
Maradona Will Play in Colombia Match For Peace

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Maradona has played in a world peace match before, organized by the Vatican. |

The Argentine legend could be playing with Colombian stars Radamel Falcao and James Rodriguez.

Colombian activist and former senator Piedad Cordoba announced Wednesday that Argentine soccer legend Diego Armando Maradona will play in a “Match for Peace” to promote the end to the country's armed conflict.

The match, set for April 10, comes the day after a nation-wide mobilization is planned in support of the Havana peace talks toward an end to Colombia's armed conflict.

Cordoba also revealed that the organizers are awaiting the confirmation that Colombian soccer stars Radamel Falcao — currently playing in Manchester United, England — and Real Madrid striker James Rodriguez will play in the match.

“On April 10 Maradona will be playing in the Match for Peace and probably @FALCAO and @jamesrodriguez,” announced the former senator through her Twitter account.

Another player expected to play in the historic match will be Carlos “El Pibe” Valderrama, Colombia's legendary striker. Maradona revealed July last year that he was organizing the Match for Peace with Valderrama.

Maradona will also launch in Colombia the third edition of his show De Zurda Viajero, available through teleSUR, ahead of the Copa America 2015.

The retired Colombian soccer player Ivan Ramiro Cordoba, who played for the Argentine club San Lorenzo, invited Pope Francis to visit Colombia after meeting with him in the Vatican. The retired player gave the Pope — a San Lorenzo fan since childhood — a jersey from his former team.

Although Ivan Ramiro Cordoba is not linked to the Match for Peace organization efforts, he told the Pope his visit to Colombia would be crucial for backing the peace process.

The Pope had organized a soccer match where both Maradona and Valderrama played last year, calling for world peace.
