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 New Orleans at L.A. Clippers, 7:30 p.m.

Canada to face Belgium, Croatia and Morocco at World Cup

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 The Canadian Press

Canada's World Cup credentials will be put to the test this November in Qatar against Belgium, Croatia and Morocco in Group F.

While there were perhaps tougher destinations — Spain and Germany were drawn in Group E — it is a challenging group for the 38th-ranked Canadian men.

Belgium, which spent more than three years atop the FIFA rankings, is currently ranked second in the world while Croatia is No. 16 and Morocco No. 24. Only the top two teams in the group will advance to the round of 16 at the 32-country tournament.

Coach John Herdman was unfazed with a smile as wide as the support for his team.

"Brilliant," Herdman said of the group. "We wanted those type of games. You're going to a World Cup. There's no easy matches. And I think any team can beat any team in a given day. That's just tournament football."

Canada was the last name called out in Friday's draw for the tournament, which runs Nov. 21 through Dec. 18. Herdman called it a "surreal moment" after the Canadian men's 36-year absence from soccer's showcase.

"To have our team pulled out (out of a pot in the draw) and just to see that is real. Canada's on the big stage now," he said. "We're

not just heading to Qatar. We're ready to play in Qatar, where we know the teams we've got. We've got a wonderful opportunity ahead of us.

"Everything that came out of that draw was just opportunity for this country. The players — personally, professionally — the team collectively and as a country. What an opportunity."

Canada will open Nov. 23 against Belgium before facing Croatia on Nov. 27 and Morocco on Dec. 1.

The teams that come out of Group F will play one of the top two teams in Group E, which could mean a date with former champions Spain or Germany in the round of 16.

Herdman, whose team topped the final round of CONCACAF qualifying at 8-2-4,



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Former German soccer international and manager Lothar Matthaus, left, and former Qatari soccer international Adel Ahmed MalAllah look on as Serbian-Mexican retired soccer manager Bora Milutinovic holds up the name of Canada as he assists in the 2022 soccer World Cup draw at the Doha Exhibition and Convention Center in Doha, Qatar on Friday.

watched the draw from a TV studio in Toronto. The timeline was too tight to get to Doha from Panama City, where the Canadians wrapped up qualifying in a 1-0 loss Wednesday.

Croatia and Belgium finished second and third, respectively at the 2018 World Cup in Russia. Morocco went unbeaten in African qualifying (7-0-1), outscoring the opposition 25-3.

Star-studded Belgium moved into top spot in the FIFA world rankings in September 2018 and stayed there until this week, when it was leapfrogged by Brazil. The Red Devils lost 1-0 to eventual champion France in the semifinals of the 2018 World Cup before dispatching England 2-0 in the third-place game.

The Belgians won their World Cup qualifying group this time with a 6-0-2 record against Wales, the Czech Republic, Estonia and Belarus.

Croatia was runner-up to France in 2018. This time around it won Group H in European qualifying with a 7-1-2 record, finishing ahead of Russia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus and Malta while outscoring the opposition 21-4.

Morocco secured its World Cup berth with a 5-2 aggregate win over the Democratic Republic of Congo after going 6-0-0 in its initial group.

"This is what we want," said Herdman. "We want that underdog story. We'll be at our best when we rely on our grit, our spirit and then to bring that no fear (attitude), that opportunity that exists in those type of games against the best players in the world."

"People like Alistair Johnston, Kamal Miller, Jonathan Osorio, local Canadian boys get a chance to match themselves but tell a story in those games. So for us, there'll be a no fear mentality. Not naive, but no fear coming into this. Just see the opportunities to pioneer for this country and get after scoring that first goal for Canada at a (men's) World Cup."

The Canadian men have never faced Croatia. Canada and Belgium have played once before, with the Belgians winning 2-0 in Ottawa in June 1989. Canada is winless in three meetings with Morocco (0-2-1) with the most recent meeting a 4-0 loss in Marrakech in October 2016 under interim coach Michael Findlay.

Goalkeeper Milan Borjan and midfielders Samuel Piette and Osorio, members of the current Canadian squad, all started in that game against Morocco.

In Qatar, Canadians will get to see their team go up against such marquee men as Belgium's Kevin De Bruyne (Manchester City), Romelu Lukaku (Chelsea) and Thibaut Courtois and Eden Hazard (both Real Madrid) as well as Croatia's Luka Modric (Real Madrid) and Ivan Perisic (Inter Milan) and Morocco's Achraf Hakimi (Paris Saint-Germain), Abde Ezzalzouli (Barcelona) and Yassine Bounou (Sevilla FC).

"As footballers we want to challenge ourselves against the best and we have that opportunity here," said Osorio.

While Canada will be playing CONCACAF Nations League matches in June, Herdman said there will be an opportunity to play a friendly game in Canada at the beginning of the international window. He said he will look to take the team to Europe in the fall to play more matches to prepare for Qatar.

The Canadian men have played just two non-CONCACAF teams since Herdman took over in January 2018 - a 1-0 loss to Iceland in January 2020 and a 1-0 win over New Zealand in March 2018 in Herdman's first game at the helm.

Herdman's record with the Canadian men is 29-8-4 with the only losses to the U.S. (twice), Mexico (twice), Haiti, Iceland, Costa Rica and Panama.

The Canadians drew France, Hungary and the Soviet Union as first-round opponents in their only other visit to soccer's showcase - Mexico '86. Canada lost all three matches and was outscored 5-0.

Friday's draw had Canada in Pot 4, which featured the lowest-ranked qualified teams. Rules of the draw meant that the Canadians could not be put in a group with fellow CONCACAF qualifiers Mexico and the U.S.

Hopes were raised when the U.S. and Mexico went into Groups B and C respectively, leaving Group A open for a CONCACAF team with host Qatar, at No. 51 the lowest-ranked seed in Pot 1. Ecuador, the second team out of Pot 4, landed in Group A.

Still, Canada dodged several bullets.

The winner of intercontinental playoff 1 — either the United Arab Emirates/Australia or Peru — was drawn in Group A but had to move to Group D to stay away from fellow confederation teams. That meant Canada would not face France, Denmark and Tunisia.

PUBLIC NOTICES



DEVELOPMENT PERMITS APPROVED MARCH 24 TO MARCH 30, 2022 PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

RESIDENTIAL

- 2434 JACKSON PLACE SE** (Lot 18, Block 40, Plan 1266JK) PLDP20220181. Garage.
- 1930 16 STREET SE** (Lot 31, Block 5, Plan 317LK) PLDP20220189. Single Detached House (Covered Deck).
- 11 STERLING GREEN SE** (Lot 16, Block 14, Plan 1412603) PLDP20220194. Single Detached House.
- 128 HAMPTONS CRESCENT SE** (Lot 17, Block 8, Plan 1712252) PLDP20220218. Single Detached House.
- 140 HAMPTONS CRESCENT SE** (Lot 20, Block 8, Plan 1712252) PLDP20220220. Single Detached House.
- 5502 STRACHAN ROAD SE** (Block A, Plan 5073JK) PLDP20220232. Garage (Addition).
- 1280 CROCKFORD CRESCENT NW** (Lot 18, Block 2, Plan 6641JK) PLDP20220250. Garage (Gazebo).



COMMERCIAL

- 90 GEHRING ROAD SW** (Section 24, Township 12, Range 6, Meridian 4) PLDP20220228. Recreation Facility (Covered Driving Range).
 - 644 2 STREET SE** (Lot 26, Block 6, Plan 1491) PLDP20220242. Restaurant (Patio).
- ### HOME OCCUPATION
- 320 14 STREET NE** (Lot 24, Block 3, Plan 1433HS) PLDP20211258. Customers To Attend Site. Beauty Salon.
 - 236 VISTA ROAD SE** (Lot 60, Block 9, Plan 0513854) PLDP20220171. Office With Storage On Site. Electrician.
 - 2 549 BELFAST STREET SE** (Lots 6 & 7, Block 65, Plan 61685) PLDP20220177. Office Use Only. Moving and Storage Company.
 - 3026 COTTONWOOD WAY SW** (Lot 3, Block 2, Plan 9811623) PLDP20220198. Office With Storage On Site. Online Sales (Baked Goods).
 - 58 BURNS CRESCENT NW** (Lot 15, Block 4, Plan 703HE) PLDP20220199. Office With Storage On Site. Online Sales (Gift Baskets And Stepping Stones).

A person claiming to be affected by a decision of the Development Officer or the Municipal Planning Commission may appeal to the Medicine Hat Subdivision and Development Appeal Board by completing and submitting to the City Clerk Department, the required Notice of Appeal form within twenty one (21) days of this publication. Notice of Appeal forms are available from the City Clerk Department, Third Floor, City Hall or on the City's website at www.medicinehat.ca.

All Development Permits listed are subject to conditions. Further information on any Development Permit may be obtained from the Planning & Development Services Department, Second Floor, City Hall during normal business hours (Telephone 403.529.8374).

YARD WASTE COLLECTION STARTS

Regular collection of yard waste material starts **Monday, April 11, 2022!**

Yard Waste collection occurs on the same day as household waste and recycling collection.

Download the Recycle Coach smartphone App or refer to www.medicinehat.ca/collectionschedule to determine your first scheduled yard waste collection day.

To ensure successful collection of yard waste materials, please remember the following tips:

- Place grass clippings and other yard materials loosely in the yard waste cart
- Cut branches and trimmings to less than 3ft (1m) in length and 2in (5cm) in diameter to fit inside the cart
- To allow for yard materials to fall freely from the yard waste cart, do not over pack or overfill the cart
- Only materials inside the yard waste cart will be collected
- Yard waste carts contaminated with plastic bags, garbage or food waste will not be collected
- Be sure to set all carts 3ft (1m) apart and away from all obstacles

If you do not have a yard waste cart or would like more information, refer to www.medicinehat.ca/yardwaste or contact City Assets Environmental Utilities at 403.529.8176 or by email to eu@medicinehat.ca.

8AM - 4PM SPECIAL SERVICES

- Electric Outages..... 403.529.8260
- Gas Emergency..... 403.529.8191
- Water & Sewer Emergency..... 403.502.8042
- After Hours Special Services..... 403.526.2828

PROTECT WATER LINES FROM FREEZING

The following actions should be considered to protect your water lines:

- Repair broken windows and ensure windows/vents are closed during the winter.
- Insulate water pipes in unheated areas, including crawl spaces.
- For sinks located against a non-insulated outside wall:
 - Open the vanity door to allow warm air to reach the water pipes.
 - A light bulb placed near the water pipe may generate enough heat to keep the water flowing.
 - Heat tape wrapped around the pipe may keep the pipe from freezing.
- Residents of mobile homes should check the condition of the heat tape on their water service and water meter.
- Protect unheated indoor water meter with an insulated box and water pipes should be wrapped in insulation using heat tape.
- Outside water taps and underground sprinkler systems should have the water supply shut off inside the house at the isolation valve for the tap.
- Sprinkler lines and taps should be drained/blown out.
- A thin stream of water (as thick as a pen) running continuously from at least one tap will help prevent a frozen water service.
- If you plan to be away from home over the winter period, close the main water isolation valve located next to the water meter in your home. You should leave the heat on in your home and have someone check inside your home daily while you're away.

A frozen water service, or a burst water pipe, is an inconvenience and expense that most people would like to avoid. Please take all possible precautions to prevent this happening in your home or business.

For more information, refer to www.medicinehat.ca or contact City Assets Environmental Utilities at 403.529.8176.

REVISED DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING - APRIL 18, 2022 PUBLIC NOTICE OF ROAD CLOSURE BYLAW #4695 LANE/ROAD WEST OF 511 SPENCER STREET SE

The municipal council of the City of the Medicine Hat gave First Reading on Tuesday, February 22, 2022 to Bylaw #4695, a road closure bylaw. The purpose of Bylaw #4695 is to close the lane/road west of 511 Spencer Street SE in order to consolidate the 203, 301, 507, & 511 Spencer Street lots. The subject lane/road has not operated as a road and there are no other adjacent privately owned properties that would use this area for access.

A Public Hearing in general accordance with the Municipal Government Act and the City's Procedure Bylaw, and consideration of the Second/Third Readings of proposed Bylaw #4695 will be held in the City Hall Council Chambers (580 First Street SE) on Monday, April 18, 2022 beginning at approximately 6:30 pm. This meeting will be open to the public with adjustments in place to ensure alignment with current Alberta Health requirements related to COVID-19. Any person who claims to be affected by the proposed bylaw may make representation to City Council at the Public Hearing. Oral submissions are limited to five minutes.

Anyone wishing to have a written submission concerning this proposed bylaw placed before the City Council must submit it to: City Clerk Department, 580 First Street SE, Medicine Hat, Alberta T1A 8E6

by 12:00 noon, Wednesday, April 13, 2022.

All submissions are treated as public documents.

For further information, or to view a copy of proposed Bylaw #4695 and related documents, please contact Invest Medicine Hat at 403.529.8148. Bylaw #4695 may also be accessed via the 'Proposed Bylaws' section on the City's website at www.medicinehat.ca.

Dated at the City of Medicine Hat, in the Province of Alberta, this 2nd day of April, 2022.

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