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Buoyed by fans in Toronto, Croatia ekes out win over Panama **Feschuk A13**



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Croatia captain Luka Modric is hoisted by teammates after their 1-0 victory over Panama in Toronto on Tuesday.

Today's match could take Canada to the next level



BRUCE ARTHUR
OPINION

VANCOUVER As a men's soccer nation Canada has mostly had to beg for scraps, to gnaw at the edges, to be grateful for the chance to fail. Our women conquered the Olympics; our men were hinterland folk, minor figures, peering up at the global football

circus and wishing they belonged. Now, less than a week after Canada's first-ever win at a men's World Cup, the door is open. On Wednesday, Canada concludes Group B play against 19th-ranked Switzerland, the group favourite; if Canada wins or draws, it plays a round-of-32 match in Vancouver against a third-place group finisher, in front of another massive Canadian crowd, without the friction or inconvenience of travel, and with extra rest. And the country stays here with them.

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Picture of 'calm under pressure'



Canada looks to Saliba to help fill void left by injured Koné **A15**

Carney sidelined at least 17 times by ethics screen, documents show

PM removed from deliberations to avoid conflicts of interest

ALEX BALLINGALL
DEPUTY OTTAWA BUREAU CHIEF

OTTAWA Prime Minister Mark Carney's corporate past has prevented him from participating in at least 17 "situations" involving his own government, including discussions of a payout of up to \$3.1 billion

to support housing loans, the possible export of electricity to the United States, and the creation of this week's new nuclear energy plan.

The revelation is contained in letters that the Privy Council Office — the branch of the bureaucracy that supports the Prime Minister's Office — sent to a parliamentary com-

mittee that probed the "screens" Carney set up last year to protect himself from conflicts of interest.

Last year, after Carney succeeded Justin Trudeau as prime minister and stayed in power through the spring federal election, his office created a "conflict of interest screen."

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Montreal mourns officer, bystander killed in shooting

Accused gunman reportedly wrote hate-filled manifesto

THE CANADIAN PRESS

MONTREAL Messages of sympathy and support poured into a multicultural Montreal neighbourhood on Tuesday, as locals reflected on a horrific shooting outside a hotel one day earlier that left three people dead.

The accused man — 25-year-old Seth Scott Hatfield — was studying philosophy at the University of Lethbridge in Alberta, the school said.

Police said two officers were shot; one was killed, along with a bystander, and the shooter died in the crossfire.

Multiple Quebec media outlets have reported the gunman wrote a manifesto expressing hatred toward women and calling for more violence.

"Violence, such as the actions that occurred yesterday, has no place in our society," said the university's statement on Tuesday.

"The university also strongly condemns the views and ideologies that have been attributed to the shooter in media reports."

Lethbridge police said they were assisting Montreal investigators.

Officers were also conducting a high-risk search at a home about two kilometres from the university.

Montreal police officer Mohamed Lamine Benredouane, 34, who had been on the force since 2021, and bystander Michel Mizrahi, 68, were killed in the shooting.

Yves Francoeur, head of the police brotherhood, said in a statement that Benredouane was a man of honour and courage.

"Our colleague gave his life to protect the citizens of Montreal, remaining faithful to the oath he took until the very end," Francoeur said.

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