

Concacaf GOLD CUP PRELIMS

M#5 CUBA vs. TRINIDAD & TOBAGO

Estadio Antonio Maceo, Cuba.

They will face each other for the eighth time in Gold Cup qualifying matches, with Cuba holding a record of W-4 D-1 L-2.

Their first encounter took place in the 2003 edition (CFU 2003) on March 30, 2003, at Manny Ramjohn Stadium in Marabella (TRI) on Matchday 3 of Group B. Cuba secured a 3-1 victory with goals from Jorge Ramírez (26'), Lester Moré (72'), and Maykel Galindo (77'), while Stern John (18') scored for the "Soca Warriors." The most recent Gold Cup qualifying match between them was for the 2015 edition (Caribbean Cup 2014) on November 15, 2014, on Matchday 3 of Group A, ending in a 0-0 draw at Montego Bay Sports Complex in Montego Bay (JAM).

In their last four meetings, Trinidad and Tobago remains unbeaten with two wins and two draws. Their most recent clash was a 3-1 victory for Trinidad and Tobago in the Concacaf Nations League on October 14, 2024, at Dwight Yorke Stadium. The goals for the Trinidadians came from Dantaye Gilbert (13'), Joevin Jones (28'), and Real Gill (65'), while Yasnier Matos (62') scored for Cuba.

Cuba enters this match with only one win in their last six games (W-1 D-3 L-2), all played in the Concacaf Nations League. That victory came on November 18, 2024, with a 4-0 result against Saint Kitts & Nevis at Antonio Maceo Stadium in Santiago (CUB), with goals from Onel Hernández (40'), Yoisel Piedra (45+3'), Luis Paradela (50'), and Maykel Reyes (P87').

Trinidad and Tobago arrive with one win in their last four matches (W-1 D-2 L-1), all in the Concacaf Nations League. That victory was the 3-1 win over Cuba on October 14, 2024, at Dwight Yorke Stadium in Bacolet (TRI), with goals from Dantaye Gilbert (13'), Joevin Jones (28'), and Real Gill (65'), while Yasnier Matos (62') scored for Cuba.

All-Time record:

24 matches

6 wins for Cuba

4 draws

14 wins for Trinidad & Tobago

24 goals for Cuba

39 goals for Trinidad & Tobago



Cuba has 11 appearances in the Concacaf Gold Cup (1998, 2002, 2003, 2005, 2007, 2011, 2013, 2015, 2019, 2021, and 2023).

In the 2021 edition, they were unable to play the First Round of the Prelims against French Guiana, as the match was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic and awarded as a victory to their opponent.

They secured a spot in the 2025 Gold Cup Prelims by winning the Play-in, defeating Saint Kitts and Nevis 5-2 on aggregate.

Gold Cup Record: GP-30 W-3 D-2 L-25 GF-21 GA-106

Prelims Participation (2021-2023): 1 (2021 -eliminated-).

Best Gold Cup Finish: Quarterfinals (2003, 2013, 2015).

Gold Cup Top Scorers: Léster Oriel Moré (3), Ariel Martínez (3), Reynier Alcántara (2), José Alfonso (2), Jeniel Márquez (2), Maykel Reyes (2).

Most Gold Cup Appearances: Jeniel Márquez (20), Odelín Molina (16), Alain Cervantes (13).

CNL Record: GP-20 W-7 D-5 L-8 (GF-21 GA-33).

CNL Top Scorers: Arichell Hernández (4), Luis Paradela (4), Maykel Reyes (3), Willian Pozo (2), Yasnier Matos (2), Onel Hernández (2).

CNL Assists: Luis Paradela (4), Willian Pozo (1), Jorge Luis Corrales, Onel Hernández, Karel Espino, Carlos Vázquez, Dairon Reyes, Yasnier Matos, Orlando Calvo, Alejandro Delgado, Karel Pérez.

CNL Saves: 60. Goalkeepers: Raiko Azorena (26), Sandy Sánchez (16), Ismel Morgado (8), Nelson Johnston (7).

Players to Watch:

*(Subject to change upon the release of official rosters).

Maykel Reyes. Played 8 Gold Cup matches (2015, 2019, and 2023), scoring in 2 editions (vs. Guatemala in 2015 and Canada in 2023). Featured in 17 Concacaf Nations League matches, netting 3 goals. Participated in the 2013 Concacaf U-20 Championship in Mexico, scoring 6 goals in 11 appearances.

Onel Hernández. Has scored 4 goals in 12 appearances for the national team. Played in the 2022/23 and 2024/25 Nations League, scoring in both editions. Also featured in Concacaf FIFA World Cup Qualifiers, scoring 2 goals in 4 matches.

Luis Paradela. Played 6 Gold Cup matches (2019 and 2023, scoring once against Canada). Has 4 goals in 12 Nations League appearances and was Cuba's top scorer in the 2018/19 Nations League Qualifiers (5 goals in 4 appearances).



Trinidad and Tobago have appeared in 12 editions of the Concacaf Gold Cup (1991, 1996, 1998, 2000, 2002, 2005, 2007, 2013, 2015, 2019, 2021, and 2023). *In 2023, they replaced Nicaragua, which was disqualified for fielding an ineligible player in the Nations League. Since 2013, they have only missed the 2017 edition, reaching the quarterfinals in 2013 and 2015. However, they failed to progress beyond the group stage in the last three editions.

Trinidad and Tobago's best Gold Cup finish came in 2000 when they ranked among the top four teams. They were eliminated in the semifinals by eventual champions Canada.

They secured a spot in the 2025 Gold Cup Prelims after finishing fourth in Group B of League A in the 2024/25 CNL.

Prelims Participation (2021-2023): 1 (2021 -qualified for the group stage-).

Best Gold Cup Finish: 3rd Place (2000).

Gold Cup Top Scorers: Arnold Dwarika (4), Kevin Molino (4), Kenwyne Jones (4), Stern John (3), Russell Latapy (3), Reon Moore (3).

Most Gold Cup Appearances: Aubrey David (14), Joevin Jones (13), Kevin Molino (13), Marvin Andrews (11), Khaleem Hyland (10), Angus Eve (10), Kenwyne Jones (10), Alvin Jones (10).

CNL Record: GP-19 W-9 D-4 L-6 (GF-30 GA-34).

CNL Top Scorers: Joevin Jones (5), Reon Moore (3), Ryan Telfer (3), Neveal Hackshaw (2), Alvin Jones (2), Nathaniel James (2), Noah Powder (2).

CNL Assists: Ryan Telfer (3), Alvin Jones (2), Levi García (2), Nathaniel James (2).

CNL Saves: 79. Goalkeepers: Denzil Smith (38), Marvin Phillip (27), Nicklas Frenderup (4), Christopher Biggette (4), Adrian Foncette (3).

Players to Watch:

*(Subject to change upon the release of official rosters).

Kevin Molino. One of Trinidad's all-time top scorers in the Gold Cup (4) alongside Arnold Dwarika and Kenwyne Jones. Featured in the 2013, 2019, 2021, and 2023 editions. Scored twice in the 2021 Prelims against Montserrat and French Guiana, helping secure qualification for the group stage.

Nathaniel James. Has 12 appearances and 3 goals. Scored twice in the Concacaf Nations League and once in the Concacaf qualifiers for the FIFA World Cup 2026. Competed in the 2022 Concacaf U-20 Championship in Honduras, where he netted 4 goals in 4 appearances.

Joevin Jones. Played in four Gold Cup editions (2013, 2015, 2019, and 2023), scoring once against Guatemala in 2015. In the current Nations League campaign, he has netted 2 goals in 2 appearances. He is Trinidad and Tobago's all-time top scorer in the CNL (5).