

Concacaf GOLD CUP PRELIMS

JAMAICA vs. ST. VINCENT

Sabina Park Stadium

Oalex Anderson (VIN) scored his first-ever goal in the Gold Cup Prelims, taking his international tally to 21 goals in 46 appearances.

Leon Bailey (JAM) also opened his Prelims scoring account and now has six goals in 33 caps for Jamaica.

This was the second-ever draw between these two nations. Their first ended in a thrilling 3-3 stalemate in a friendly played in Kingston on October 4, 1992 (Hector Wright 24', Ifidel Hamilton 66', Paul Davis 89' for Jamaica; Kendall Velox 37', pen. 42', Rodney Jack 56' for Saint Vincent and the Grenadines). This was the first time they've drawn on Vincentian soil.

It was also just the second time in ten meetings that Jamaica played in Saint Vincent & the Grenadines – the hosts have yet to defeat the “Reggae Boyz” at home, with one previous loss on September 27, 1992 (0-1, Paul Davis 78' in the AK Cup) and now the 1-1 draw in the 2025 Gold Cup Prelims on March 21, 2025 (Oalex Anderson 65' / Leon Bailey pen. 90+8').

Saint Vincent & the Grenadines are now winless in two consecutive Gold Cup Prelims matches. They previously lost 6-1 to Haiti on July 2, 2021 (Duckens Nazon x2, Frantzdy Pierrot, Derrick Etienne, Jahvin Sutherland, Carnejoy Antoine / Kyle Edwards).

This was only the second time these two teams have met in Gold Cup qualifying. Their first encounter came on September 29, 2006, in Group D action, where Saint Vincent & the Grenadines earned a 2-1 win with goals from Wesley John (49') and Kendall Velox (70'), while Roland Dean (73') scored for Jamaica. That remains Jamaica's only loss to the Vincentians.

Saint Vincent & the Grenadines once again drew 1-1 in an official home match – the last time was against the Bahamas on March 27, 2023, in Group C of Concacaf Nations League B (Kyle Edwards pen. 60' for the hosts, Marcel Joseph 69' for the visitors).

Jamaica had not drawn an official away match 1-1 since June 4, 2022, when they faced Surinam in Paramaribo in Group A of Concacaf Nations League A (Amal Knight own goal 84' for Surinam, Junior Flemmings 39' for Jamaica).

This 1-1 result marked the first draw in seven official matches between these two teams. Jamaica leads the series with five wins:

- June 21, 1992 (2-0, Caribbean Cup)
- September 23, 1996 (1-2, FIFA World Cup qualifiers for France 1998)
- November 10, 1996 (5-0, FIFA World Cup qualifiers for France 1998)
- July 16, 2000 (0-1, FIFA World Cup qualifiers for Korea/Japan 2002)
- September 3, 2000 (2-0, FIFA World Cup qualifiers for Korea/Japan 2002)

Saint Vincent & the Grenadines have one win (September 29, 2006, 1-2, Gold Cup 2007 qualifiers), and now one draw (March 21, 2025, 1-1, Gold Cup 2025 Prelims).



Gold Cup Appearances: (13) (1991, 1993, 1998, 2000, 2003, 2005, 2009, 2011, 2015, 2017, 2019, 2021, 2023)

Gold Cup Record: 56 GP: 23-W-11-D-22-L (69 GF – 74 GA)

Best Gold Cup Result: Runner-up (2015, 2017)

Top Scorers in the Gold Cup: Darren Mattocks (5), Shamar Nicholson (3), Demar Phillips (3), Andy Williams (3)

Most Appearances in the Gold Cup: Kemar Lawrence (22), Andre Blake (19), Damion Lowe (18), Je-Vaughn Watson (17), Jermaine Taylor (16), Shamar Nicholson (15), Alvas Powell (15), Darren Mattocks (14)

Most Saves in the Gold Cup (2009–2025): Andre Blake (59), Ryan Thompson (27), Donovan Ricketts (18)

Most Assists in the Gold Cup (2009–2025): Kemar Lawrence (4), Leon Bailey (3), Darren Mattocks (2), Demarai Gray (2), Daniel Johnson (2), Joel McAnuff (2), Dane Richards (2), Je-Vaughn Watson (2)

Players to Watch:

Leon Bailey. Jamaica's top performer in the first leg of the 2025 Prelims. In addition to scoring the equalizer from the penalty spot, he completed 205 passes, made 13 tackles, and took 6 corner kicks.

Isaac Hayden. Fired two shots on target in the first-leg clash against Saint Vincent and the Grenadines. He commanded the midfield for the Reggae Boyz in that Prelims match, recording 9 ball recoveries and 154 total passes.

Bobby Decordova-Reid. Tallied 8 tackles and completed 142 passes in the opening leg. He played in 4 matches at the 2023 Gold Cup and scored once in his 2 appearances at the 2021 edition. He netted the tournament's best goal at the 2021 Gold Cup against Suriname.

André Blake. Contributed 2 saves and 1 clearance in the first leg of the Prelims on the road to the 2025 Gold Cup group stage. The captain has featured in the last 5 editions of the Gold Cup and was awarded the Golden Glove in 2017.



Gold Cup Appearances: (2) (1996, 2021)

Gold Cup Record: 4 GP: 0-W-0-D-4-L (2 GF – 14 GA)

Best Gold Cup Result: Group stage (1996)

Top Scorers in the Gold Cup: Kyle Edwards (1), Oalex Anderson (1)

Most Appearances in the Gold Cup: Orande Ash (2), Fitzgerald Bramble (2), Dexter Browne (2), Ezra Hendrickson (2), Andre Hinds (2), Cornelius Huggins (2), Rodney Jack (2), Marlon James (2), Verbin Sutherland (2), Dexter Walker (2)

Most Saves in the Gold Cup (2009–2025): Lemus Christopher (8), Nigell Charles (5)

Most Assists in the Gold Cup (2009–2025): None recorded

Players to Watch:

Oalex Anderson. The striker opened the scoring and took 50% of the team's shots (4 of 8) against Jamaica in the first leg of the Prelims. The team captain has registered 5 goals and 2 assists in 17 appearances in the Concacaf Nations League.

Lemus Christopher. The goalkeeper was the standout figure in the first leg of the 2025 Gold Cup Prelims, making 8 saves and 3 clearances. He also contributed to build-up play with a 90% pass accuracy rate.

Cornelius Stewart. Fired off 2 shots in the first-leg clash against Jamaica. He is Saint Vincent and the Grenadines' all-time top scorer in the CNL (8 goals and 5 assists). Stewart has had a direct hand in 6 of the team's last 12 CNL goals (2 goals and 4 assists).

Tristan Marshall. Dominated the ball in the first leg at Arnos Vale Ground in Kingstown, recording 8 recoveries. The defender completed 25 passes (14 accurate), committed 2 fouls, and made 1 clearance in the match against Jamaica.