

Sports

# Argentina qualify for 2022 World Cup after Brazil draw

Bolivia, Peru closing in, Colombia hanging on

**MONTEVIDEO:** Argentina qualified for next year's World Cup in Qatar as a point in their 0-0 draw with Brazil on Tuesday proved enough after defeats for Chile and Uruguay. The reigning Copa America champions came into the match against their archrivals knowing that a win might not be enough to secure their ticket, but a draw could be. And Chile's 2-0 defeat at home to Ecuador, coupled with Uruguay's 3-0 loss to Bolivia, sent Argentina through.

of play. It summed up a match that never caught fire and in which almost nothing came off from either side.

Quick-thinking Matheus Cunha tried to score the goal of the qualification campaign when attempting to chip Argentina goalkeeper Emiliano Martinez from inside his own half, but his effort sailed over the crossbar. Argentina came alive in the last five minutes of the half as De Paul managed the hosts' first shot on target, although Alisson Becker dealt with it comfortably in the Brazil goal. Brazil had only managed one shot on target themselves in the first 45 minutes, and that was a weak effort by Fred.

The major talking point was how Argentina center-back Nicolas Otamendi escaped a red card for elbowing Raphinha in the face, drawing blood. According to reports, Raphinha needed five stitches at half-time.

Much-maligned Manchester United midfielder Fred almost became the unlikely hero in the second period when he came closest yet to breaking the deadlock, clipping the top of the bar with Martinez beaten. But there was little else to get excited about, with neither goalkeeper seriously tested. Even a late effort from Messi after jinking past Fred was straight at Alisson.

**Bolivia, Peru close in**

Twice world champions Uruguay's hopes suffered a huge blow as they were thrashed at 10-man Bolivia, leaving them seventh in the 10-team group, although only a point off the last automatic qualification place.

A brace from Juan Carlos Arce and another from Marcelo Martins gave Bolivia a comfortable victory that keeps their qualification hopes alive. Even the dismissal of Carmelo Algaranaz 15 minutes from the end, with the score 2-0, did not ruin Bolivia's night. A third win in four matches left Bolivia just two points behind Colombia in fourth.

Colombia are hanging on by their fingernails to the final qualification berth after a fifth straight game without a goal — four of which ended 0-0. Colombia could not force a winner at home to Paraguay, even



**SAN JUAN:** Argentina's Lionel Messi (center) drives the ball past Brazil's Fred (L) and Eder Militao during their South American qualification football match for the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022 at the San Juan del Bicentenario stadium in San Juan, Argentina, on Tuesday. — AFP

though the visitors had Adrian Cubas sent off six minutes from time.

Peru's second win in a row, 2-1 away to rock-bottom Venezuela, put them level on points with Colombia in the intercontinental play-off spot. Gianluca Lapadula and Christian Cueva goals either side of a Darwin Machis strike for Venezuela gave

Peru a crucial win.

Goals from Pervis Estupinan and Moises Caicedo condemned Chile to defeat, and dropped them from fourth to sixth. They also had Arturo Vidal sent-off in the first half for a high boot. Ecuador sit third, six points ahead of Peru in fifth with just four matches left. — AFP

## Canada eye World Cup dream as Mexico freeze

**LOS ANGELES:** Canada took a giant stride towards their first World Cup finals appearance in 36 years on Tuesday after beating Mexico 2-1 to vault to the top of the CONCACAF qualifying standings. Two goals either side of half-time from Turkey-based forward Cyle Larin fired the Canadians to a victory, which leaves them one point clear of the United States with 16 points from eight games.

Hector Herrera's 90th-minute goal for Mexico set up a frenzied finish at Edmonton's Commonwealth Stadium, where snow had been cleared from the pitch shortly before kick-off as temperatures plunged to minus 9 degrees Celsius (15.8 degrees Fahrenheit).

The final whistle was met with a mass confrontation involving players from both sides as tempers flared. The result means Canada are now firmly on course to qualify for next year's finals in Qatar. Canada's only other World Cup appearance came at the Mexico finals in 1986. Canada's win saw them leapfrog over the United States for top spot in CONCACAF's eight-team final round of qualifying. The USA were held to a 1-1 draw against Jamaica earlier Tuesday after a spectacular equaliser from West Ham striker Michail Antonio secured a share of the points for the Reggae Boyz.

Antonio's 22nd-minute long-range effort cancelled out a superb individual goal by US forward Timothy Weah at Kingston's Independence Park. Weah, the 21-year-old son of former Liberia legend George Weah, fired the US ahead after 11 minutes.

The Lille forward played a clever one-two with striker Ricardo Pepi before surging into the Jamaican penalty area. Jamaica's Bobby Reid looked to have the danger covered, but Weah showed great strength to win possession before angling a deft

shot across goal and in off the far post.

It was a fitting reward for a bright start by the US, who also went close on 16 minutes when Pepi's shot was blocked before Brenden Aaronson's follow-up effort was well-saved by Jamaica goalkeeper Andre Blake.

**Antonio rocket**

But the complexion of the game changed in Jamaica's favor on 22 minutes when Antonio conjured a goal out of nowhere. Nothing appeared to be on when Antonio picked up the ball in midfield. But the striker cut inside the covering Tyler Adams and then unleashed a ferocious 30-yard effort which flew past US goalkeeper Zack Steffen and into the top corner.

The goal infused Jamaica with confidence, although the Reggae Boyz were fortunate to finish the first half with 11 men on the pitch after some rugged defending. Je-Vaughn Watson was booked as early as the eighth minute for a foul on the USA's Gianluca Busio.

Javain Brown was also lucky to stay on the pitch for a wild challenge on Adams in the 40th minute that the US midfielder did well to hurdle. The second half followed a similar pattern, with neither side managing to take control of the contest.

The US received a huge let-off in the 53rd minute when a deflected cross fell into the path of Jamaica forward Reid just three yards out. Somehow, however, the Fulham player scooped his shot over the bar and the US survived.

US coach Berhalter introduced Christian Pulisic after 66 minutes, but the Chelsea star was unable to break the deadlock. The US received a let-off in the 84th minute when Damion Lowe headed into the net from a corner, only to see the goal disallowed for a shove on US defender Walker Zimmerman.

With Canada and the US occupying the top two places in the CONCACAF table, Mexico dropped to third with 14 points from eight games. Panama moved into fourth spot with a 2-1 win over El Salvador, while Costa Rica are fifth after a 2-1 win over Honduras. — AFP



### Huge blow to Uruguay's hopes

It caps a fine year for Argentina and Lionel Messi, who won their 15th Copa America in July with a 1-0 final victory over Brazil at Rio de Janeiro's iconic Maracana stadium. "If we analyze this year, it was beautiful. What we've been through with the fans ... everything was complete," said Rodrigo De Paul.

Argentina welcomed back six-time Ballon d'Or winner Messi to their starting line-up while star forward Neymar missed out for Brazil. But Messi was unable to inspire his team in a match of few chances, against opponents who booked their ticket to Qatar today with a 1-0 win over Colombia. Brazil remain top of the qualifying group, six points clear of Argentina, who took their unbeaten run to 27 matches. "We played very well in every match this year. We're already qualified for the World Cup," said Brazil's Fred. "Today we failed in the final third but the most important thing is coming away without a goal against."

Brazil wasted a two-on-two break when Fred's pass forced Vinicius Junior wide, and his first touch ran out



## Burgan Bank renews platinum sponsorship of showjumping tour

**KUWAIT:** Burgan Bank announced its platinum sponsorship of the Kuwait Equestrian Federation's (KEF) inaugural showjumping tour. The bank's support of KEF's competition reflects its ongoing strategic support to sports activities and initiatives that aim to enhance the progress of the sports culture in Kuwait; as part of the bank's expansive, community-focused social responsibility program.

The Tour extends across the entire equestrian season from November 2021 until April 2022. It features the participation of more than 300 showjumpers representing many public and private equestrian clubs from across Kuwait. In total, eight competitions are set to be held in three clubs, namely the Hunting and Equestrian Club, Kuwait Riding Center and Messilah Equestrian Club.

Kholoud Al-Feeli, Group Head of Corporate Communications at Burgan Bank, spoke about this sponsorship saying: "At Burgan Bank, we are proud to

support the Kuwait Equestrian Federation and equestrian sports in general, given this sport's strong cultural identity and its deeply-rooted heritage in Kuwait. This sponsorship also confirms the Bank's keen efforts to encourage all sports activities and promote a more vibrant sports culture in Kuwait, especially amongst young people as it is a lifestyle that promotes mental and physical health."

"The Kuwait Equestrian Federation's tour marks a major milestone in the return to normal life in Kuwait following the lifting of pandemic restrictions that had suspended and disrupted major sports events. Burgan Bank's support for this tour reflects our commitment to being a real community partner, delivering beyond our banking services. We believe it is our role and social responsibility to actively encourage community development and push for progress and positive change in everything that we do to benefit Kuwait's society today and more importantly, in the future," added Feeli.

Burgan Bank continues to focus on collaborating with organizations and institutions working in key development and sustainability areas including environment, sports, education and health, to help drive national social development and achieve real change and positive impact within the community. The bank has long been a firm believer in the important role the sports sector plays and has been a passionate supporter and champion of Kuwaiti athletes and teams across all fields.

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Chest Hospital	24849400	Nuzha	22526804
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October 24, 2021

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