO		7	SALAS	
9	OLI		8	ROMAN	
10	FABIAN		9	SALINAS	
11	MATIAS		10	RIVEROS	
12	LEANDRO		11	JARA	
14	MARTIN		12	BRITEZ	
<b>Head coach:</b> Venancio Ramos			<b>Head coach:</b> Juan Carlos Orihuela		

#### Referees:

1<sup>st</sup> referee: Pedro Infante (VEN)

2<sup>nd</sup> referee: Ivo Santos (BRA)

3<sup>rd</sup> referee: Hernán Fernandez (ARG)

### SCORE CHART:

Goal Scorer	Time left	Period	URU	PAR
#10 Riveros (PAR)	10'28	1 <sup>st</sup>	0	1
#7 Salas (PAR)	7'51	1 <sup>st</sup>	0	2
#14 Martín (URU)	5'18	1 <sup>st</sup>	1	2
#8 Román (PAR)	4'36	1 <sup>st</sup>	1	3
#2 Mereles (PAR)	3'09	1 <sup>st</sup>	1	4
#1 Diego (URU)	7'09	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2	4
#10 Fabián (URU)	5'32	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3	4
#3 Ricar (URU)	8'56	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4	4
#3 Ricar (URU)	2'22	3 <sup>rd</sup>	5	4

TEAM	Player	CARDS		
		Card*	Period	Time left
<b>Uruguay</b>				
<b>Paraguay</b>	#8 Roman	Y	3 <sup>rd</sup>	5'21
	#10 Riveros	Y	3 <sup>rd</sup>	2'15

\* Y: yellow; R: red

### Quote Venancio Ramos (head coach URU)

It seems like this is the way it has to be with Uruguay: there is no such thing as an easy match for us. You have to praise the Paraguayans and the form they have shown since yesterday against Brazil: at the end of the day, they have faced two teams that finished in the top 3 of last year's FIFA Beach Soccer World Cup and faced both quite bravely.

### FINAL SCORE: Argentina 6 x 5 Chile (2 x 1 a.e.t.)

From one moment to the other, hosts Argentina went from being shamefully knocked out at home from attaining the group lead and a semifinal spot. After trailing 4-2 until 2'35 minutes before the end of regulation, the Argentineans battled back and found their glory 41 seconds prior to the final whistle, thanks to a header by Ezequiel Hilaire. In extra time, as their fate had already been sealed, Argentina defeated the Chileans and are set to play a classic matchup against Uruguay in Saturday's semi-final.

Argentina			Chile		
#	PLAYER	Starters	#	PLAYER	Starters
1	SALGUEIRO	X	1	C.VILLALOBOS	X
3	CASADO		2	J.TORRES	X
5	FRANCESCHINI	X	4	V.GONZALEZ	
7	LEGUIZAMON		5	S.ARGOTE	X
8	DALLERA		8	C.MEDINA	X
9	MINICI		7	E.VALENCIA	
10	HILAIRE F.	X	6	W.MENESES	
14	HILAIRE S.	X	9	J.MENA	X
19	HILAIRE E.	X	11	R.SANHUEZA	
22	DELIA		12	R.CUEVAS	
<b>Head coach: Hector F. Petrasso</b>			<b>Head coach: Miguel Angel Gamboa</b>		

**Referees:**

1<sup>st</sup> referee: Franklin Quesada (CRC)

2<sup>nd</sup> referee: Alberto Magno (BRA)

3<sup>rd</sup> referee: Ivo Santos (BRA)

**SCORE CHART:**

Goal Scorer	Time left	Period	ARG	CHI
#5 Franceschini (ARG)	9'22	1 <sup>st</sup>	1	0
#3 Casado (ARG)	4'38	1 <sup>st</sup>	2	0
#2 J. Torres (CHI)	2'19	1 <sup>st</sup>	2	1
#5 Argota (CHI)	8'48	3 <sup>rd</sup>	2	2
#9 Mena (CHI)	4'40	3 <sup>rd</sup>	2	3
#5 Franceschini (ARG) o.g.	3'58	3 <sup>rd</sup>	2	4
#10 Hilaire F. (ARG)	2'35	3 <sup>rd</sup>	3	4
#19 Hilaire E. (ARG)	0'41	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4	4
#3 Casado (ARG)	2'58	ET	5	4
#14 Hilaire S. (ARG)	1'22	ET	6	4
#9 Mena (CHI)	0'57	ET	6	5

TEAM	CARDS			
	Player	Card*	Period	Time left
<b>Argentina</b>	#14 Hilaire S.	Y	3 <sup>rd</sup>	8'02
<b>Chile</b>	#9 Mena	Y	2 <sup>nd</sup>	5'30
	#11 Sanhuez	Y	3 <sup>rd</sup>	8'02

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**Quote #19 Ezequiel Hilaire (ARG)**

It is absolutely shocking: from one second to the other we went from being out of the FIFA Beach Soccer World Cup to clinching the group lead. I am happy that I was the one heading that ball into the corner. It means a whole lot to us. However, this is just the first and less important goal we have reached. Each and every match here has been a true battle, and now it is up to us to focus again and face Uruguay. By our experience in the last few years, we are sure it will be a nail-biter.

<u>Group A</u>	Team	Points	Goals sc.	Goals rec.	Goal diff	Red Cards	Yellow Cards
1	Argentina*	8	16	6	+10	0	1
2	Venezuela*	6	13	11	+2	0	1
3	Chile	3	17	16	+1	0	3
4	Peru	0	10	23	-13	1	7

<u>Group B</u>	Team	Points	Goals sc.	Goals rec.	Goal diff	Red Cards	Yellow Cards
1	Brazil*	6	14	7	+7	0	2
2	Uruguay*	3	8	12	-4	0	0
3	Paraguay	0	8	11	-3	0	4

\* Clinched semifinal berth



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### **Results and match schedule (GMT -3)**

#### **April 23 (Tuesday) – Matches**

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

#### **April 24 (Wednesday) – Matches**

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

#### **April 25 (Thursday) – Matches**

Venezuela 7 x 5 Peru  
Uruguay 5 x 4 Paraguay  
Argentina 6 x 5 Chile (2 x 1 a.e.t.)

#### **April 26 (Friday) – Matches**

4:30pm - Brazil vs. Venezuela (Semi-final 1)  
Followed by - Argentina vs. Uruguay (Semi-final 2)

#### **April 27 (Saturday) – Matches**

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

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

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