

#95 Cuba vs. St. Kitts and Nevis

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St. Kitts and Nevis won 2-1 in the first leg, (Romaine Sawyers and Andre Burley; Luis Paradela) at the SKNFA Technical Centre, Basseterre, SKN (14-NOV-2024).

They will face each other for the fifth time. Cuba leads the historical series with 2 victories (both by 2-0), one draw (1-1), and 1 loss. GP-4 W-2 D-1 L-1 (GF-6 GA-3).

St. Kitts 0-2 Cuba, Gold Cup Qualifier 1998, Hasely Crawford Stadium, Port of Spain, TRI (4-OCT-1997).

Cuba 2-0 St. Kitts (Ariel Álvarez x2), First Round (Group B) - Caribbean Cup 1999, Hasely Crawford Stadium, Port of Spain, TRI (8-JUN-1999).

Cuba 1-1 St. Kitts (Austin Huggins; Sergei Prado), First Round (Group B) - Caribbean Cup 2001, Marvin Lee Stadium, Macoya, TRI (18-MAY-2001).

St. Kitts 2-1 Cuba (Romaine Sawyers and Andre Burley; Luis Paradela), Play-in (first leg) - CNL 2024/25, SKNFA Technical Centre, Basseterre, SKN (14-NOV-2024).

Cuba (CUB)

Top scorers in the CNL: Arichell Hernández (4), Maykel Reyes (3), Luis Paradela (3), Willian Pozo (2), Yasnier Matos (2).

Assists: Luis Paradela (4), Willian Pozo (1), Jorge Luis Corrales, Onel Hernández, Karel Espino, Carlos Vázquez, Dairon Reyes, Orlando Calvo.

Saves: 58. Goalkeepers: Raiko Azorena (26), Sandy Sánchez (16), Nelson Johnston (7), Ismel Morgado (6).

Players to watch:

Luis Paradela. He scored Cuba's only goal in the first leg of the Play-in against St. Kitts and was the player with the most shots at the SKNFA Technical Centre in Basseterre (5). The forward has scored 3 goals in 11 appearances in the CNL.

Dariel Morejón. He played every minute for Cuba in League A of the CNL 2024/25 (5 matches). The 25-year-old defender was the Cuban player with the most passes (77) and ball recoveries (4) in the first leg of the Play-in.

Alejandro Reyes. He was the leader in passes (81) against St. Kitts and Nevis in the first leg of the Play-in. The 21-year-old midfielder completed 82% of his passes in the current edition of the CNL.

St. Kitts and Nevis (SKN)

Top scorers in the CNL: Tiquanny Williams (9), Román Liburd (4), Omari Sterling-James (2), Keithroy Freeman (2), Gvaune Amory (2), Romaine Sawyers (2).

Assists: Omari Sterling-James (3), Yohannes Mitchum (2), Kimaree Rogers (2), Gvaune Amory (2), Malique Roberts (1), Harrison Panayiotou, Devaughn Elliott, Tiquanny Williams, Lois Maynard, Nequan Browne, Raheem Hanley, Mervin Lewis.

Saves: 70. Goalkeepers: Julani Archibald (68), Clifford Adrian Samuel (1), Jamal Jeffers (1).

Players to watch:

Omari Sterling-James. He contributed to both goals against Cuba with 2 assists. With this performance, the forward became the all-time assist leader for St. Kitts and Nevis in the CNL (3).

Romaine Sawyers. He opened the scoring against the Cubans and was the player with the most passes for St. Kitts and Nevis (23). The forward has scored 2 goals in his 10 CNL appearances.

Andre Burley. He scored the winning goal in the 2-1 victory against Cuba in Basseterre. The defender completed 90% of his passes, took 2 shots, and made 2 clearances.