

87th-minute goal by Bobby Wood lifts U.S. squad to 2-1 win in Germany

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COLOGNE, Germany — Five days after beating the Netherlands for the first time, the United States defeated Germany in Germany for the first time.

The Americans could not be more confident heading into next month's CONCACAF Gold Cup.

"It makes us world champions, right?" goalkeeper Brad Guzan joked after the 2-1 victory over the Germans on June 10.

Bobby Wood, whose 90th-minute goal gave the U.S. a 4-3 win in Amsterdam on June 5, scored in the 87th minute for the improbable victory in an exhibition against the nation that won last year's World Cup in Brazil.

U.S. captain Michael Bradley passed to Brad Evans, wide on the right flank, and Evans made a 25-yard diagonal pass to Wood, who had entered in the 74th minute. Wood trapped the ball just outside the arc, swivelled, took a touch, and sent a 23-yard shot on a hop past goalkeeper Ron-Robert Zieler.

"I think we did that like 20 times yesterday," Wood said. "It's kind of funny that it happened that exact way."

It was just the second international goal for the 22-year-old from Hawai'i, whose German club, Erzgebirge Auehas, was relegated to the third division during a season in which he was slowed by injury.

"Bobby Wood is a work in progress," U.S. coach Jurgen Klinsmann said. "He had a very difficult season."

The U.S. had lost its previous two games against the Germans in Germany: 2-4 in 2002 and 1-4 in 2006. The Americans survived a scare in injury time, when Sami Khedira bounced a header off the crossbar.

"It's such a monumental win for us as a country and a federation," Guzan said. "It's important that we build some momentum going into the Gold Cup. We know ultimately this summer is about us winning the Gold Cup. That's our No. 1 goal."

The Americans won the 2013 Gold Cup title and would earn a berth in the Confederations Cup if they win this year's tournament. If another nation wins, it would meet the U.S. in a playoff for the Confederations Cup spot.

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FABULOUS FINISHES. Bobby Wood of the United States scores a goal during an international friendly soccer match between Germany and the United States in Cologne, western Germany, on Wednesday, June 10. Five days after beating the Netherlands for the first time, the United States defeated Germany in Germany for the first time. Hawai'i-born Wood, whose 90th-minute goal gave the U.S. a 4-3 win in Amsterdam on June 5, scored in the 87th minute for the improbable victory in an exhibition against the nation that won last year's World Cup in Brazil. (AP Photo/Frank Augstein)

"We should feel like, as we head into big, important games in the Gold Cup, that we have nothing to be afraid of, and we can step on the field against any team and can cause anybody trouble and can beat anybody," Bradley said.

Mario Goetze put the top-ranked Germans ahead in the 12th minute off a pass from Patrick Herrmann, who was making his national team debut and left three defenders in his wake.

Mix Diskerud tied the score for the 27th-ranked U.S. in the 41st minute when he ran into a precise 20-yard pass from Bradley, and with the laces of his outstretched right boot kicked it in from about six yards. That culminated a 30-pass, 90-second sequence for the Americans.

"Just a regular kind of half-American, half-Norwegian volley. A little extra jump there," said Diskerud, whose mother is from the U.S. and whose father is from Norway.

Klinsmann, who sang both national anthems before kickoff, won against the country he led to the 1990 World Cup title as a player and coached to third place in 2006. Germany is coached by Joachim Loew, Klinsmann's assistant from 2004-2006.

"We should have scored a second. We lost pace through a lot of substitutions in the second half. The result is frustrating, but we can live with that," Loew said. "The Americans have improved a lot over the past couple of years."

Notes: Germany was also scheduled to play a European Championship qualifier against Gibraltar late in the week.

No. 1 goalkeeper Manuel Neuer was left off the roster, along with Thomas Mueller and Toni Kroos, as the stars were rested after their club seasons. The U.S. had not beaten the world's No. 1 team since upsetting Spain at the 2009 Confederations Cup. The Americans scored multiple goals in consecutive games in Europe for the first time since 1979, according to the U.S. Soccer Federation.

Appeals court: No birthright citizenship for American Samoa

WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal appeals court says people from the South Pacific islands of American Samoa do not have a right to U.S. citizenship simply because they were born on the U.S. territory.

The U.S. Court of

Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit rejected a lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of federal laws that make those born in American Samoa U.S. nationals, but not citizens, like those born in Puerto Rico and other territories.

The three-judge panel said the U.S. Constitution does not automatically extend birthright citizenship to the nation's self-governing political territories.

One American-Samoan-born plaintiff in the lawsuit

said he wanted to become a law enforcement officer in California. Because he isn't a citizen, he cannot.

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Anniversary of first Everest climb marked as industry frets

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route, saying it was unsafe and there was not enough time to transport all the necessary aluminum ladders and tie ropes, dig a path, and then finish climbs before the end of the season.

The government charges \$11,000 per climber and makes an average of \$3.5 million in permit fees per year. Many of those who were to climb Everest this year had permits last year that were renewed due to the shortened 2014 season.

Nepal's Tourism and Civil Aviation minister Kripasur Sherpa said the government would consider renewing those permits once more, but that so far, no one had asked.

Crowe apologizes for casting Emma Stone in part-Asian role

NEW YORK (AP) — Cameron Crowe has apologized for offending anyone over his casting of Emma Stone in a partially Asian, partially Hawaiian role in his film *Aloha*.

Stone's character, captain Allison Ng, is a quarter Hawaiian, and she has a half-Chinese father. In a message posted on his website, TheUncool.com, Crowe said the character was always intended to be someone frustrated that she lacked outward signs of her ethnicity.

"I have heard your words and your disappointment, and I offer you a heartfelt apology to all who felt this was an odd or misguided casting choice," wrote Crowe.

Some criticized Stone's casting as another example of Hollywood white-washing Asian-American movie roles. The Media Action Network for Asian Americans called the film "an insult to the diverse culture and fabric of Hawai'i." Some Native Hawaiians have disapproved of the film's title as a misappropriation of Hawaiian culture.

Crowe, however, disputed the notion that *Aloha*, which stars Bradley Cooper as a military contractor returning to Hawai'i, merely used the state as an exotic backdrop.

"We were extremely proud to present the island, the locals, and the film community with many jobs for over four months," Crowe said. "Emma Stone was chief among those who did tireless research, and if any part of her fine characterization has caused consternation and controversy, I am the one to blame."

Aloha has been pilloried by critics and debuted weakly at the box office with \$9.7 million for Sony Pictures. The film last year also came up in e-mails revealed in the Sony hacking that depicted then-chairwoman Amy Pascal regretting the movie.

It has been a humbling release for Crowe, the writer-director of *Jerry Maguire*, *Almost Famous*, and *Say Anything*. Crowe said in the Sony e-mails about its release, *Aloha* has "felt like a misunderstood movie." But he concluded saying he is "grateful for the dialogue."

"From the many voices, loud and small, I have learned something very inspiring," wrote Crowe. "So many of us are hungry for stories with more racial diversity, more truth in representation, and I am anxious to help tell those stories in the future."

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