
Peru Eclipsed Chile in Copa America

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In times of eclipse, many today make the simile by pointing out that Peru came between Chile and its hopes to reach the third championship in a row in Copa America 2019.

In fact the victory of Peruvians was unexpected, the more so with a 3-0 score that silenced the several Chilean fans who traveled to the Brazilian city of Porto Alegre and the many who in Santiago de Chile had bought their vuvcelas to blow them at Plaza Italia.

It was a weird match, in which Peru seize all the opportunities while Chile despite a strong offensive throughout the entire game could not score once.

As there is always someone to blame, analyzing the game on Thursday, fans took it on goalkeeper Gabriel Arias, who made a serious mistake that allowed the second goal of Peru.

Arias came out of the area recklessly trying to cut off the advance of a rival, but the play ended with a cross for Yoshimar Yotún, who shot on an empty goal line.

However, Colombian coach Reinaldo Rueda had already defended the goalkeeper when he declared to the press that 'Gabriel has been great, he had a very good competition and came out champion with Racing having a great performance. We cannot just go to extremes. We cannot crucify him. '

Instead, he said “that the entire team had not worked today” and explained that “maybe we wanted to play the final match before playing this game. We entered the field thinking about Sunday. Avoiding a yellow card, a foul, thinking about the final ’.

Some commentators went further and said that **La Roja** requires a renewal with young blood, because the stars of the so-called golden generation are already in another dimension, playing in great world clubs, and meeting eventually for the Copa America is not enough.

On his behalf, from Brazil, Arturo Vidal summarized the defeat with “I’m sad. They fulfilled the two chances they had and made the difference. The goalkeeper had great interventions. We kept fighting, but in the semifinals we cannot make mistakes like that. We gave them an advantage. I congratulate Peru for entering the final.”

After losing the hope of a third championship, he reluctantly spoke about the game on Saturday against Argentina for the third place: 'It will be a match of little importance. It's only a formality.'
