

USA vs. Jamaica - Group A

Estadio Miguel Alemán Valdés, Celaya.

All-Time Series: 8 games

- 6 wins United States
- 2 draws
- 0 wins Jamaica
- 19 goals United States
- 4 goals Jamaica

The United States and Jamaica have only faced each other in the first phase of the CMU20C 8 times, with the United States undefeated against Jamaica.

The last time they faced each other was in Group A on January 18, 2015, in Jamaica, with a 2-0 win for the United States, with goals from Romain Gall (penalty 33', penalty 70'). In the last 5 encounters, the United States won all of them: 5-0 in 1986, 2-1 in 1988, 4-1 in 1996, 3-0 in 2009, and 2-0 in 2015. In those 5 matches, Jamaica only scored 2 goals while the United States scored 16.



The reigning champion returns in search of securing its fourth consecutive title after winning the 2017, 2018, and 2022 editions. The United States has also been runners-up six times in the 26 tournament appearances.

The top scorer for the United States in the CMU20 is Alex Méndez with 8 goals.

With 17 appearances in the FIFA U-20 Men's World Cup, the United States achieved its best position when it finished fourth in Saudi Arabia in 1989. In the last edition in Argentina, it was eliminated in the quarterfinals by eventual champion Uruguay.

The United States will play in Group A against Costa Rica, Cuba, and Jamaica.

Last appearance in the final round: Honduras 2022 (champion).

Appearances in the Concacaf Men's U-20 Championship: 26 (Guatemala 1964, Canada 1974, Puerto Rico 1976, Honduras 1978, United States 1980, Guatemala 1982, Trinidad 1984, 1986, Guatemala 1988, 1990, Canada 1992, Honduras 1994, Mexico 1996, Guatemala/Trinidad 1998, Canada/Trinidad 2001, Panama/United States 2003, Honduras/United States 2005, Panama/Mexico 2007, Trinidad 2009, Guatemala 2011.



Mexico 2013, Jamaica 2015, Costa Rica 2017, United States 2018, Honduras 2022, Mexico 2024).

Record in the CMU20C: GP-130, Won-81, D-21, L-28 (GF-308, GA-103).

Best results in the CMU20C: Champion (Costa Rica 2017, United States 2018, Honduras 2022), runner-up (1980, 1982, 1986, 1992, 2009, 2013), 3rd place (1976, 1988, 1990, 1996, 2015). *1st place in group (1998, 2005, 2007).

Top scorers in the final round since 2009: Álex Méndez (8), Ayo Akinola (7), Ulysses Llanez (7), Paxten Aaronson (7), Quinn Sullivan (6), Roman Gall (5), Brooks Lennon (4), Justin Rennicks (4), Anthony Fontana (4), Juan Pablo Torres (4).

Qualified for the final phase as: 1st Place in the Concacaf U-20 Ranking.

Appearances in the FIFA U-20 Men's World Cup: 17 (Australia 1981, Mexico 1983, Chile 1987, Saudi Arabia 1989, Australia 1993, Malaysia 1997, Nigeria 1999, Argentina 2001, United Arab Emirates 2003, Netherlands 2005, Canada 2007, Egypt 2009, Turkey 2013, New Zealand 2015, Republic of Korea 2017, Poland 2019, Argentina 2023).

Best position in the FIFA U-20 Men's World Cup: 4th Place (Saudi Arabia 1989).

Footballers to watch:

Keyrol Figueroa: The Liverpool forward from England was the second top scorer in the 2023 Concacaf U-17 Championship in Guatemala, scoring 7 goals in 7 matches. He played in the 2023 FIFA U-17 World Cup in Indonesia.

Cruz Medina: He was one of the standout players in the 2023 Concacaf U-17 Championship in Guatemala, scoring 3 goals in 6 appearances to help the United States achieve second place. He played in the 2023 FIFA U-17 World Cup in Indonesia.



Jamaica will have its 22nd participation in the final phase of the CMU20 in Mexico, where it will play in Group A against the United States, Costa Rica, and Cuba.

Jamaica was a tough opponent in the qualifiers, where it was the team with the most fouls against in Group F, which included Bermuda, Grenada, and Martinique, and finished with a record of W-3 D-0 L-0 GF-6 GA-2.

With only one participation in the FIFA U-20 World Cup in 2001, Jamaica continues to seek to achieve its second participation.

The top scorer for Jamaica in the CMU20 is Nicque Daley with 6 goals.



Last appearance in the final round: Honduras 2022 (quarterfinals).

Appearances in the Concacaf Men's U-20 Championship: 22 (Guatemala 1964, Cuba 1970, Canada 1974, Puerto Rico 1976, United States 1980, Guatemala 1982, Trinidad 1986, Guatemala 1988, Canada 1992, Honduras 1994, Mexico 1996, Canada/Trinidad 1998, Canada/Trinidad 2001, Honduras/USA 2005, Panama/Mexico 2007, Trinidad 2009, Guatemala 2011, Mexico 2013, Jamaica 2015, USA 2018, Honduras 2022, Mexico 2024).

Record in the CMU20C: GP-74, W-17, D-17, L-40 (GF-86, GA-130).

Best Result in the CMU20C: 3rd Place (Cuba 1970). Additionally, 1st place in group (Canada/Trinidad 2001).

Top scorers in the final round since 2009: Nicque Daley (6), Jamoi Topey (4), Tevin Rochester (4), Leonardo Jibbison (3), Tyreek Magee (3), Jahmari Clarke (3), Rucardo McIntosh (3), Kensan Anderson (2).

Qualified for the final phase as: Winner of Group F in the Concacaf U-20 Championship 2024 Qualifiers.

Appearances in the FIFA U-20 Men's World Cup: 1 (Argentina 2001).

Best position in the FIFA U-20 Men's World Cup: Group stage (Argentina 2001).

Footballers to Watch:

Christopher Ainsworth: He provided one assist and was the second Jamaican player with the most shots, with 6, in Group F of the qualifiers for the CMU20.

Taywane Lynch: He kept a clean sheet in the first 2 victories with 7 saves. He made 11 saves in 3 appearances in the qualifiers for the 2024 CMU20.