



Current U.S. national team coach April Heinrichs (in blue) captained the United States against Canada during the 1991 World Cup qualifying campaign that drew huge crowds. Can you name the country where qualifying was held?

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A rich World Cup tradition

Book traces colorful U.S. history of the men and women in qualifying and finals.

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"The United States Tackles The World Cup," by Roger Allaway and Colin Jose (St. Johann Press, 213 pages), fills a void on the American soccer publishing scene,

chronicling every game the U.S. men and women have played in qualifying.

The United States has an illustrious history in the World Cup. The U.S. men reached the semifinals of the first World Cup (1930), beat England in what was

at the time the biggest upset in the tournament's history (1950) and played in the past four finals (1990-2002). The United States won two of the first three Women's World Cups (1991 and 1999).

Still, there's been little written about the United States in the World Cup, particularly its qualifying campaigns.

The authors, U.S. soccer historians who collaborated with David Litterer on "The Encyclopedia of American Soccer," recap the colorful history in the World Cup. Can you answer these trivia questions about qualifying?

(1) What semipro team represented the United States against Canada in two World Cup qualifiers in 1957? a. New York

Hakoah, b. St. Louis Kutis, c. Los Angeles Kickers, d. Chicago Ukrainian Lions.

(2) In what country has the United States drawn the largest crowds for Women's World Cup qualifying? a. Haiti, b. Canada, c. United States, d. Mexico.

(3) Who gave up coaching the men's national team in the middle of qualifying to become a soccer commissioner? a. Don Garber, b. Clive Toye, c. Phil Woosnam, d. Howard Samuels.

(4) What city hosted the first U.S. home game in World Cup qualifying? a. Los Angeles, b. New York, c. St. Louis, d. Long Beach.

Answers: (1) b. (2) a. (3) c. (4) d.