

# Canada vs. United States

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They will face off for the fourth time in the Concacaf Nations League and for the first time in the third-place match. The record stands at two wins for the United States and one defeat.

Of their three meetings in the CNL, two took place in the group stage, and one was a direct knockout clash. The first encounter was on Matchday 4 of Group A on October 15, 2019, where Canada secured a 2-0 victory with goals from Alphonso Davies (63') and Lucas Cavallini (90+1'). The second match was on November 15, 2019, in the same group, where the U.S. claimed its first win with a commanding 4-1 result, thanks to goals from Jordan Morris (2'), Gyasi Zardes (23', 89'), and Aaron Long (33'), while Steven Vitoria (72') scored for the Canadians. Their third and most recent duel in this tournament was the 2022/2023 edition final on June 18, 2023, where the U.S. triumphed 2-0 with goals from Chris Richards (12') and Folarin Balogun (34'), clinching their second title.

This will be the sixth knockout match between these two sides in any competition. Every time they've met in a direct elimination game, the U.S. has come out on top:

- **1978 FIFA World Cup qualifying play-off:** USA 3-0 CAN (December 22, 1976) – Brian Budd (21'), Bob Lenarduzzi (80'), Robert Bolitho (87').
- **2002 Gold Cup semifinal:** Canada (2) 0-0 (4) USA – USA won on penalties (January 30, 2002).
- **2007 Gold Cup semifinal:** Canada 1-2 USA (June 21, 2007) – Iain Hume (76') / Frankie Hejduk (39'), Landon Donovan (p45').
- **2022/2023 Nations League final:** USA 2-0 CAN (June 18, 2023) – Chris Richards (12'), Folarin Balogun (34').
- **2023 Gold Cup quarterfinals:** USA (3) 2x2 (2) CAN – USA won on penalties (July 9, 2023).

Canada's biggest win in this rivalry came in the **1958 FIFA World Cup qualifiers**, a **5-1** victory at BMO Stadium on June 22, 1957, with goals from Norman McLeod (32'), Brian Philley (35'), Arthur Hughes (55', 80'), and Gordon Stewart (57').

Meanwhile, the **U.S.'s biggest wins** came in two friendlies:

- **6-1** on November 8, 1925, in Brooklyn – Davey Brown, Archie Stark x5 / Gordon Burness.
- **6-2** on November 6, 1926, also in Brooklyn – Davey Brown x2, Andy Auld x2, Tom Florie, Jock Marshall / Roy Faulkner, George Graham.

All-time series record:

- **43 matches**
- **12 wins, 45 goals – Canada**
- **13 draws**
- **18 wins, 68 goals – United States**

## **United States (USA)**

**In the 1-0 loss against Panama, the United States saw its four-game winning streak come to an end and suffered its first defeat in four meetings against Central American teams (2W-1D-1L). It was also the first time in Nations League history that the U.S. failed to score against a Central American opponent.**

Third loss in 19 matches played by the U.S. in the CNL (2-0 vs. Canada in 2019, 2-1 vs. Trinidad & Tobago in 2023, 0-1 vs. Panama in 2025), making them the second team in tournament history with the fewest defeats (3), only behind Haiti (2).

**Results by edition:** 2019/20 (League A - Champion), 2022/23 (League A - Champion), 2023/24 (Champion), 2024/25 (playing for 3rd Place).

**Champion of the last three editions:** 2019/20: Defeated Mexico 3-2 in extra time in the final (Gio Reyna, Weston McKennie, Christian Pulisic; Jesús Corona, Diego Laínez) at Mile High Stadium in Denver (June 6, 2021). 2022/23: Beat Canada 2-0 (Chris Richards, Folarin Balogun) at Allegiant Stadium, Las Vegas (June 18, 2023). 2023/24: Won 2-0 against Mexico (Tyler Adams, Gio Reyna) at AT&T Stadium, Arlington (March 24, 2024).

**Nations League record:** P-19 W-16 D-0 L-3 (52GF - 11GC).

**Top scorers:** Ricardo Pepi (7), Weston McKennie (6), Christian Pulisic (6), Jordan Morris (5), Jesús Ferreira (4), Joshua Sargent (3), Giovanni Reyna (3), Antonee Robinson (2), Haji Wright (2), Gyasi Zardes (2).

**Top assists:** Weston McKennie (6), Jordan Morris (4), Luca de la Torre (4), Giovanni Reyna (4), Christian Pulisic (4), Paul Arriola (2), Sergiño Dest (2), Antonee Robinson (2).

**Saves:** 41. **Goalkeepers:** Matt Turner (21), Zack Steffen (9), Ethan Horvath (6), Brad Guzan (5).

**Clean sheets in history (8).**

**Players to watch:**

**Weston McKennie.** He is the player with the highest goal involvement for the U.S. in the Concacaf Nations League (6 goals and 6 assists in 17 appearances). He has

provided assists in every edition of the tournament, making him the team's all-time leader in CNL assists (3 in 2019/20, 1 in 2022/23, 1 in 2023/24, and 1 in 2024/25).

**Tyler Adams.** Completed 107 accurate passes and 11 inaccurate passes in the semifinal against Panama. The midfielder was one of the standout players for the U.S., with 4 ball recoveries, 1 clearance, and 1 shot against the Canaleros.

**Yunus Musah.** He leads the U.S. in passes (225) in the 2024/25 Concacaf Nations League. He was one of the most accurate passers in the semifinal with 87 successful passes (90% accuracy) and 2 ball recoveries against Panama.

**Christian Pulisic.** The forward has scored 4 goals and provided 2 assists during the final stages of the Concacaf Nations League. He has been directly involved in 10 goals (6 goals and 4 assists) in tournament history.

**Matt Turner.** He has made 7 saves in the current tournament and holds the record for most saves for the U.S. in Nations League history (21). He has kept a clean sheet in 58% of his Nations League appearances (7 out of 12 matches). Turner reached 50 caps for the U.S., becoming the sixth-most capped goalkeeper in national team history. He is 15 games away from surpassing Brad Guzan (64 caps) to enter the all-time U.S. Top 5 goalkeepers.

## **Canada (CAN)**

**Canada saw its best winning streak (3) and clean-sheet streak (3) in Nations League history come to an end.** The Canadian team also snapped its second-best unbeaten streak across all competitions (5) in the last three years (4W-1D).

**Results by edition:** 2019/20 (League A - Group Stage), 2022/23 (League A - Runner-up), 2023/24 (Quarterfinals), 2024/25 (playing for 3rd place).

**Concacaf Nations League record:** P-15 W-10 D-0 L-5 (31GF - 15GC).

**Top scorers:** Jonathan David (7), Alphonso Davies (6), Junior Hoilett (4), Cyle Larin (3), Steven Vitoria (2), Lucas Cavallini (2), Jonathan Osorio (2), Jacob Shaffelburg (2).

**Top assists:** Jonathan Osorio (4), Richie Laryea (4), Jonathan David (4), Cyle Larin (3), Samuel Adegugbe (2), Kamal Miller (2).

**Saves:** 16. **Goalkeepers:** Milan Borjan (12), Dayne St. Clair (4).

**Clean sheets in history (7).**

### **Players to watch**

**Alphonso Davies.** Featured in 3 of the 4 Concacaf Nations League editions and found the net in each: 2019/20 (2), 2022/23 (3), and 2023/24 (1). He has recorded 6 goals

and 1 assist in 14 appearances in the competition. Scored against the United States in their first-ever CNL clash in 2019/20.

**Jonathan David.** Scored in all four previous editions and is Canada's all-time top goal contributor in Concacaf Nations League history (7 goals and 4 assists). His only goal against the U.S. came in a recent friendly in 2024 (2-1).

**Jonathan Osorio.** Played 8 matches against the U.S. across the Gold Cup (2021 and 2023), Nations League (2019 and 2022/23), 2022 Concacaf Qualifiers, and international friendlies. He is **Les Rouges'** top assist provider in CNL history (4).

**Cyle Larin.** Took 3 of Canada's 9 shots in the semifinal against Mexico. The historic forward has scored against the U.S. on two occasions in the Concacaf Qualifiers for the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022.

**Jacob Shaffelburg.** The team's top scorer in the current competition (2). Scored **2 of Canada's 4 goals** against Suriname in the quarterfinals and contributed with 4 shots.

**Stephen Eustáquio.** Leads the team in **passes (233) and recoveries (7)** in the current competition. The midfielder has faced the U.S. **four times** (CNL 2019/20 and 2022/23).