

Concacaf GOLD CUP PRELIMS

M# 7 GUADELOUPE vs. NICARAGUA

Stade Roger Zami, Guadalupe.

They will face each other for the second time. Their first encounter was on Matchday 2 of Group C in the 2009 Gold Cup at Reliant (NRG) Stadium in Houston (USA) on July 9, 2009, where Guadeloupe secured a 2-0 victory with goals from Stephane Auvray (57') and Ludovic Gotin (59').

The Nicaragua national team comes into this match with only one loss in their last four games, all played in the Concacaf Nations League. That defeat was a 2-0 loss to Jamaica on October 10, 2024, at the National Stadium (NCA), with an own goal from Josué Quijano (32') and a goal from Romario Williams (69').

Guadeloupe arrives with a 50%-win rate in their last six matches, all in the Concacaf Nations League, with their last two games being consecutive victories—0-6 against the Cayman Islands on November 15, 2024, and 1-0 against the Cayman Islands on November 19, 2024.

All-Time record:

1 match

1 win for Guadeloupe

2 goals for Guadeloupe



Guadeloupe has played in five editions of the Concacaf Gold Cup (2007, 2009, 2011, 2021, and 2023). Their best result came in their debut (2007), when they reached the semifinals under the guidance of experienced coach **Jocelyn Angloma**, facing Mexico in the final four.

Guadeloupe will compete in the Gold Cup Prelims for the third consecutive time (2021, 2023, and 2025). In 2021, they eliminated Bahamas in Round 1 and Guatemala in a penalty shootout in Round 2. In 2023, they overcame Antigua and Barbuda in Round 1 and Guyana in Round 2.

They secured a spot in the 2025 Gold Cup Prelims as one of the Play-in winners, defeating Cayman Islands 7-0 on aggregate.

Gold Cup Record: GP-22 W-8 D-3 L-11 GF-33 GA-32

Best Gold Cup Finish: 3rd place (2007). The 2007 edition did not feature a third-place match (as also happened in 2005, 2009, 2011, 2013, 2017, 2019, and 2021), meaning the semifinal losers were both considered third-place teams.

Gold Cup Top Scorers: Matthias Phaeton (6), David Fleurival (2), Jocelyn Angloma (2), Brice Jovial (2), Ange-Freddy Plumain (2), Raphaël Mirval (2), Andreaw Gravillon (2).

Most Gold Cup Appearances: Stephane Auvray (12), Loïc Loyal (11), Mickael Tacalfred (10), David Fleurival (10), Miguel Comminges (10), Anthony Baron (10), Matthias Phaeton (10).

CNL Record: GP-22 W-15 D-1 L-6 (GF-49 GA-14).

CNL Top Scorers: Raphael Mirval (8), Ange Plumain (6), Matthias Phaeton (4), Dimitri Ramothe (3), Thierry Ambrose (3), Tairyk Arconte (3), Vikash Oyane Tille (3).

CNL Assists: Matthias Phaeton (4), Christian Senneville (3), Raphael Mirval (3), Ange Plumain (3), Dimitri Ramothe (2), Tairyk Arconte (2), Anthony Kevin Baron (2).

CNL Saves: 60. Goalkeepers: Brice Cognard (22), Davy Rouyard (16), Teddy Bartouche Selbonne (11), Christopher Dilo (6), Frederic Tejou (3), Rubens Adelaide (2).

Players to Watch:

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

Matthias Phaeton. Featured in the 2021 Prelims (scoring twice against Bahamas and Guatemala) and the 2023 Prelims (vs. Antigua and Barbuda). He also played in the group stage of both tournaments, scoring once against Suriname in 2021 and twice against Cuba in 2023. The forward has 4 goals and 4 assists in 17 Concacaf Nations League matches.

Raphaël Mirval. Scored 1 goal and provided 2 assists in the Play-in against Cayman Islands. Has played minutes in every match of the 2024/25 CNL campaign. He remains Guadeloupe's all-time top scorer in the Nations League with 8 goals. Competed in the 2021 Gold Cup, scoring against Bahamas (Prelims) and Costa Rica (group stage).

Ange Plumain. Found the net against Cuba and Guatemala in Group D of the 2023 Gold Cup and also played in the 2023 Prelims. Scored in the 6-0 win over Cayman Islands in the 2024/25 Play-in. The forward has 6 goals and 3 assists in 15 CNL appearances.



Nicaragua aims to qualify for the group stage for the fourth time, having previously competed in the 2009, 2017, and 2019 editions of the Concacaf Gold Cup.

Carlos Chavarría is the only Nicaraguan player to have scored in the Gold Cup, finding the net against Panama in Group B of the 2017 tournament at Raymond James Stadium in Tampa, USA.

They qualified for the 2025 Gold Cup Prelims after finishing third in Group B of League A in the 2024/25 Concacaf Nations League.

Previous Gold Cup Appearances: 3 (2009, 2017, 2019).

*Originally qualified for the 2023 edition as winners of Group C in League B of the Nations League but were disqualified for fielding an ineligible player.

Gold Cup Record: GP-9 W-0 D-0 L-9 GF-1 GA-23

Gold Cup Top Scorers: Carlos Chavarría (1).

Most Gold Cup Appearances: Juan Ramón Barrera (8), Luis Copete (6), Josué Quijano (6), Luis Rosas (5), Manuel Galeano (5), Daniel Cadena (5).

CNL Record: GP-22 W-13 D-5 L-4 (GF-45 GA-22).

CNL Top Scorers: Jaime Moreno (6), Matías Moldskred (5), Byron Bonilla (4), Ariagner Smith (4), Juan Luis Pérez (3), Carlos Chavarría (3), Jacob Montes (3), Juan Ramón Barrera (3), Luis Coronel (2), Widman Talavera (2).

CNL Assists: Óscar Acevedo (4), Byron Bonilla (3), Josué Quijano (3), Ariagner Smith (2), Matías Moldskred (2), Henry Niño (2).

CNL Saves: 43. Goalkeepers: Miguel Rodríguez (18), Brayan Torres (12), César Salandía (4), Henry Maradiaga (3), Alyer López (2), Douglas Forvis (2), Jason Vega (2).

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Byron Bonilla. Played in the 2019 Gold Cup, facing Costa Rica, Haiti, and Bermuda in Group B. Has scored 4 goals and provided 3 assists in the Concacaf Nations League.

Matías Moldskred. Has scored 5 goals in 15 CNL appearances and has also played in Concacaf World Cup Qualifiers for Qatar 2022 and 2026.

Juan Ramón Barrera. Holds the record for most Gold Cup appearances (8) for Nicaragua across 2009, 2017, and 2019. Best remembered for his hat-trick against Haiti in the 2017 Gold Cup Playoffs, which helped Nicaragua overturn the series in the final 10 minutes at the Estadio Nacional in Managua.