

# Concacaf GOLD CUP PRELIMS

## GUATEMALA vs. GUYANA

Estadio Cementos Progreso

Isaiah Jones (GUY) netted his first three goals in the Gold Cup Prelims, taking his tally to six goals in just seven matches – and sealed his first-ever international hat trick. Jones becomes the third player to record a hat trick in Gold Cup Prelims, following Nahki Wells of Bermuda against Barbados on July 2, 2021, and Frantzdy Pierrot of Haiti against Bermuda on July 6, 2021.

José Carlos Martínez (GUA) scored his second goal in Gold Cup Prelims (the first also against Guyana in 2021) and now has five goals in 27 appearances. José Carlos Pinto added his third goal in 64 caps.

This marked Guyana's first-ever win over Guatemala, snapping a four-game losing streak – and for the first time, they managed to put three goals past the Central American side.

It was the third meeting on neutral ground between the two teams. Guatemala had won the previous two: a 3-0 friendly on November 17, 2010, in Kennesaw, USA (goals by Tránsito Montepeque and a brace from Guillermo Ramírez), and a 4-0 rout in the 2021 Gold Cup Prelims on July 3, 2021, in Fort Lauderdale (Reiss Greenidge own goal, Luis Martínez, Darwin Lom, and José Carlos Martínez). Guyana's victory came in the 2025 Prelims on March 21, 2025, in Bridgetown, Barbados: 3-2 (Isaiah Jones 9', 36', 56' / José Martínez 29', José Pinto pen. 80').

Guyana has now won three straight matches – a streak they hadn't pulled off since 2016, when they defeated Surinam 2-0 in a friendly on February 21 (Gregory Richardson 17', 72'), crushed Anguilla 7-0 on March 22 (goals from Dwight Peters x2, Christopher Nurse, Neil Danns, Gregory Richardson, Vurlon Mills, and Marcel Barrington), and edged Puerto Rico 1-0 on March 29 (Solomon Austin 65') in Caribbean Cup action. Guyana has had longer unbeaten runs before, but this is their first three-match winning streak since that time.

It's Guatemala's second defeat in their last three outings across all competitions. Their only recent win came against Honduras in a friendly on March 16, 2025 (Eddie Hernández 26' / José Ardón 31', Olger Escobar 85'). Guatemala hadn't lost an official away match by a 3-2 scoreline since falling to Trinidad & Tobago on October 13, 2023, in Port of Spain during Concacaf Nations League play (Alvin Jones pen. 36', Reon Moore 54', Nathaniel James 89' / Rubio Rubín 12', Óscar Santis 31').



**Gold Cup Appearances: (12)** (1991, 1996, 1998, 2000, 2002, 2003, 2005, 2007, 2011, 2015, 2021, 2023)

**Gold Cup Record:** 40 GP 7-W 11-D 22-L (36 GF – 61 GA)

**Best Gold Cup Result:** 4th place (1996)

**Top Scorers in the Gold Cup:** Carlos Ruiz (8), Juan Carlos Plata (4), Edwin Westphal (2), Luis Martínez (2), Darwin Lom (2)

**Most Appearances in the Gold Cup:** Carlos Ruiz (18), Edgar Valencia (12), Gustavo Cabrera (12), Edgar Solís (12), Martín Machón (11), Juan Carlos Plata (11), Erick Miranda (11)

**Most Saves in the Gold Cup (2009–2025):** Nicholas Hagen (31), Ricardo Jérez (12), Paulo César Motta (12)

**Most Assists in the Gold Cup (2009–2025):** Marvin Ceballos (2), Nathaniel Mendez-Laing (2), Gonzalo Romero (1), Marco Pappa (1), Elías Enoc Vásquez, Minor López, Wilson Pineda, Esteban García (1), Óscar Santis (1)

#### **Players to Watch:**

**Óscar Santis.** Registered a direct involvement in the equalizer against Guyana (1 assist). The Antigua GFC winger has now reached 20 goal contributions in 39 appearances for the national team (11 goals and 9 assists).

**José Martínez.** The CSD Municipal striker netted the temporary equalizer against Guyana with 2 shots on target. He completed all of his ball receptions (6 accurate passes). He now has 4 goals and 1 assist in 27 international appearances.

**Rubio Méndez.** Guatemala's top scorer in the 2023 Gold Cup. He scored a brace against Guadeloupe in Group D and has 4 goals in his last 10 international matches across all competitions.

**José Pinto.** The captain converted a late penalty in the 3-2 loss to Guyana in the first leg of the Preliminary Round. The defender recorded 4 ball recoveries and completed 54 successful passes in the match played in Bridgetown.



**Gold Cup Appearances: (3)** (2019, 2021, 2023)

**Gold Cup Record:** 7 GP 1-W 2-D 4-L (7 GF – 16 GA)

**Best Gold Cup Result:** Group stage (2019)

**Top Scorers in the Gold Cup:** Neil Danns (3), Isaiah Jones (3), Omari Glasgow (1)

**Most Appearances in the Gold Cup:** Elliot Bonds (5), Neil Danns (5), Samuel Cox (5), Liam Gordon (5), Stephen Duke-McKenna (5), Keanu Marsh-Brown (4), Terence Vancooten (4), Emery Welshman (4)

**Most Saves in the Gold Cup (2009–2025):** Quillan Roberts (12), Kai McKenzie-Lyle (10), Akel Clarke (7)

**Most Assists in the Gold Cup (2009–2025):** Emery Welshman (1), Liam Gordon (1), Nathan Moriah-Welsh (1)

### **Players to Watch:**

**Isaiah Jones.** Scored a sensational hat-trick in the 3-2 win over Guatemala, keeping Guyana's 2025 Gold Cup group stage hopes alive. The forward accounted for 50% of the team's total shots in the match.

**Omari Glasgow.** Registered 3 shots against Guatemala. He is Guyana's all-time top scorer in the Concacaf Nations League (14 goals). The 21-year-old Georgetown native has featured in the last two Prelims campaigns (2021 vs. Guatemala and 2023 vs. Grenada – scoring 1 – and Guadeloupe).

**Nathan Moriah-Welsh.** Had a direct hand in the opening goal against Guatemala in the first leg of the 2025 Preliminary Round, providing the assist to Isaiah Jones. He has 3 goals and 4 assists in 22 international appearances.

**Quillan Roberts.** Made 5 saves and 1 clearance in the first leg against Guatemala. He was on the bench for the 2015 Gold Cup and played 1 match in the 2019 edition (1-1 vs. Trinidad). He has 16 CNL appearances with 62 saves.