

#93 Panamá vs. Costa Rica

Estadio Rommel Fernández, Panama City, PAN

They will face each other for the sixth time in the CNL. Panama leads the series in League A of 2022/23 and the quarterfinals of 2023/24 and 2024/25. Panama defeated Costa Rica 1-0 in the first leg of the quarterfinals.

Results in the CNL:

Costa Rica 0-1 Panama (José Fajardo), League A (Group B) - Estadio Nacional de Costa Rica, San José (28-MAR-2022).

Panama 2-0 Costa Rica (Ismael Díaz, Cecilio Waterman), League A (Group B) - Estadio Rommel Fernández, Panama City (2-JUN-2022).

Costa Rica 0-3 Panama (Michael Murillo, José Fajardo, Cecilio Waterman), Quarterfinals (First leg) - Estadio Ricardo Saprissa, San Juan de Tibás (17-NOV-2023).

Panama 3-1 Costa Rica (José Fajardo, José Rodríguez, and Édgar Bárcenas; Francisco Calvo), Quarterfinals (Second leg) - Estadio Rommel Fernández, Panama City (20-NOV-2023).

Costa Rica 0-1 Panama (José Fajardo), Quarterfinals (First leg) - Estadio Nacional, San José, CRC (14-NOV-2024).

Historical series:

It will be the 58th match. Costa Rica leads the all-time series GP-57 W-26 D-14 L-17 (GF-109 GA-54).

Panamá (PAN)

Top scorers in the CNL: José Fajardo (5), Édgar Bárcenas (4), Gabriel Torres (3), Cecilio Waterman (3), Éric Davis (2), Adalberto Carrasquilla (2), José Rodríguez (2).

Assists: Alberto Quintero (3), Édgar Bárcenas (3), Adalberto Carrasquilla (3), Ismael Díaz (2), Freddy Góndola (1), Éric Davis, Cristian Martínez, Fidel Escobar.

Saves: 46. Goalkeepers: Orlando Mosquera (27), Luis Mejía (9), José Calderón (6), César Samudio (4).

Players to watch:

José Fajardo. He scored 6 goals in his last 9 matches (including friendlies, Concacaf World Cup Qualifiers, Copa América, and Concacaf Nations League). He scored in 4 of the last 5 matches against Costa Rica in the CNL.

Édgar Bárcenas. Alongside his teammate José Rodríguez, he made three shots in the first leg of the quarterfinals. The captain is the player with the most goal contributions for the Panamanians (4 goals and 3 assists) in the CNL.

César Blackman. He was the player with the most fouls against him (5) in the first leg of the quarterfinals against Costa Rica. The left-back made 1 shot, 1 ball recovery, and delivered 32 passes.

Costa Rica (CRC)

Top scorers in the CNL: Francisco Calvo (7), Warren Madrigal (3), Joel Campbell (2), Johan Venegas (1), José Guillermo Ortiz, Aarón Suárez, Anthony Contreras, Orlando Galo, Jefferson Brenes, Josimar Alcócer, Kenneth Vargas.

Assists: Manfred Ugalde (3), Johan Venegas (2), Joel Campbell (2), Randall Leal (1), Bryan Oviedo, Óscar Duarte, Dylan Flores, Ricardo Blanco, Suhander Zúñiga, Álvaro Zamora, Juan Pablo Vargas, Adrián Martínez.

Saves: 47. Goalkeepers: Patrick Sequeira (14), Keylor Navas (10), Kevin Chamorro (9), Leonel Moreira (6), Esteban Alvarado (4), Aarón Cruz (4).

Players to watch:

Francisco Calvo. He is the top scorer for the national team in the CNL (7). The captain scored goals in all 4 editions (3 in 2019/20, 1 in 2022/23, 1 in 2023/24, and 2 in 2024/25). He has made 5 shots and 187 passes in the current edition.

Warren Madrigal. He leads Costa Rica in shots (9). In the 0-1 defeat against Panama, he made 2 shots. He scored goals in both victories for the Ticos in Group A of the current edition (3-0 vs. Guadeloupe and Guatemala).

Manfred Ugalde. He is the leader in assists for Costa Rica in the current edition (2). He played in all 5 matches and has drawn 7 fouls. The forward has made 8 appearances over the last 2 editions.