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2026 FIFA World Cup Post-Draw Implications for Vancouver

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Overall Outlook



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Who is Coming to Vancouver?

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MATCH SCHEDULE	GROUP STAGE MATCHES																ROUND OF 32					ROUND OF 16					
	Thursday 11 June	Friday 12 June	Saturday 13 June	Sunday 14 June	Monday 15 June	Tuesday 16 June	Wednesday 17 June	Thursday 18 June	Friday 19 June	Saturday 20 June	Sunday 21 June	Monday 22 June	Tuesday 23 June	Wednesday 24 June	Thursday 25 June	Friday 26 June	Saturday 27 June	Sunday 28 June	Monday 29 June	Tuesday 30 June	Wednesday 1 July	Thursday 2 July	Friday 3 July	Saturday 4 July	Sunday 5 July	Monday 6 July	Tuesday 7 July
VANCOUVER			M6					M27 CAN			M40			M51 CAN		M64							M85				M96
																											
																											
	Group B Winner																M85 Winner					M87 Winner					
	3rd Place TBD																										

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GROUP STAGE MATCHES

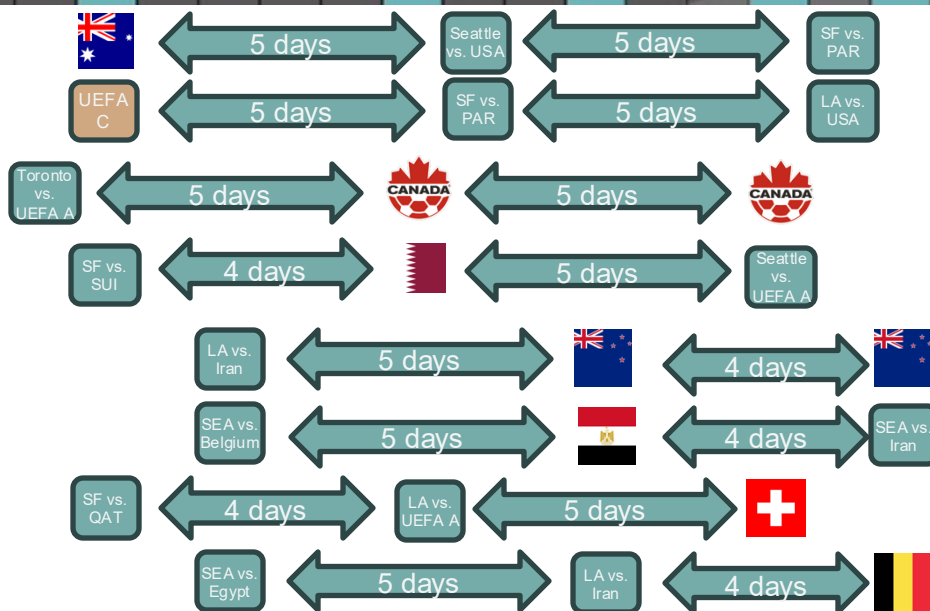
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Sunday 28 June	Monday 29 June	Tuesday 30 June	Wednesday 1 July	Thursday 2 July	Friday 3 July
				M85	

ROUND OF 16

Saturday 4 July	Sunday 5 July	Monday 6 July	Tuesday 7 July
			M96



Coming and Going:

Group Stage
Flow Chart for
Teams Playing in
Vancouver

Text Format: Who is Coming to Vancouver?

- Guaranteed in Group Stage
 - Australia and UEFA C (M6 June 13 9:00pm PDT)
 - Qatar (M27 June 18 3:00pm PDT)
 - New Zealand and Egypt (M40 June 21 6:00pm PDT)
 - Switzerland (M51 June 24 12:00pm PDT)
 - New Zealand and Belgium (M64 June 26 8:00pm PDT)
- Estimates for Knockout Stage
 - Group B Winner vs. Unknown 3rd place team (M85 July 2 8:00pm PDT)
 - M85 Winner vs. Likely to be Group K winner (M96 July 7 1:00pm PDT)
 - Portugal and Colombia most likely to be Group K winner
 - Potential for additional non-Canadian teams playing in M85/M96 (if Canada does not win Group B and advance)

Match-by-Match Outlook: Group Stage



M06: June 13 9:00pm PDT – Australia v. TUR/ROM/SLO/KOS (UEFA C)

- After this match – second group match:
 - Australia plays in Seattle vs. USA on June 19
 - UEFA C plays in SF vs. Paraguay on June 19
- After this match – third group match:
 - Australia plays in SF vs. Paraguay on June 25
 - UEFA C plays in LA vs. USA on June 25

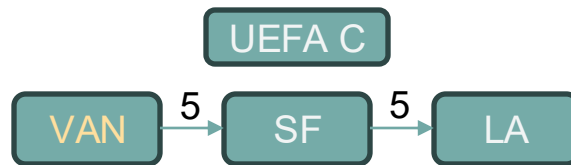
Special Considerations:

Transportation from Vancouver to Seattle for Australia June 14-18

Opportunity to get fans from Australia and UEFA C to be in Vancouver for extra time in the lead-up to June 13 and before they travel to their next match in Seattle/SF



Note: Numbers above arrows indicate number of rest days between matches



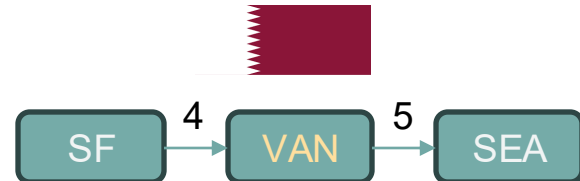
M27: June 18 3:00pm PDT – Canada v. Qatar

- Before this match:
 - Qatar plays in SF vs. Switzerland on June 13
- After this match:
 - Qatar plays in SEA vs. UEFA A on June 24

Special Considerations:

Transportation for Qatar from Vancouver to Seattle after this match June 19-23

Opportunity to get fans to be in Vancouver for extra time both before and after June 18



M40: June 21 6:00pm PDT – New Zealand v. Egypt

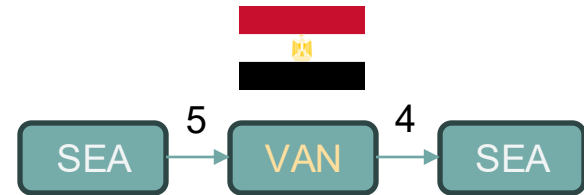
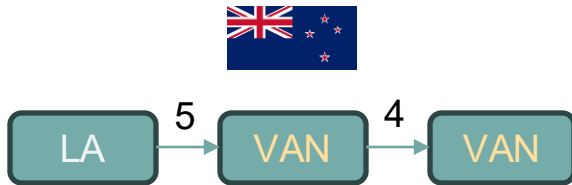
- Before this match :
 - New Zealand plays in LA vs. IRN on June 15
 - Egypt plays in SEA vs. BEL on June 15
- After this match :
 - New Zealand stays in VAN vs. BEL on June 26
 - Egypt plays in SEA vs. IRN on June 26

Special Considerations:

Transportation for Egypt back and forth from Seattle to Vancouver to Seattle

Opportunity to get fans to be in Vancouver for extra time both before and after June 18

New Zealand will be here for back-to-back matches



M51: June 24 12:00pm PDT – Switzerland vs. Canada

- Before this match:
 - Switzerland plays in SF vs. Qatar on June 13
 - Switzerland plays in LA vs. UEFA A on June 18

Special Considerations:

If either team wins the group, they will stay in Vancouver for R32 match on July 2 (8 days later)

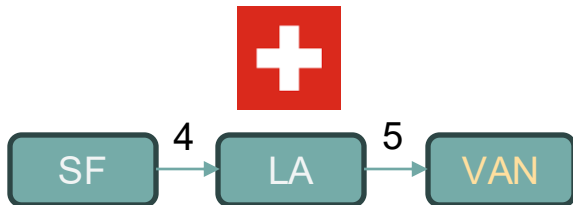
Opportunity to get fans to be in Vancouver for extra time both before and after June 24

1st Place Group B: Next Match July 2 in Vancouver

2nd Place Group B: Next Match June 28 in LA (*quick turnaround*)

3rd Place Group B (if qualified): Next Match July 1 in LA

note: small chance this is June 29 in Boston



M64: June 26 8:00pm PDT – New Zealand vs. Belgium

- Before this match on June 15:
 - NZL plays in LA vs. IRN
 - BEL plays in SEA vs. EGY
- Before this match on June 21:
 - NZL plays EGY in VAN
 - BEL plays IRN in LA

Special Considerations:

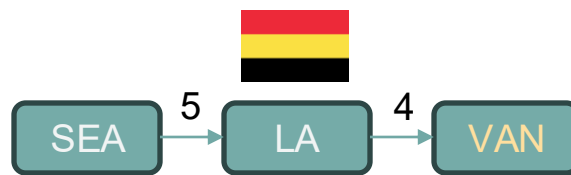
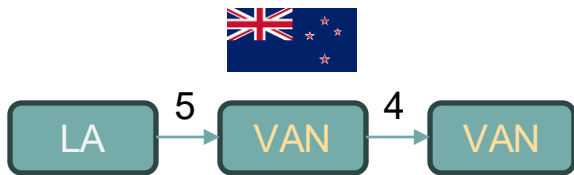
If either team wins the group, they will need to get to Seattle for R32 match on July 1 – opportunity for them to stay in BC for a while; transportation to Seattle also a challenge

If either team qualifies in 3rd place, chance they stay in Vancouver for R32 match

1st Place Group G: Next Match July 1 in Seattle

2nd Place Group G: Next Match July 3 in Dallas

3rd Place Group G (if qualified): Next Match TBD



Match-by-Match Outlook: Knockout Stage



M85: July 2 8:00pm PDT – Round of 32 Match

- Group B Winner
 - UEFA A, Canada, Switzerland, or Qatar

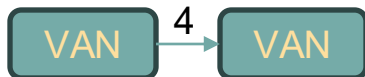
(in order of likelihood)



- 3rd Place in Group E/F/G/I/J
 - 20 possibilities (could be M64 Group G team)



- After this Match: Winner of this match stays in Vancouver for Round of 16 Match on July 7



Special Considerations:

~50% chance Group B winner is already in Vancouver, if not, they will be coming from Seattle

Other team could be coming from anywhere:
LA/SF/NYC/Philadelphia/
Boston/Toronto/KC/Dallas
are the possibilities

M96: July 7 1:00pm PDT – Round of 16 Match

- Team 1: Winner of M85 (R32 match in Vancouver July 2)
 - Many possibilities – most likely UEFA A/CAN/SUI

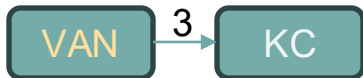


- Team 2: Winner of M87 (R32 match in Kansas City July 3)
 - Likely to be Group K winner

- 65% chance Portugal, 35% chance Colombia



- After this Match: Winner of this match goes to KC for Quarterfinal on July 11



Special Considerations:

How do we get an entire team's worth of fans from KC to Vancouver? The quicker they come, the longer they are here.

The winner goes to Kansas City for the Quarterfinal Match. How do we facilitate that travel for an entire team of fans?

Key Summary Points

- The World Cup in Vancouver starts with Australia in M6
- Canada's two group matches in Vancouver feature Qatar and Switzerland
- Vancouver's two Group G matches are
 - New Zealand vs. Egypt (featuring star Mo Salah)
 - New Zealand vs. Belgium (featuring star Kevin De Bruyne)
- UEFA Path A being in Canada's group complicates what could happen for the two knockout games in Vancouver; they are much less likely to feature Canada now than initially anticipated (a negative if you are a Canada fan, a potential positive if you are in tourism)
- Portugal is most likely to be one of the two teams featured in the final match hosted in Vancouver, but it is far from certain (M96)

Questions?

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