

Ryan TolmichTim Weah's reckless red cancels out brilliant Folarin Balogun, leaving USMNT teetering: Winners & Losers in Copa America loss to PanamaWinners & LosersUSACopa AmericaTimothy WeahFolarin BalogunFEATURESPanama vs USAPanamaGOAL analyzes winners and losers from USMNT's disastrous loss to Panama in Copa America group stageThere's a scene in the sports movie "The Replacements" that seems fitting. It's a comedy about American football, yes, but this scene will perfectly encapsulate how the U.S. men's national team will be feeling after Thursday night's shocking 2-1 loss to Panama.In the scene, Keanu Reeves' character talks about quicksand - not the literal kind, the metaphorical kind."You're playing and you think everything is going fine," he says during a heartfelt talk with his team. "Then one thing goes wrong. And then another. And another. You try to fight back, but the harder you fight, the deeper you sink. Until you can't move, you can't breathe, because you're in over your head. Like quicksand."That's precisely what Thursday night was for the USMNT: quicksand. Every mistake led to another. Every wrong was followed up by another one. And, in the end, as hard as they fought, there was no preventing the sinking, deeper and deeper.It was a nightmare for the USMNT's own doing, and that's why it will hurt even more. This was all so ... avoidable. The USMNT knew exactly what they were in for, exactly what they would face in terms of Panama's attack and physicality - and they messed it up anyway.Tim Weah's early red card set the tone, and it wasn't the one the USMNT wanted. Weah will take most of the blame, but he wasn't the only one perpetrator; from top to bottom, the U.S. wasn't wily enough to navigate everything that happened after the red card. Individual mistakes, moments of rage, the inability to close out a game - it was all there, and it explains the dire circumstances in which the USMNT finds themselves in this tournament.Now, they'll have to fight for their lives against Uruguay next Monday. It's still in their hands, of course, but this Copa America may have just slipped away on Thursday night in Atlanta. The USMNT isn't totally buried, but the push to get out of this metaphorical quicksand will only get harder.GOAL examines the winners and losers of Thursday night's match.Article continues belowRyan TolmichWhy isn't divisive Alejandro Garnacho getting minutes for Argentina at Copa America? Man Utd teenager deserves a shot in final group

gameAnalysisArgentinaAlejandro GarnachoCopa AmericaManchester UnitedFEATURESArgentina vs PeruPeruThe winger hasn't broken through with Argentina, but Saturday's match be the moment he needsIt should have been expected that, despite Argentina's perfect start to this Copa America, Alejandro Garnacho is still splitting opinions. It's something that has become the norm with the Manchester United star, at least on the international level.For much of his young career, fans in Argentina have been divided when it comes to the teenager, and that division continues in these opening moments of his first major tournament.Garnacho is one of Argentina's most-talked-about players at this Copa America despite the fact that he hasn't spent a second on the actual field. His teammates, of course, have taken care of business, sweeping aside both Canada and Chile to begin the Copa America. Yet, despite the perfect six-point start for Argentina, one question continues to reverberate across social media."Why isn't Garnacho playing?"The answer is complicated. However, after two wins that came a bit tougher than many expected, Argentina may just need their young winger to spark some life into the attack, particularly in this upcoming third and final group stage game against Peru.Article continues belowMark DoyleItaly player ratings vs Switzerland: A dreadful title defence is finally over! Federico Chiesa ineffective and Nicolo Barella atrocious as Luciano Spalletti gets his line-up all wrong in embarrassing last-16 exitPlayer ratingsItalyEuropean ChampionshipFEATURESSwitzerland vs ItalySwitzerlandLuciano SpallettiThe abject Azzurri suffered an embarrassingly meek exit at Euro 2024, losing 2-0 in Berlin to a vastly superior Switzerland sideItaly's reign as champions of Europe is over - and about time too. The Azzurri may have illuminated Euro 2020 with their uncharacteristically adventurous style of play but their title defence in Germany has been seriously tough to watch. Indeed, the one good thing about their Euro 2024 campaign is that it was brought to a mercifully premature end by Switzerland on Saturday evening, with Murat Yakin's side sealing a fully deserved spot in the quarter-finals with a shockingly comfortable 2-0 win.Remo Frueher took advantage of some non-existent Italian tracking to give the Swiss the lead just eight minutes before the break, as the defending champions fell behind the fourth time in four games in this tournament.The Swiss struck again immediately after the

interval, with the impressive Ruben Vargas given all the time in the world to pick his spot before bending the ball past the completely unprotected Gigi Donnarumma and into the top corner of the Azzurri net. Below, GOAL rates all of the Italy players on show as Luciano Spalletti's side were dumped out of the Euros with embarrassing ease by the Swiss, who will now face the winners of England's last-16 meeting with Slovakia...Article continues below

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GOAL rates the chances of the 16 remaining teams in Germany, after several top teams made an absolute mess of the group stage

The group stage of Euro 2024 has come to a close and now it's time for some knockout football! So, how is everyone shaping up ahead of the last 16? Spain were mightily impressive in winning all three of their games, while there's still a great buzz around Germany after they left it late to top their group with an injury-time equaliser against Switzerland. Austria have vindicated those that touted them as 'dark horses', but Georgia's progress has taken absolutely everyone by surprise. Elsewhere, it's fair to say that England and France have both disappointed thus far, while defending champions Italy only barely made it through. Things can change very quickly in tournament football, but as it stands, which teams are looking like potential champions - and who could be heading home early?

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USMNT player ratings vs Panama: Tim Weah's moment of madness dooms U.S. as Copa America hopes now hang by a thread

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The U.S. were undone by their own mistakes, including Tim Weah's red, now face a do-or-die clash with Uruguay

If the U.S. men's national team fails to make it out of this Copa America group stage, they'll look back at one Tim Weah swing of the arm as the reason why. In tournaments such as this, margins are so fine and,

sometimes, legacies live and die by one moment of madness. That's what Thursday's match in Atlanta boiled down to: chaos personified. Fans of CONCACAF will know it well, as well the USMNT, but, on this night, the U.S. could do nothing to stop their own self-inflicted spiral. It ended 2-1 to Panama, who took advantage of Weah's recklessness. The USMNT winger's punch, which saw him sent off just 18 minutes in, could prove the moment that defines this particular USMNT group. They wanted a challenge this summer and now they'll get it. Their fate will now depend on their final group stage game against Uruguay next Monday. It didn't have to be this way. Prior to Weah's dismissal, the U.S. was cruising. They had an early goal ruled out by an offside call, but it felt like a matter of time. Then Weah's punch happened, and the game spun into chaos. Folarin Balogun temporarily eased any doubts with a golazo moments after the red, but Panama answered back almost immediately with a goal from Cesar Blackman. From there, the game devolved into a dogfight and, for a while, it looked like the U.S. would be able to squeak out a draw. Ultimately, they couldn't. An 83rd-minute goal from Jose Fajardo sealed Panama's victory. And the U.S. was unable to fight back. They'll get another chance against Uruguay. Coach Gregg Berhalter will likely be coaching for his job in that match. This particular group will, at least partly, be playing for their legacy. Few saw it coming, but the Uruguay match is now poised to be one of the biggest in this program's history. It didn't have to be, but that's the situation that the USMNT have created, largely thanks to their own costly mistakes. GOAL rates the USMNT's players from Mercedes-Benz Stadium...Article continues below