
Gold Cup

Posted by mjo - 2007/06/07 12:52

For all of us soccer fans out there, the Gold Cup just started yesterday. The gold cup is kind of like the regional qualifier for the FIFA confederations cup, where the champions of every region of the world compete.

Our region is pretty weak, with the exceptions of team USA and Mexico, and sometimes Costa Rica. Any predictions or comments?

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Re:Gold Cup

Posted by BYUstud... - 2007/06/07 13:16

Prediction: Americans have no clue the Gold Cup is going on and most will not care.

PS: I'm not a soccer hater, that's just the way it is.

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Re:Gold Cup

Posted by ky4799 - 2007/06/07 13:59

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Re:Gold Cup

Posted by gordito - 2007/06/07 14:04

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Re:Gold Cup

Posted by kitic77 - 2007/06/07 14:16

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All the games are to be televised on Fox Soccer Channel. The first game is tonight at 6:30 or 7. If you go to foxsoccer.com you should be able to find a link to their schedule for the other games.

My prediction: USA will it all like they ahve the last two times.

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Re:Gold Cup

Posted by Mingjai - 2007/06/07 14:22

I think the USA takes it this time mainly because the Yanks have no real competition in Concacaf outside of Mexico. I'm more curious how the USA will do in the Copa America, though I have the sinking suspicion that the Copa America team will be more of a "B" team. Senor Donovan--the player who could most use the playing experience against South American competition--is undecided as to whether he'll stick around for the second tourney.

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Re:Gold Cup

Posted by B-Rex - 2007/06/11 22:14

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The next USA match in the CONCACAF Gold Cup is Tuesday (tonight) at 7:00 pm ET against El Salvador. The match will be televised live on Fox Soccer Channel and Telefutera.

As it now stands, the USA is sitting on top of Group B, Canada is surprisingly on top of Group A, and Mexico is surprisingly not on top of Group C.

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Re:Gold Cup

Posted by spidy - 2007/06/12 12:42

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Posted by stgeorgefan - 2007/06/13 00:47

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good call on Mexico getting upset. Hondorus was the upsetter...2-1 I think

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Re:Gold Cup

Posted by penncougar - 2007/06/13 06:08

That was quite simply one of the most amazing pictures ever. All thats missing is the cape.

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Re:Gold Cup

Posted by mmb72 - 2007/06/13 07:20

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Wonderful, Karma to Spidy

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Posted by B-Rex - 2007/06/18 10:20

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I'm going to get fired for laughing out loud in my cubicle...

Or at very least I'll get caught surfing at work.

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Re:Gold Cup

Posted by forzacougs - 2007/06/18 11:15

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My question is how anyone could wear that uniform and keep a straight face. I guess we just don't have the capacity to understand the superior football minds of the Oregon Ducks from the mighty Pac-10.

Anyway, the US looks good. Too bad they gave up a goal to Panama. They have really improved their on the ball skills and ability to play out of trouble. I also like to see the defenders making runs and scoring goals. I nice change from the boring Bruce Arena style of play.

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Re:Gold Cup

Posted by A_King - 2007/06/18 11:46

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Boy, what a moron I am. I just assumed that the ducks were actually stupid enough to have a uniform that ridiculous. Although I'm sure they are all wearing the wonderful photoshopped addition as their lucky briefs. All Nike has to do is tell them it is part of the uniform. Who is going to argue with the mighty Oregon alumnus Phil Knight. Maybe Nike should tell them the new colors will be fuchsia pink. The color would certainly match the quality of their play against BYU.

Re:Gold Cup

Posted by mjo - 2007/06/21 23:46

The Gold Cup Final will be on Sunday. Mexico vs US, a classic. The rivalry is heated, so the game will be pretty intense.

I hate to say it, but you guys (US) have beaten us consistently in the past few years... so I hope we do better this time.

Analyzing the game, the US is more athletic and fast than Mexico, so if they do what they usually do (i.e. defend with almost everyone and score on a quick counter-attack) probably they'll win again. It may not be pretty but its really effective. For Mexico to win, we need to keep possession of the ball, and short passes wil do the trick. I predict a 2-1 victory for Mexico.

Re:Gold Cup

Posted by couginTX - 2007/06/22 00:12

sorry mjo I have to take away Karma for talking about that communist sport on here.

Re:Gold Cup

Posted by kitic77 - 2007/06/22 06:47

We own Mexico. Mentally, they are completely obsessed with not losing to the US that they can't play their game. They haven't won on US soil in like 10 years. I don't think they've even scored in their last eight matches here.

And the US caught a huge break, when the Mexican referee, who obviously wanted to see a US/Mexico game, agreed with the offside call on the tying goal by Canada.

I think we'll beat Mexico 2-0.

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Posted by Mingjai - 2007/06/22 07:47

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That's why I love TiVo.

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Re:Gold Cup

Posted by stgeorgefan - 2007/06/22 16:17

When is the game/channel/time etc. I love the USA/Mexico matchup...

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Re:Gold Cup

Posted by forzacougs - 2007/06/22 16:21

I love that Mexico will never shake hands with the US after matches. Makes them look like a bunch of sore losing punks. I guess it's hard to face the reality that US soccer has become far superior to the brand of soccer played in Mexico. I am impressed with the US play under the new coach. They play with much more control and seem to push the ball much better.

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Re:Gold Cup

Posted by ky4799 - 2007/06/22 18:14

Mexico hasn't looked very good in the Gold Cup so far. I predict a 1-0 victory for the US. The goalless streak continues and the only goal comes from Beasley.

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Re:Gold Cup

Posted by ky4799 - 2007/06/22 18:17

2pm CT (Soldier Field in Chicago)
Univision and Fox Soccer Channel

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Re:Gold Cup

Posted by NC-Puma - 2007/06/22 18:53

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Re:Gold Cup

Posted by mjo - 2007/06/22 21:24

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Posted by forzacougs - 2007/06/22 22:49

Yes, but we beat you on a neutral site in a world cup. I'll take that over a win in Mexico any day.

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Re:Gold Cup

Posted by Mingjai - 2007/06/23 23:00

Well, now that U.S. is without Bradley and Hejduk--who both have had amazing tournaments--I'm beginning to think tomorrow's match is going to be closer than I thought.

And yeah, the U.S. hasn't exactly had an impressive tournament. They really should have gone into extra time with Canada. The U.S. has been better than Mexico, but only marginally. Should be a good match tomorrow.

mjo wrote:

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I wouldn't say the MLS sucks, though it's definitely not on par with top European leagues. The good thing is that the MLS improved by the day--it's only been in existence for about 13 years. We'll see how it compares with Mexico's Primera Division in the upcoming SuperLiga tournament. Anyway, call Beckham a wash-up if you want, but he's looked awfully good in his recent matches with England. Sure, he's past his prime, but anyone talented enough to maintain a key role with England national team is better than anyone the MLS has ever had.

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What? Panama didn't score until the 84th minute and the Canada game should've been 3-1 if donovan hadn't whoofed

on that easy shot. I watched every US game and while not all games were blowouts score-wise, it was obvious the US was in control of the games. Look at the goal differential for the US compared to every other team in the tournament. US was +7... Mexico was +1.

Re:Gold Cup

Posted by mjo - 2007/06/24 13:59

Mexico is winning 1-0 at half time. And dominating. :laugh:

Re:Gold Cup

Posted by gordito - 2007/06/24 14:41

I wish I had FSC but thanks to ESPN...it looks like the US has taken the lead thanks to a Donovan PK and a Feilhaber one-timer.

Post edited by: gordito, at: 2007/06/24 14:42

Re:Gold Cup

Posted by mjo - 2007/06/24 15:00

It's over. 2-1 US. Feilhaber goal was superb. But the PK was another ref gift. It was a really exciting game. I am soooo angry, frustrated, etc. right now. I'll go take a walk before I vent my feelings with R-rated words...

Post edited by: mjo, at: 2007/06/24 15:08

Re:Gold Cup

Posted by NC-Puma - 2007/06/24 15:11

That was a fun game to watch. Both teams blew some chances. I'm not sure I've ever seen an easier goal missed than the one Beasley kicked off the crossbar. Then Chings floater that hit the bar.. wow. Mexico dominated the first half but seemed to lose steam in the second.

Re:Gold Cup

Posted by NC-Puma - 2007/06/24 15:14

Now for the US.. it's off to copa america (minus Donovan, Beasley).. That Argentina game could get ugly.

Re:Gold Cup

Posted by Mingjai - 2007/06/24 15:30

Wow, what a game! The way soccer is called, PK's are always gifts from the ref. At least Donovan didn't kick it down the middle like everyone thought he would. And that Feilhaber goal was the best goal I ever seen a USMNT player take.

Mexico was the same as always. They play much better technical game than the US and dominate most parts of the game, but if they get behind they seem to freak out. They'll still carry the play but just can't finish when they get the chance. Then the US will get a breakout goal on counterattack (though this time the US drew posts on the potential

clinching goals).

Re:Gold Cup

Posted by njcoug - 2007/06/24 15:53

I can't remember watching a better game. Both teams had problems finishing though. Can't miss two gimies and expect to win against Argentina.

Re:Gold Cup

Posted by stgeorgefan - 2007/06/24 16:35

mjo wrote:

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Mexico didn't dominate the first half. They dominated about the last 25 minutes. Usa started off strong and had a couple good shots at the goal. Usa took the momentum in the second half. The game could have/should have been 3-1 or 4-1, two easy shots off the bars from Beas. and Chang.

Overall I was very impressed by Mexico as a whole. From everything I heard and read before the game, Usa was "supposed" to be far better. It didn't end up that way.

Great game...I am going to enjoy going back to work tomorrow(100 dollars richer...):woohoo:

Re:Gold Cup

Posted by ky4799 - 2007/06/24 17:39

For those who say that whoever is at home just wins the game, a game like this should confirm that the US is the dominant team. Sure the game was in Chicago, which is located in the United States, but did anyone look around the stadium? That was another away game for the United States, which is sad to see but in my opinion it says that the US is the better team right now. I have seen the games on TV that were in Houston, Phoenix, LA, Northeast, and now Chicago that were not home games for the US but they continue to win. The only place they cannot seem to win is in the Azteca, where not too many teams can win. We'll see if that streak comes to an end when they play there to qualify for the World Cup.