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Subject: FWC26 Final Draw Results -- Who's Playing in Vancouver?

Dear Mayor and Council,

As you know, this morning was the Final Draw for the FWC26, which determined which teams would be playing matches in Vancouver, and tomorrow we will learn the time of day each match will be played, which is very important for our operational planning.

We hosted a fantastic Final Draw viewing event this morning at Craft Beer Market False Creek, and I want to acknowledge the many FWC26 Host Committee team members who planned and delivered that event seamlessly – there were over 600 people there – members of the public, various hosting partners, elected officials, VIPs, and media – the energy in the room was very positive, very excited, and very appreciative ... it was great to experience.

Here is an overview of what we learned today...

- There are 48 teams playing 104 matches across the 16 Host Cities, and Vancouver will host 7 of these matches at BC Place
 - Five confirmed Group Stage matches in Vancouver (there are 12 groups with four teams per group, and this is the first round of the tournament, in which each team will play three games in the group stage – one against every team in its group, and the two teams in each group advance to the knockout stage)
 1. June 13: Australia vs country tbd March 2026 (Group D)
 2. June 18: Canada vs Qatar (Group B)
 3. June 24: Canada vs Switzerland (Group B)
 4. June 21: Either Belgium vs Iran, or New Zealand vs Egypt, tbc tomorrow (Group G)
 5. June 26: Either New Zealand, vs Belgium or Egypt vs Iran, tbc tomorrow (Group G)
 - Two matches in Vancouver with countries not yet determined, teams to be confirmed after the completion of the Group Stage, which ends June 27, 2026
 6. One "Round of 32" match (32 teams competing)
 7. One "Round of 16" match (16 teams competing)

Full details are available via the FIFA [release available here](#).

The Final Draw today marks a big pivot point for our team and all the hosting partners, as we now move into an intense focus on delivering on all of our Host City obligations, and we will continue to keep you apprised as things progress.

All the best,

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