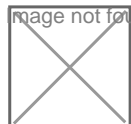


Argentina beats Canada 2-0 in Copa America opener

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Argentina vs Canada

Austin, United States, June 21 (PL) - Argentina, reigning world champion, defeated Canada 2-0 at the start of the 48th edition of the Copa America football tournament, held in several cities in the United States.

After a scoreless first half, the Albiceleste came out in the second half at the Mercedes-Benz Stadium with a greater intensity that was materialized in the 49th minute by Julián Álvarez, after a penetration by Alexis McCallister, to open the scoreboard and give Leonel Scaloni's team the lead.

With a marked dominance in possession of the ball and with several opportunities to score, including at least two missed chances by star player Lionel Messi, the sentence would come in the 88th minute thanks to a masterful assist by the 10, which was scored by striker Lautaro Martinez.

An intense, direct and physical game was the basis of the Canadian team's play, which was overcome by the technical quality of the South Americans, despite the fact that the latter were insecure in some defensive aspects.

Nevertheless, the North Americans showed the potential to dispute one of the tickets to the quarterfinals.

With this result, the Albicelestes confirmed themselves among the great favorites to be crowned in the oldest national team competition at continental level.

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