

Day 6

Region IV is back in action today after a recovery / sightseeing day. After our typical breakfast, the coaching staff took the players down to a local plaza for a light regeneration session. Amongst the hustle and bustle of the city, the players got a chance to have a laugh, touch the ball, and get a much needed stretch. Post plaza workout, the players and coaches went back for some rest and relaxation.

After lunch, we packed into the vans and took to the road for an hour ride out to the town of Tristan Suarez. We managed to see most of Tristan Suarez due to the fact that our bus drivers didn't know the location of the stadium. After many locals were questioned as to the whereabouts, we finally found the stadium. Ironically, it was the largest building in the entire town. The stadium was amazing. It was obviously an older building, but it was kept up quite well. The field was walled off from the rest of the stadium, complete with chain link fence and barbed wire over the top.

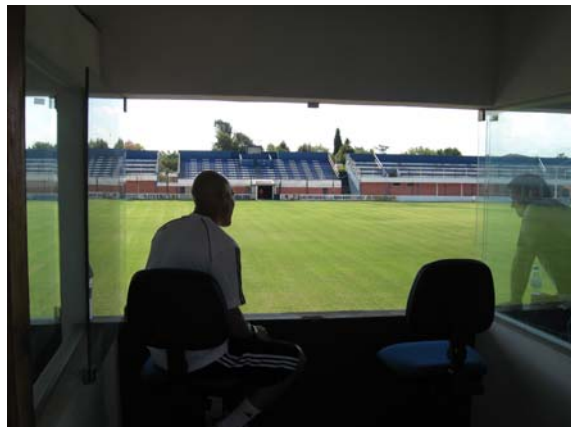
The day got hotter and hotter as the day went on, so at kickoff it was well over 100 degrees and very humid without a cloud in the sky. In spite of the weather, Region IV edged Tristan Suarez 3-2. The game's first goal was scored by Jacob Beerman in the 13th minute after a great combination between Neil Igancio and Juan Mendoza on the touchline. However, Region IV left them a mountain to climb after giving up two goals in the 25th and 27th minutes. After halftime, Region IV really started to unlock our opponent's defense. The fruits of their labor were two goals by Neil Ignacio on the 51st and 63rd minutes. It was a solid result in very difficult conditions.

After the game, we packed in the vans again, headed back to the hotel for dinner and some sleep. The players were very tired and needed to prepare for the next's days game at 10:30 am.

Starting Lineup (Substitutions) are below: Trent Sanders, Jordan Gibbs, Jacob Valadez, Edgar Rodriguez (Ryan Felix), Aaron Goo, Nico Johnson (Juan Gutierrez), Jacob Beerman (Jacob Martinez), Juan Mendoza, Andrew Trejo, Tanner Williams (Corey Christ), Neil Ignacio



The two teams at Tristan Suarez



Coach Josh Kalkstein sitting in Diego Maradona's private box at Tristan Suarez