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Red, white and 2-0!

Atlanta rejoices as U.S. picks up second win of the World Cup, securing a place in the knockout rounds.



Fans celebrate the United States' shutout win against Australia at the FIFA Fan Festival in Centennial Olympic Park in Atlanta during the World Cup on Friday. PHOTOS BY JASON GETZ/AJC

The U.S. men's national team won its second straight game at this World Cup, defeating Australia 2-0 on Friday in Seattle to clinch a spot in the knockout round. The U.S. scored on an Australian own goal and on a header from Alex Freeman, then held on to shut out Australia, even as the game got chippy. The U.S. played well even without star Christian Pulisic, who continues to nurse a calf injury. Last week, the U.S. dismantled Paraguay 4-1.



Tanner Toombs, of Kennesaw, celebrates the U.S. win at the FIFA Fan Festival in Centennial Olympic Park on Friday.

ATLANTA WORLD CUP GROUP STAGE MATCHES

Atlanta Stadium (aka Mercedes-Benz Stadium)
MONDAY
 Spain 0, Cape Verde 0
THURSDAY
 Czechia 1, South Africa 1
SUNDAY
 Spain vs. Saudi Arabia, noon
WEDNESDAY
 Morocco vs. Haiti, 6 p.m.
JUNE 27
 DR of Congo vs. Uzbekistan, 7:30 p.m.

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Democrats warn Georgia redistricting fight not over

GOP could revive efforts after midterms, when the political fallout might be less severe.

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Georgia Democrats celebrated Wednesday after Republican leaders abandoned their push to redraw the state's legislative and congressional districts this summer.

But many also greeted the news with skepticism, warning that GOP leaders could revive the effort after the November elections, when the political fallout might be less severe.

"It is a win for the people of Georgia, who clearly stood up and said we're not going to have this and made the Republicans back down," state Democratic Party Chair Charlie Bailey said moments after the delay was announced.

Still, he questioned whether Republicans were merely delaying the fight.

"Are they trying to be cute with this, and are they trying to leave a back door open? Because we're going to make sure the people of Georgia understand that as well," he said.

In a letter to Gov. Brian Kemp, House Speaker Jon Burns cited pending litigation over the state's current maps as the reason why the redistricting push should be paused. He said lawmakers would also insist on gathering public input.

"We look forward to holding joint reapportionment meetings to hear from voters in every corner of the state, ensuring every citizen of our state has an opportunity to make their voice heard in a fair and bipartisan environment," Burns said.

Burns and other GOP leaders haven't ruled out revisiting the maps later this year, something that President Donald Trump has urged after the landmark U.S. Supreme Court ruling that rolled back Voting Rights Act protections.

The reversal frustrated some Republican leaders. Gov. Brian Kemp and Lt. Gov. Burt Jones both called for legislators to move ahead with the overhaul, and Jones

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Kemp's political gambles crumble in dual defeats

In an unmistakable test of the governor's vision for the GOP, Georgia's voters charted a starkly different course.

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Gov. Brian Kemp spent years building a political machine that dominated state politics. On Tuesday, Republican voters delivered one of the clearest rebukes of his political career.

The governor's hand-picked U.S. Senate candidate, Derek Dooley, lost to U.S. Rep. Mike Collins. His surprise pick for governor, Lt. Gov. Burt Jones, was defeated by billionaire Rick Jackson.

Taken together, the losses amounted to a stunning setback for a Republican governor who entered his final year in office at the height of his influence.

Add to that Wednesday's reversal, when Republican legislative leaders rejected Kemp's push to overhaul Georgia's political boundaries during a special session



Gov. Brian Kemp addresses supporters while campaigning for U.S. Senate candidate Derek Dooley in downtown Carrollton on Monday. MIGUEL MARTINEZ/AJC

despite the governor's objections.

But it was the defeat of Dooley that stung the most. His endorsement was never just a simple show of support.

Kemp recruited the former football coach to run for the U.S. Senate. He tried

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Expanded July red snapper fishing season put on ice

Court thwarts plan to add days, but Georgia hopes to salvage a 30- to 60-day season for the fall.

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SAVANNAH — It's called "fishing," not "catching."

So goes an unlucky fisherman's joke. But off the coast of Georgia and neighboring states, a reportedly robust red snapper population has recreational anglers casting for a longer catch season after 15 years of restrictions that limited fishing to four days or less each summer.

Not everyone has taken the bait.

Georgia officials late Thursday withdrew plans for a two-month red snapper season that was to open July 1 after a federal court injunction against state-run programs in Georgia, Florida, North Carolina and South Carolina for the Atlantic coast.

Fisheries managers in those states had meant to use the expanded season for recreational anglers as a measurement tool to gauge the health of the species. A con-



An angler off Florida's coast holds up a red snapper before releasing it. If not released using special tools, red snapper have little chance to return to their depths. AP 2026

sortium of commercial fishermen argued in a lawsuit it could threaten the red snapper's recovery.

Georgia plans to tweak its program to address the court's concerns and resubmit it for approval. The goal is a 30- to 60-day

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TODAY'S TOP STORIES INSIDE



LOCAL, A2

How Atlanta tackles football and fútbol

Both sports are taking cues from each other, influencing how football breaks into Europe and soccer in the States. And Atlanta's an early example of that evolution.



GEORGIA TAXATION, A3

State's tax error hits DeKalb County schools

The School District owes about \$10 million to Atlanta Public Schools and City Schools of Decatur due to an error in how the state hands out sales tax revenue.



SPORTS, B1

3 women make history at Men's World Cup

Referees Tori Penso, Brooke Mayo and Kathryn Nesbitt officiated Thursday, making them the first all-female American crew to take part at a Men's World Cup.



SPORTS, B1

Tech coach to enter college Hall of Fame

Legendary Georgia Tech baseball coach Danny Hall will be inducted into the College Baseball Hall of Fame, the College Baseball Foundation announced.



LIVING, C1

For dads, knowledge is a very healthy idea

This Father's Day, doctors say one of the most meaningful gifts families can give dads is a nudge to schedule potentially life-saving health screenings and checkups.

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