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It had been a long day. Much, much longer than Enzo Maresca had wanted. Play was suspended for nearly two hours waiting for the weather to pass over Charlotte, but the storm whipped up by the Chelsea coachs post-match comments threatens to rumble on much longer.Its a joke, he said after Chelsea's Club World Cup knockout clash with Benfica was held up for 113 minutes, the sixth storm-enforced delay of the tournament and the third hour-plus interruption. And he kept using those words a joke while making clear he did not see the funny side, despite seeing his team run out 4-1 winners after extra time in a match that kicked off at 4pm local time and did not conclude until 8.38pm.For me, its not football, he said in his post-match news conference. Its already seven, eight, nine (in fact six) games that they suspended. I can understand that for security (safety) reasons you are to suspend the game. But if you suspend seven, eight games, that means that probably is not the right place to do this competition.Maresca was asked whether, by not the right place, he meant Charlotte specifically or the U.S. more widely.No, no, no, he said, initially appearing to backtrack before standing his ground. Im saying that (i) if in this competition they already suspended six, seven, eight games, probably there is something that is not working well. Because in football, its not normal to suspend a game.You will not, at the time of writing, find any of those quotes on FIFAs or Chelsea's website or social media channels. It would be an understatement to say it was at odds with the hype, clappy messaging that is preferred in Gianni Infantinos Club World Cup. The tournaments official social media feed did not even mention the hold-up in its live updates.Maresca went on, repeating the same point, explaining his frustration that the two teams were left in the dressing room waiting for an update and the way it affected the game.Chelsea led 1-0 when play was suspended in the 86th minute. Upon the restart nearly two hours later, the dynamics of the game had changed dramatically, with Benfica forcing an equaliser that took the tie into extra time.Guys, please dont understand me, Maresca said. I said its a fantastic competition. Its the Club World Cup, its top, we are happy to be in the last eight, happy to win, all these kind of things. But something happens, six, seven games suspended Its not normal to suspend a game. In a World Cup, how many games are suspended? Zero, probably. In Europe, how many games? Zero.In fact, a knockout game at last summers European Championship finals, between Denmark and hosts Germany, was interrupted for 24 minutes due to a storm. There was a longer delay, 58 minutes, at a match between Ukraine and France in Donetsk at Euro 2012. But Maresca is right to point out how extreme the Club World Cup experience in the U.S. is proving: Saturdays 113-minute hold-up is not even the longest of the tournament, a record held by Benficas victory over Auckland City in Orlando last Friday (134 minutes).Storms and stifling heat are accepted as facts of life in an American summer, as is the potential impact on big sports events. But of the big four sports leagues, only the MLB stages matches outside at the height of summer and that is baseball, which is stop-start by nature and where several of the stadiums built in recent years have a retractable roof.There have been cases of storms interrupting football matches played in the U.S., including Major League Soccer games and the Copa America semi-final in Chicago in 2016. What has happened at this Club World Cup, with six games held up, has felt extreme, raising questions not just about the selection of host cities but about the protocol that demands play is suspended for at least 30 minutes beyond the last lightning strike recorded within an eight-mile radius.Because it is the Club World Cup because it has not captured anything like as much interest as FIFA would have you believe the interruptions have been relatively easy to shrug off. But it is becoming more of an issue as thoughts turn to next summers World Cup, to be played across the U.S., Canada and Mexico.Remember the sense of alarm about weather conditions when FIFAs executive committee voted to hold the 2022 World Cup in the desert heat of Qatar? The tournament was eventually switched to winter.There has been little or no such alarm around 2026 despite memories of the heathwave that swept the U.S. during the 1994 World Cup. Infamously, temperatures reached 105F (40.6C) during the 1994 game between Mexico and the Republic of Ireland, which kicked off at 12.30pm local time in the humidity of Orlando.It is interesting looking back at FIFAs technical evaluations for the bids to host the 2026 World Cup. At no point did the bid inspectors appear to raise the question of the calendar in North America or in the rival Moroccan bid even though the finals in Qatar were moved to winter, as will presumably be the 2034 tournament in Saudi Arabia.When it came to the Moroccan bid, FIFAs inspectors cited the extreme heat in inland cities like Marrakesh and Ouarzazate, with temperatures reaching 37C (98.6F) in the middle afternoon in July.With the United bid from North America, the report says that 10 of the 23 proposed (host) cities have average peak temperatures in the months of June and July that climb above 30C (86F) and specifically cites the afternoon heat rising to 36C (96.8F) in the Mexican city of Monterrey before a passing mention is that high levels of humidity can be experienced in some of the candidate cities, such as Orlando. It adds, Three of the cities with high average temperatures (Atlanta, Dallas and Houston) have proposed stadiums that have temperature control.Atlanta, Dallas and Houston all made the cut when the host cities for 2026 were being whittled down from 23 to 16. Of the five cities that have faced storm-related interruptions at the Club World Cup, four (Cincinnati, Nashville, Orlando and now Charlotte) were not chosen for next summer. But there was a delay to the match between Palmeiras and Al Ahly at the MetLife Stadium in East Rutherford, New Jersey, which will host next years World Cup final as well as the semi-finals and final of the Club World Cup.All of this hints at a more calculated strategy for next years World Cup, which after all is a bigger and more prestigious event by far. But if FIFA are to tell us that, after a judicious host venue selection process, it will be a different story next summer, then hold-ups like that in Charlotte on Saturday and hour-plus delays to earlier matches in Orlando and Cincinnati make it harder to take the Club World Cup as seriously as Infantino and FIFA keep telling us to.That is what Maresca was livid about. Chelsea had been coasting to a 1-0 win, thanks to a smartly taken free kick from captain Reece James, when referee Slavko Vincic ordered the players to leave the pitch and to the safety of the dressing rooms due to what FIFA called severe weather in the area. Spectators were told to seek cover, with the stands emptying and many fans sheltering in the concourse awaiting further updates.There was no further communication until moments before the players trudged out to warm up again nearly two hours later. Both clubs posted photographs from inside their dressing rooms: Chelsea's included Marc Cucurella, Moises Caicedo and Kiernan Dewsbury-Hall on exercise bikes and Robert Sanchez doing keep-ups with his fellow goalkeepers. It was, James told reporters with a sense of understatement, quite disruptive. pic.twitter.com/L5jTCaQBbi Chelsea FC (@ChelseaFC) June 28, 2025Maresca said it was worse than that. Two hours inside, he said. People speaking with the family outside, (to let them know) if they were good, the security (safety), people eating, people laughing, talking on the mobile. Its two hours. Thats why I said its not football. You break the tempo.The funny thing is that, for the small number of supporters who stuck around to watch it, what happened after the hiatus was so much more entertaining than what came before. Benfica returned with a heightened sense of purpose, pushing desperately for an equaliser which came from the penalty spot after Chelsea substitute Malo Gusto was harshly deemed to have handled the ball. Angel Di Maria, desperate to prolong his Benfica career for another half-hour at least, showed no mercy from the spot.Extra time was wild. Benfica had substitute Gianluca Prestianni sent off for a second bookable offence, but even then there were chances at either end before a flurry of Chelsea goals, with substitutes Christopher Nkunku and Deenbury-Hall scoring either side of a calm finish from Pedro Neto. The scenes when Nkunku scored showed just how emotionally invested Chelsea are in this tournament, with Maresca charging onto the pitch to join the celebrations.And at times like this, you can try to convince yourself that somehow the whole situation added to the entertainment: that, because of the hold-up, the crowd and the television audience were treated to a dramatic finale that would not have happened otherwise. But the fact is that the crowd was disappointingly small in the first place, a mere 25,929 on a Saturday afternoon for a knockout tie in a stadium that holds almost three times that. By the time play resumed, the vast majority of them had given up and gone home. No doubt many of the global television audience had switched off as well.Its not football, Maresca said despite his satisfaction at this teams recovery in extra time and excitement about a quarter-final meeting with Palmeiras on Friday.That one, incidentally, is taking place in Philadelphia, where Maresca said last week that soaring temperatures made it almost impossible for his players to train the evening before their match against Esperance de Tunis.Some might feel Maresca is complaining unnecessarily, a 45-year-old man shouting at clouds, so to speak. But weather conditions have become the hottest of topics at this Club World Cup. Players, coaches, fans and certainly broadcasters will desperately hope it is different next summer. (Top photo: ANGELA WEISS/AFP via Getty Images) Skip to main content |> Addit and its partners use cookies and similar technologies to provide you with a better experience. 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The upstart Major League Soccer club looked every bit the part against the reigning European champions. Not even Lionel Messi, the greatest to ever play, could help David in this matchup against Goliath. Once upon a time, Messi was bigger than Goliath. He may still be on his best day. Just not on this day, in his first match as a 38-year-old, when Paris Saint-Germain blanked Inter Miami 4-0 on Sunday, June 29, in front of 65,574 fans at Mercedes-Benz Stadium. PSG's Joo Neves scored twice (6' and 39'), Inter Miamis Toms Avils was credited with an own goal (44') and Achraf Hakimi put the game away before the halftime whistle (45'+3') to eliminate Inter Miami from the round of 16 at the FIFA Club World Cup. Well, the difference between the two teams was clear to see, but I'm very, very proud of my players, of all the work they've done during the competition, Inter Miami coach Javier Mascherano told DAZN after the match. Messi is still the biggest star in the world, even in the twilight of his career. The fans packed the stadium with excitement to see him. They wore Inter Miami jerseys, Argentina jerseys and Messis Paris Saint-Germain jerseys. The fans cheered every moment he touched the ball, patiently waiting for him to deliver the majestic Messi moment he has countless times in his legendary career. Messi nearly did several times, including a free-kick opportunity in the 88th minute with all eyes and cell phone cameras on him. Sadly, he kicked it into a wall of PSG players. Messi kept his emotions in check, but you could see his helplessness every time he looked down after looking up at the scoreboard in the first half. Still, he didnt stop pushing the envelope in the second half. Chants of "Messi, Messi" rang loudly in the 63rd minute, and he nearly answered the call sprinting his way toward a shot from his left boot that sidk right into the PSG goalkeepers hands. He nearly delivered a header inside the box in the 80th minute, into the goalkeepers hands again. The Messi moment never came. "PSG is a great team, the winners of the last Champions League, and the truth is theyre doing very very well. It was what we expected," Messi told DSports after the loss. "It was the match we anticipated, we tried to do our best, and well, we left a good impression in terms of the Club World Cup." PSG is clearly the European champion for a reason, while Inter Miami is a club whose youth is too inexperienced, and its aging stars on the other side of their careers. PSG players showed a mastery of being able to get the ball from midfield into the goal area with ease, while Inter Miami players were often turned around trying to catch up. They also lifted their feet off the gas in the second half, and cruised to the quarterfinals. We started the match almost perfect, said PSG coach Luis Enrique, who coached Messi and Inter Miamis former Barcelona stars to a Champions League title in 2015. We were great in the first half. In the second half, it was less energy. They couldnt score at all. But Im happy. The crowd nearly exploded when Messi lofted a pass right at the feet of Luis Suarez early in the second half. The 38-year-old Uruguayan legend whiffed on his opportunity to strike and bowed his head in disappointment. Inter Miamis Sergio Busquets is one of the best midfielders to ever play the sport. His dribbling is one of his best skills. But he was mugged by PSGs Fabin Ruiz just outside the goal area midway in the first half. PSG started a three-man weave that would make Phil Jackson and Gregg Popovich proud: Bradley Barcola pounced on the steal, dropped it off to Ruiz, and he found Neves with their third pass in the goal area, and PSGs second goal of the match in the 39th minute. Even Messi was a step slow on a give-and-go with Marcelo Weigandt early in the second half. The truth is that the game was over very early in the first half. But anyway, the team kept going. Busquets told DAZN. What we did in the second half was perhaps what we wanted to do in the first half and throughout the game. Added Jordi Alba: I've been lucky enough to experience it from the other side. Now (its) from another perspective. Inter Miami earned at least \$21 million for participating, winning a match with two draws in the group stage, and advancing to the Round of 16 in the Club World Cup. They carried the torch for the three MLS teams in the tournament. They pulled off North Americas first win against a club from Europe when they beat FC Porto from Portugal behind an epic free kick goal from Messi just 10 days ago. They were outclassed and outmatched 10 days later. By a club that won the same trophy Messi, Suarez, Busquets, Alba and Mascherano raised together in Barcelona under Enriques leadership 10 years ago. This was expected. The result shouldnt make Inter Miami less proud about what they achieved. I think it was positive for the club and for the team to get this far, Inter Miami defender Maxi Falcon said. Obviously, we faced a great opponent, and we have to be gracious in defeat. Added Alba: I think we've competed very well. It has to help us gain confidence that if we're doing well and we know how we play, we can compete against anyone. And from there, if we stay focused and keep this desire in the MLS, we'll have a lot of chances to win. This story has been updated to include a new video. Ahead of the 2026 FIFA World Cup in Canada, Mexico and the United States next summer, the U.S. is hosting the revamped, 32-team FIFA Club World Cup in 11 cities across the country this summer. "One month, the best players in the world, the best clubs in the world, to determine who will be the real world championship for clubs," FIFA president Gianni Infantino told FOX Sports' Alexi Lalas in June. "Not only national teams, but clubs. Its about time someone created a new Club World Cup, right?" Among the stars competing in the FIFA Club World Cup are Lionel Messi, Harry Kane, Ousmane Dembel, Weston McKennie and Denzel Dumfries, all of whom are expected to star for their countries at the 2026 World Cup. Here are the confirmed matches for the knockout rounds: Round of 16 (June 28-July 1) Saturday, June 28Palmeiras 1, Botafogo 0Chelsea 4, Benfica 1Sunday, June 29Paris Saint-Germain 4, Inter Miami CF 0Bayern Munich 4, Flamengo 2Monday, June 30Inter Milan vs. Fluminense (3 p.m. ET) - Bank of America, CharlotteManchester City vs. Al-Hilal (9 p.m. ET) - Camping World Stadium, OrlandoTuesday, July 1Real Madrid vs. Juventus (3 p.m. ET) - Hard Rock Stadium, MiamiBorussia Dortmund vs. Monterrey (9 p.m. ET) - Mercedes-Benz Stadium, AtlantaQuarterfinals (July 4-5)July 4TBD vs. TBD (3 p.m. ET) - Camping World Stadium, OrlandoChelsea vs. Palmeiras (9 p.m. ET) - Lincoln Financial Field, PhiladelphiaJuly 5Paris Saint-Germain vs. Bayern Munich (12 p.m. ET) - Mercedes-Benz Stadium, AtlantaTBD vs. TBD (4 p.m. ET) - MetLife Stadium, East Rutherford, N.J.Semifinals (July 8-9)July 8TBD vs. TBD (3 p.m. ET) - MetLife Stadium, East Rutherford, N.J.Final (July 13)TBD vs. TBD (3 p.m. ET) - MetLife Stadium, East Rutherford, N.J. 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Dave Parker, the two-time World Series winner and two-time batting champion whose dangerous exploits at the plate earned him the nickname Cobra, died Saturday after a long battle with Parkinsons disease, just one month before he was to be inducted into baseballs Hall of Fame.Parker, 74, was an imposing left-handed hitting threat on two power-packed championship teams, the 1979 We Are Family Pirates and the 1989 Bash Brothers Oakland Athletics. He hit 339 home runs and won National League batting titles in 1977 (.338) and 1978 (.334) for the Pirates.Parker never earned more than 24.5% support in 15 years of Hall of Fame voting by the Baseball Writers Association of America, well short of the 75% required. But he was named on 14 of 16 ballots in December voting by the Classic Baseball Era Committee and will be elected alongside fellow Pennsylvania legend Dick Allen next month.But neither will be around to see it. Parker was diagnosed with Parkinsons disease in 2013 and his prominence in the public eye diminished in the decade-plus since.Im a battler, Parker said in 2018.That was evidenced in his climb to the Hall of Fame, and while he wont be there for the induction, he was able to celebrate last December, when his election was announced.Ive been holding this speech in for 15 years, Parker told MLB Network that night.Parker left such an impact that hes a member of both the Pirates and Cincinnati Reds halls of fame. He was the 1978 NL MVP, when he led the majors in both batting average (.334) and OPS (.979), slammed 30 homers and earned an NL-best 7.0 WAR.One year later, Parker banged out 193 hits and 20 home runs and, alongside Willie Pops Stargell, helped lead the Pirates to their first World Series title since 1971. Parker had a dominant postseason performance, getting four hits in 12 at-bats in an NL Championship Series sweep of the Reds, and was 10-for-29 (.345) and drove in four runs in the Pirates epic seven-game triumph over the Baltimore Orioles.Parker left Pittsburgh for Cincinnati after the 1993 season but was still in his prime. He led the NL with 42 doubles and 125 RBIs in 1985 and earned All-Star nods in two of his four seasons with Cincinnati.In 1989, he was the oldest player on a brush, power-hitting Oakland As team that featured bearded sluggers Jose Canseco and Mark McGwire and Hall of Fame leadoff man Rickey Henderson. Parker hit 22 homers as the As primary DH as he added a second championship to his portfolio. He made his seventh and final All-Star team one year later with Milwaukee."Dave Parker was a gifted all-around player whose numerous accomplishments led to his upcoming induction in Cooperstown this summer," MLB commissioner Rob Manfred said in a statement. "He was a World Series Champion with the 1979 Pirates and the 1989 Athletics, a beloved All-Star Red in his hometown of Cincinnati, and an All-Star in Milwaukee. Dave was also a three-time Gold Glove on the strength of his famous arm, a two-time batting champion, and the winner of the inaugural Home Run Derby in 1985."All of us throughout the game are deeply saddened by this loss. We will remember the Cobra forever, especially as his name soon officially joins the legends of our national pastime."In 2019, Parker was the subject of a 90-minute documentary produced by MLB Network, The Cobra at Twilight, which did not glaze over any of his career.In 1985, Parker was called to testify before a grand jury in a trial that resulted in the conviction of six Pittsburgh men and a Philadelphia Phillies clubhouse worker on 11 counts of distributing cocaine.Parker acknowledged he battled addiction from 1979 to 1982 and used that experience to mentor young players to avoid mistakes he made earlier in his career.The thing that resonated with me more than anything was that he did not want me to drift into some of the things off the field that he did, Eric Davis, the Reds All-Star outfielder and Parker teammate, recalled in the documentary.Yet Parker was a trailblazer in so many other ways. He was just the second ballplayer to earn at least \$1 million a season when he signed a five-year, \$5 million contract with the Pirates, with a sartorial style that arguably captured the late '70s ethos better than anyone.He returned to his native Cincinnati after that contract expired and became a beloved Red, even as the franchise failed to recapture the glory of the Big Red Machine years featuring another native son, Pete Rose. Eventually, Parkers body of work was recognized by the Hall of Fame, setting the stage for an emotional celebration of life and career next month in Cooperstown.We join the baseball family in remembering Dave Parker. His legacy will be one of courage and leadership, matched only by his outstanding accomplishments on the field, says Jane Forbes Clark, chairman of the Baseball Hall of Fame. His election to the Hall of Fame in December brought great joy to him, his family and all the fans who marveled at his remarkable abilities.We will honor his incredible life and career at next months induction ceremony in Cooperstown, where his legacy will be remembered forever. The USA TODAY app gets you to the heart of the news fast.Download for award-winning coverage, crosswords, audio storytelling, the eNewsletter and more. Read Discussion Reply to All Reply Sat 27 Aug, 2016 08:31 pm When referring to the World Championships (in anything), they are often referred to as "the World's". Should it be World's or Worlds? Type: Discussion Score: 2 Views: 1,295 Replies: 4 1 Reply Sat 27 Aug, 2016 09:03 pm @larrytt, It should be World's as the implication is for the Championships. 1 Reply Sat 27 Aug, 2016 10:02 pm @CalamityJane, Appreciated! 1 Reply Sun 28 Aug, 2016 06:52 am The title is World Championship. It is a formal title and does not change. 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