



Thursday, March 20, 2025 (EDT 10:30 PM) Local Time: 7:30 PM SoFi Stadium

#108 Canada vs. Mexico

History:

This will be the first-ever meeting between these two teams in the history of the Concacaf Nations League.

They will face each other for the seventh time in Concacaf-organized tournaments, with Mexico holding five victories and one defeat.

This will be their second encounter in a Concacaf tournament semifinal since their clash in the 2021 Gold Cup on July 29 at NRG Stadium (USA), where Mexico claimed a 2-1 victory with goals from Orbelín Pineda (45' penalty) and Héctor Herrera (90'), while Tajon Buchanan (57') scored for Canada. That match remains the most recent Concacaf-organized competition between the two teams.

Over the past 24 years (since 2000), Canada and Mexico have met 13 times in both official and friendly matches, with Canada managing just two wins. Those victories were separated by a span of 21 years, 8 months, and 25 days. The first came in the quarterfinals of the 2000 Gold Cup (February 20) at Qualcomm Stadium (USA), where Canada secured a 2-1 win with goals from Carlo Corazzin (83') and Richard Hastings (92'), while Ramón Ramírez (35') scored for Mexico. The second victory occurred in the Concacaf Qualifiers for the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022 on November 16, 2021, at Commonwealth Stadium (CAN), where Canada triumphed 2-1 thanks to goals from Cyle Larin (45', 51'), while Héctor Herrera (89') scored for Mexico.

Their most recent encounter ended in a 0-0 draw in an international friendly on September 10, 2024, at AT&T Stadium (USA). This was the third time Canada and Mexico played to a scoreless draw in their history. The first came during the Concacaf Qualifiers for the FIFA World Cup Argentina 1978 at Nemesio Diez Stadium (MEX) on October 27, 1976, while the second was in the Concacaf Qualifiers for the FIFA World Cup Korea & Japan 2002 at Varsity Stadium (CAN) on November 15, 2000.

Head-to-Head Record:

36 matches

5 wins - Canada

10 draws

21 wins - Mexico

24 goals - Canada

75 goals - Mexico

Canada (CAN)

Canada's Record by Edition in the CNL:

2019/20 (League A - Group Stage), 2022/23 (League A - Runner-up), 2023/24 (Quarterfinals), 2024/25 (Final Four).

Canada advanced to the Final Four of the 2024/25 CNL as the only team to keep a clean sheet in both quarterfinal matches (1-0 and 3-0 against Suriname).

Canada won the Final Four of the 2022/23 edition, defeating Panama 2-0 with goals from Jonathan David and Alphonso Davies at Allegiant Stadium before falling in the final to the United States (0-2) in Las Vegas.

Concacaf Nations League Record: GP-14 W-10 L-4 GF-31 GA-13

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

Most Assists: Jonathan Osorio (4), Richie Laryea (4), Jonathan David (4), Cyle Larin (3), Samuel Adegugbe (2), Kamal Miller (2).

Saves in the CNL: 13 Goalkeepers: Milan Borjan (12), Dayne St. Clair (2).

Clean Sheets in the CNL: 7

CNL 2024/25 Record: GP-2 W-2 D-0 L-0 GF-4 GA-0
Qualified directly to the quarterfinals.

CNL 2024/25 Goal Scorers: Jacob Shaffelburg (2), Jonathan David (1), Junior Hoilett.

CNL 2024/25 Assists: Kamal Miller (1), Cyle Larin, Moise Bombito, Jonathan David.

CNL 2024/25 Saves: 1
Goalkeeper: Dayne St. Clair (1).

Players to Watch:

Alphonso Davies: Featured in three of the four Concacaf Nations League editions, scoring in each: 2019/20 (2), 2022/23 (3), and 2023/24 (1). He has recorded 6 goals and 1 assist in 13 appearances. Scored against Cuba, the United States, Curaçao (2), Panama, and Jamaica. Played in the 2022/23 semifinals, scoring in the 2-0 win over Panama in Paradise, NV. Has faced Mexico four times (2019 Gold Cup, Concacaf Qualifiers for the 2022 World Cup, and an international friendly).

Tajon Buchanan: Has played 11 matches in the Concacaf Nations League (7 as a starter). Featured in the last three editions and was a key substitute in the 2022/23 final against the United States. Logged minutes in every stage of the tournament. Came off the bench in both quarterfinal wins over Suriname in the 2024/25 edition, achieving an 85% passing accuracy.

Jacob Shaffelburg: Scored 2 of Canada's 4 goals against Suriname in the quarterfinal series, registering 4 shots. Delivered 124 passes in both matches against Suriname.

Stephen Eustaquio: Led Canada in passes (199) and ball recoveries (7) in the quarterfinals. The midfielder has played in Canada's last four matches against Mexico, recording one win, two draws, and one loss.

Jonathan David: Scored 1 goal and provided 1 assist in the 2024/25 quarterfinals against Suriname. Has found the net in all four previous CNL editions and is Canada's all-time leader in goal contributions in the competition (7 goals and 4 assists).

Mexico (MEX)

Mexico's Record by Edition in the CNL:

2019/20 (League A - Runner-up), 2022/23 (League A - 3rd Place), 2023/24 (Runner-up, reached the Semifinals), 2024/25 (Final Four).

Mexico will play in the Concacaf Nations League Final Four for the fourth time, having previously recorded 4 wins, 1 draw, and 5 losses.

They were finalists in 2 of the last 3 editions of the CNL (2019/20 and 2023/24), both times falling to the United States.

Mexico secured 3rd place in 2022/23 after defeating Panama 1-0.

They have competed in the Final Four in every edition (W-1 D-1 L-1), including a 3-0 victory over Panama (Édson Álvarez, Julián Quiñones, and Orbelín Pineda) in the 2023/24 Final Four.

Mexico has won both of its penalty shootouts in CNL history (vs. Costa Rica in the 2019/20 semifinals and vs. Honduras in the 2023/24 quarterfinals).

They have scored in every series played in CNL history: Final (2), Third Place Match (1), Semifinals (3), and Quarterfinals (6).

Concacaf Nations League Record: GP-18 W-10 D-3 L-5 GF-33 GA-18

Top Scorers: José Macías (3), Henry Martín (3), Raúl Jiménez (3), Édson Álvarez (3), Uriel Antuna (2), Hirving Lozano (2), Orbelín Pineda (2).

Most Assists: Roberto Alvarado (2), Hirving Lozano (2), Uriel Antuna (2), Henry Martín (2), Luis Chávez (2), Raúl Jiménez (2).

Saves in the CNL: 47

Goalkeepers: Guillermo Ochoa (28), Luis Malagón (8), Carlos Acevedo (5), Raúl Gudiño (3), Rodolfo Cota (2), Hugo González (1).

Clean Sheets in the CNL: 7

CNL 2024/25 Record: GP-2 W-1 D-0 L-1 GF-4 GA-2
Qualified directly to the quarterfinals.

CNL 2024/25 Goal Scorers:

Henry Martín (2), Raúl Jiménez (1), Jorge Sánchez.

CNL 2024/25 Assists:

Alexis Vega (1), Raúl Jiménez, Jesús Orozco.

CNL 2024/25 Saves: 5

Goalkeepers: Guillermo Ochoa (3), Luis Malagón (2).

Players to Watch:

Raúl Jiménez: Has scored 1 goal every 2 Concacaf Nations League matches (3 goals in 6 appearances). Has played in at least one match in every edition of the tournament since its inception in 2019/20. Across the Gold Cup, Copa América, and CNL, the striker has recorded 12 goals and 9 assists in 23 appearances. The Fulham (ENG) forward was instrumental in the 2024/25 quarterfinals against Honduras, scoring 1 goal, providing 1 assist, and registering 5 shots. Scored against Canada in Group A of the 2013 Gold Cup.

Orbelín Pineda: Has 15 appearances, 2 goals, and 1 assist in the Concacaf Nations League. His most recent goal came in the 2023/24 semifinals, helping Mexico defeat Panama 3-0. Currently playing for AEK Athens (GRE), he featured in the 2024/25 quarterfinal series against Honduras, where he recorded 1 shot and completed 97% of his passes. He has scored 8 goals across the Gold Cup and CNL, playing in four finals across both tournaments (Gold Cup 2021 and 2023, and CNL 2019/20 and 2023/24).

Édson Álvarez: Led Mexico in passes (197) during the 2024/25 quarterfinals against Honduras, with a 91% accuracy rate. The midfielder has scored 3 goals in 12 CNL appearances, including one in the 2023/24 semifinals against Panama.

Alexis Vega: Provided 1 assist and recorded the most shots (6) in the quarterfinal series against Honduras. Completed 50 successful passes and recovered 2 balls across both matches.

Henry Martín: Has scored two goals in the current CNL edition. The forward has tallied 3 goals and 2 assists in 11 Concacaf Nations League appearances.