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Copa America: Brazil beats Argentina, through to Copa America final

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Goals in either half from Gabriel Jesus and Roberto Firmino help Brazil down Argentina and progress to the Copa America final.

Brazil advances to the final of the Copa America for the first time since 2007. Goals from Gabriel Jesus and Roberto Firmino were enough to defeat Argentina last night, although it was far from a classic performance from Tite's men. The Selecao were the more clinical side in the final third, taking their two clear-cut opportunities in front of goal. Argentina was made to rue its missed chances as Sergio Aguero struck the bar, while Lionel Messi was denied by the post. Brazil is still yet to concede in the tournament and it will take that defensive resilience into the final where it will play either Chile or Peru as it attempts to win the title for a fifth time.

Argentina has failed once again on the major stage, while Messi was also off the boil not for the first time in a leading tournament. It will have to pick itself up for the third-place playoff on Saturday to end its campaign on a high note.

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