

# U.S. women soccer adds to winning start at Olympics

Solo not bothered by 'Zika' crowd chants in Brazil

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RIO DE JANEIRO — The first Olympics in Brazil are underway — aptly with soccer games in the sport's spiritual home and a win for the hosts.

In Rio de Janeiro's Olympic Stadium, the Brazilian women's team eased to a 3-0 victory at the start of its quest for a first Olympic gold.

It's an early sporting high for Brazil, where reservations about the cost of bringing the Olympics to South America for the first time have produced violent reactions.

As the Olympic torch relay reached Rio, there were fresh signs that strife could disrupt the games.

Police used tear gas to break up protests against salary delays for public workers. Other protesters are demanding improvements in education and health-care, with some angered by the 39.1 billion Brazilian reals (\$12 billion) — a mix of public and private money — being spent on building venues and infrastructure for the Olympics.

Brazil embarked on its Olympics bid at a time of prosperity in 2006, but the games are opening with the country in the grip of its worst recession in decades.

But there was a cause for celebrations on the football field as headers from Monica and Cristiane either side of Andressa Alves' 59th-minute strike secured Brazil's opening win over China.

The Olympic Stadium was fuller than earlier in the day when Sweden beat South Africa 1-0 in the other Group E game but the majority of seats did not appear to be filled.



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**U.S. goalkeeper Hope Solo holds the ball during a women's Olympic soccer match at the Mineirao Stadium in Belo Horizonte, Brazil, Wednesday. Solo says she was not bothered by fans who chanted "Zika, Zika" at her as the U.S. team defeated New Zealand, 2-0, in its Olympic debut. The crowd jeered the goalkeeper with the reference to the virus that has scared many athletes ahead of the Rio Games.**

The stadium is also known as Joao Havelange Stadium, named after the 100-year-old Brazilian who led soccer's governing body FIFA for 24 years. Havelange stepped down as honorary president of FIFA in 2013 to avoid possible suspension for taking kickbacks.

At the Mineirao Stadium in Belo Horizonte, site of Brazil's humiliating 7-1 loss to Germany in the World Cup semi-final two years ago, the U.S. women's team opened its bid for a fourth straight gold medal with a 2-0 win over New Zealand. Near the end of the game, local fans chanted "Zika, Zika" at American goalkeeper Hope Solo, who before coming to

the Olympics upset some Brazilians by tweeting a photo of herself wearing a hat with mosquito netting in a reference to the virus.

In the final game of the day in Belo Horizonte, France cruised past Colombia 4-0 to take the group lead over the Americans.

The soccer in Sao Paulo saw a piece of Olympic history created by Canada. Janine Beekie took only 20 seconds to make a mark on her third Summer Games by scoring the fastest goal ever at the Olympics in a 2-0 win over Australia. It was nine seconds faster than Oribe Peralta's strike for Mexico in the men's gold medal match

against Brazil four years ago in London.

Canada had to cope from the 19th minute with only 10 women after Shelina Zadorsky was sent off for dragging down Michelle Heyman on her way to goal. But Canada still prevented Australia from equalizing and captain Christine Sinclair added a second in the 78th.

In Sao Paulo, Melanie Behringer scored a pair of goals as three-time bronze medalist Germany routed newcomer Zimbabwe 6-1.

The men's soccer competition starts with eight games Thursday, with Brazil playing South Africa in the capital Brasilia.

# Gearhart Bowl fall leagues kick off soon

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— 33 weeks, beginning Sept. 12.

Fall bowling leagues are now forming for Gearhart Bowl, 3518 Highway 101 N.

League play begins in September, and length of league varies within the different formats. There is a minimum of four people per team. If less than four, Gearhart Bowl can assist in placing bowlers with a group.

Forms are available at [www.gearhartbowl.com](http://www.gearhartbowl.com), or call 503-738-5333 for details.

The fall leagues include: The "Monday Night League"

Tuesday Night League includes 21 weeks of bowling, beginning Sept. 13. Wednesday Night League begins Sept. 14.

Gearhart Bowl's new "Thursday Night Footbowl League" begins Sept. 8. In a new scoring format, the only scores that count are Strikes (touchdowns), worth seven points; and Spares (field goals), worth three points.

Gearhart Bowl's big screens will be showing Thursday Night Football during league play.

# Tee off for a good cause

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It will be a day of golf and fun at the Seaside Golf Club, Sept. 24, in the first annual Sunset Park and Recreation Golf Tournament.

The event will benefit the organization's foundation's scholarships that support "access to positive life activities for children, youth and adults" in the South County. There will be prizes and contests throughout the tournament, with food and beverages available for purchase. Family and friends are welcome.

The golf tournament will be a four-person, 18-hole shotgun-style tournament. Tee-off time is 9 a.m. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. at the Seaside Golf Course, 451 Avenue U.

Tickets are \$100 per person. Carts are limited and are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

E-mail [sunsetparksandrecfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:sunsetparksandrecfoundation@gmail.com) to sign up and select a tee time. Cash and checks are both accepted. Checks can be made out to Sunset Park and Recreation Foundation. Respond by Aug. 31.

# Trio of solo homers enough as Mariners beat Red Sox

Associated Press

SEATTLE — Rick Porcello went nearly three months without a loss. A trio of swings from Nelson Cruz, Mike Zunino and Adam Lind were enough to bring that long winning streak to an end. Cruz, Zunino and Lind all

hit solo home runs, Hisashi Iwakuma threw 7 1/3 shutout innings and the Seattle Mariners beat the Boston Red Sox 3-1 on Wednesday night.

Seattle handed Porcello (14-3) his first loss since May 17, snapping a streak of eight straight wins by the Boston right-hander.

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