El Salvador down Antigua and Barbuda, finish atop Group A

Canada blank Suriname to play Haiti in Cup qualifying

BRIDGEVIEW, Ill., June 9, (AP): Jonathan David had the second hat trick of his international career to lead Canada over Suriname 4-0 and advance to a second-round matchup against Haiti in World Cup qualifying in North and Central America and the Caribbean.

No. 70 Canada will play a two-match, total-goal series against 83rd-ranked Haiti on Saturday and June 15 for a berth in the eight-nation regional final round along with the the 20th-ranked United States, No. 11 Mexico, No. 45 Jamaica, No. 50 Costa Rica and No. 67 Honduras.

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The other two second-round matchups have No. 69 El Salvador against No. 135 St. Kitts and Nevis, and No. 76 Curaçao against No. 78 Panama.

David, a 21-year-old forward who was born in Brooklyn, New York and plays for the French club Lille, assisted on the opening goal by Alphonso Davies in the 37th minute. David scored off passes from Davies in the 59th and 67th minutes, then converted a penalty kick in the 77th after he was fouled by goalkeeper Warner Hahn.

Canada's Cyle Larin (17) goes for a header in front of Suriname's Ryan Koolwijk (6) during the first half of a World Cup 2022 Group B qualifying soccer match, on June 8, in Bridgeview, Ill. (AP)

David, who also had a hat trick against Cuba in the 2019 CONCACAF Gold Cup, has 15 goals in 14 international appearances.

In a game moved to the former home of Major League Soccer's Chicago Fire due to Canadian government coronavirus travel restrictions, Davies got his ninth international goal, his fourth in qualifying.

Canada has not reached the World Cup since 1986 and has not advanced to the final round of qualifying since 1998.

Haiti (3-0) won 1-0 over visiting No. 147 Nicaragua (2-1) at Port-au-Prince on Derrick Etienne's goal in the 63rd minute to win Group E.

El Salvador (3-0-1) won 3-0 over Antigua and Barbuda (2-1-1) in San Salvador to finish atop Group A,. Toronto defender Eriq Zavaleta scored in the 40th minute, David Rugamas added a goal in the 68th, eight minutes after entering, and Walmer Martinez of second-tier Hartford got the final goal in the 85th.

Curaçao (3-0-1) won Group C, playing a 0-0 draw at home against Guatemala (3-0-1) at Willemstad. Both finished with a plus-14 goal difference, and Curaçao advanced because of a 15-14 advantage in goals.

Panama (4-0) won Group D with a 3-0 victory over the Dominican Republic (2-1-1) at Panama City. Nashville midfielder Aníbal Godoy scored in the eighth minute, his second international goal and first in seven years, and Édgar Bárcenas added a goal in the 67th and Cecilio Waterman in the 86th.

Each team will play 14 matches in the regional finals, which start Sept. 2 and run through March 30. The top three nations qualify for the 2022 World Cup in Qatar and the No. 4 team advances to a playoff against another confederation.

No. 135 St. Kitts and Nevis clinched Group F last weekend.

Gidey breaks 2-day-old women's world record in 10,000 meters

HENGELO, Netherlands, June 9, (AP): Letesenbet Gidey lowered the women's 10,000-meter world record, just two days after Sifan Hassan set the mark on the same track.

Gidey clocked 29 minutes, 1.03 seconds at the Ethiopian Olympic trials, which are being held in the Netherlands. Tsigie Gebreselama was second in 30:06.01.

Gidey took 5.79 seconds off Hassan's record set at the Fanny Blankers-Koen Games. Hassan, an Ethiopian-born Dutch runner, had bettered the previous record – Ethiopian Almaz Ayana's winning time at the 2016 Rio Olympics - by 10.63 seconds.

"I expected to run a world record," said the 23-year-old Gidey, who became the first woman to hold both the 5,000 and 10,000 world records since Ingrid Kristiansen of Norway did so from 1986 to 1993. "I'd like to try to break the world record again and break 29 minutes."

Gidey broke the 5,000-meter world record last October.

All four men's and women's 5,000 and 10,000 world records have been broken over the last 10 months, thanks in part to pacing lights on the track. On Tuesday, the blue lights on the inside of the track were moving at a world record pace.

Czech Republic top Albania 3-1

Spain's young debutants pound Lithuania, France down Bulgaria

LONDON, June 9, (AP): Spain's group of young debutants beat Lithuania 4-0 in a warm-up match for the European Championship.

The Spain team was made up of players from the under-21 squad, as well as its coach, after captain Sergio Busquets tested positive for COVID-19.

From the 20 players called up for the match, 19 had never played for the senior national team.

The friendly counted as a first-team match, with players getting caps and an official debut for coach Luis de la Fuente with the main squad.

De la Fuente named 10 debutants plus Bryan Gil in the starting lineup. The last time Spain had 10 debutants for a senior international was in 1941, against Portugal, after the team had not played since Spain's Civil War broke out in 1936.

Valencia defender Hugo Guillamón got Spain off to the perfect start in the third minute and Brahim Díaz doubled its lead in the 24th before Abel Ruiz had a penalty saved by Lithuania goalkeeper Tomas Švedkauskas.

Juan Miranda curled in a free kick nine minutes into the second half and fellow substitute Javi Puado capped a great night for the youngsters in the 73rd.

Euro 2020 starts Friday. Spain will play its first game on Monday against Sweden in Seville. Luis Enrique has until Saturday to make changes to his squad because of injuries or COVID-19.

Karim Benzema's return to international soccer continues to go awry as the France forward limped off injured in his team's 3-0 victory over Bulgaria.

Benzema had a penalty saved and hit the post last week in his first appearance for France in nearly six years.

He lasted just 41 minutes on Tuesday before being forced off. But France coach Didier Deschamps - with whom Benzema had a fallout over the player's alleged role in a sex-tape scandal - has brushed off concerns, indicating that it is just a dead leg.

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Benzema's replacement, Olivier Giroud, scored a late double in the final seven minutes to secure victory for the world champions after Antoine Griezmann had opened the scoring in the 29th.

The 34-year-old Giroud has now scored 46 goals for France, just five behind Thierry Henry's all-time record.

The Czech Republic beat Albania 3-1, while Iceland drew 2-2 in Poland and Hungary was held to a 0-0 by Ireland in Budapest.

The Irish players were booed by a section of Hungarian supporters for taking a knee before kick-off to support the sport's anti-racism campaign.

"The fact it was booed is incomprehensible," Ireland manager Stephen Kenny said. "It's disappointing and it doesn't reflect well on Hungary, really."

France's Karim Benzema, (right), fights for the ball with Bulgaria's Dominik Yankov during the international friendly soccer match between France and Bulgaria at the Stade De France in Saint Denis, North of Paris, France, on June 8. (AP)

Lightning eliminate Hurricanes, advance to 'Stanley Cup' semis

Stone scores early in OT, Knights pip Avs 3-2 in Game 5

RALEIGH, NC, June 9, (AP): Brayden Point and Ross Colton scored and Andrei Vasilevskiy controlled the crease, helping the Tampa Bay Lightning beat the Carolina Hurricanes 2-0 to win the second-round playoff series in five games.

Vasilevskiy finished with 29 saves and stumped the homesteading Hurricanes for the third time in as many series games at PNC Arena. The former Vezina Trophy winner as the NHL's top goaltender and a finalist this year had allowed just two goals on 70 shots through the first two games to open this series.

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Then, after a wild Game 4 in Florida that saw each team score four second-period goals, Vasilevskiy turned away all shots to help the reigning Stanley Cup champions advance. Among his saves was a huge glove stop of a 2-on-1 short-handed chance by Carolina's Vincent Trocheck.

Point's goal came moments later on a gorgeous effort. He took a feed from Alex Killorn to his backhand side near the crease, went to his forehand before returning to the backhand to get Carolina netminder Alex Nedeljkovic off balance just enough to score at 4:06 of the second.

The Lightning nearly pushed that lead to 2-0 with captain Steven Stamkos scoring a buzzer-beating goal, but a review determined the puck didn't cross the goal line in time. But Colton made up for it at 9:04 of the third, making it 2-0 and more than enough for Vasilevskiy in this game.

Nedeljkovic had 23 saves for the Hurricanes.

Golden Knights 3, Avalanche 2, OT

In Denver, Mark Stone scored on a breakaway 50 seconds into overtime as the Vegas Golden Knights overcame a two-goal deficit to beat the Colorado Avalanche 3-2 and take a 3-2 lead in their second-round series.

Tampa Bay Lightning center Ross Colton (79) tries to score against Carolina Hurricanes goaltender Alex Nedeljkovic (39) during the third period in Game 5 of an NHL hockey Stanley Cup second-round playoff series in Raleigh, N.C., on June 8. (AP)

Max Pacioretty corralled the puck after a blocked shot and fed it to Stone, who was off to the races. Stone beat Philipp Grubauer on the glove side to hush what had been a boisterous crowd.

Trailing 2-0 entering the third, the Golden Knights found another gear with Alex Tuch scoring 1:03 into the period and Jonathan Marchessault tying it up just 3:04 later.

Really, though, it was the Marc-Andre Fleury Show, with the Vegas goaltender stopping 28 shots, many of the sensational variety. He stuffed J.T. Compher just 10 seconds into the extra period.

Fleury picked up playoff win No. 88, which ties him with Billy Smith and Ed Belfour for the fourth-most in NHL history.

New South Wales easily win first 'State of Origin' match

TOWNSVILLE, Australia, June 9, (AP): New South Wales outclassed Queensland 50-6 Wednesday for its biggest victory margin in the opening match of the annual State of Origin rugby league series between the two Australian state rivals.

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Center Tom Trbojevic scored three tries and Latrell Mitchell and Brian To'o two each in the eight-tries-to-one victory.

The match was moved from Melbourne to Townsville in north Queensland state 10 days ago because of a new coronavirus outbreak in the Victorian state capital.

"That's the heart we needed to show. We didn't do enough of that last year," New South Wales captain James Tedesco said of his side's 2-1 series loss in 2020.

Queensland captain Dale Cherry-Evans said: "We have a lot of improvement left in us."

The Maroons will have a chance to show that in the second match of the best-of-three series on June 27 in Brisbane, followed by the final match on July 14 at the Olympic Stadium in Sydney.

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