

#76 Jamaica v. United States

National Stadium, Kingston, Jamaica

They will face each other for the second time in the Concacaf Nations League. The first meeting took place on March 21, 2024, in the semifinals of the 2023-24 edition, with the United States securing a 3-1 victory at AT&T Stadium. The goals came from Cory Burke (own goal 90+6') and Haji Wright (96', 109'), while Jamaica's Gregory Leigh scored just 30 seconds into the match – setting a new record for the fastest goal in a knockout stage game in Nations League history.

Jamaica has only managed to defeat the United States three times across all competitions.

In official competitions, the last win for the “Reggae Boyz” came in the semifinals of the 2015 Gold Cup, on July 22, 2015, at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta. Jamaica edged the U.S. 2-1, with goals from Darren Mattocks (31') and Giles Barnes (36'), while Michael Bradley (48') found the net for the U.S. With this victory, Jamaica reached the Gold Cup Final for the first time, though they would go on to lose 1-3 against Mexico. It has been more than nine years since Jamaica defeated the U.S. in an official match.

Jamaica's most recent victory in the series came in a 1-0 international friendly, with Shamar Nicholson scoring the lone goal (60') on June 5, 2019, at Audi Field in Washington. Since then, the two teams have clashed seven times, with the U.S. winning five and drawing two. Three of those five victories came in knockout-stage matches: on July 3, 2019, in the Gold Cup semifinals (USA 3-1 Jamaica, with goals from Weston McKennie 9' and Christian Pulisic 52', 87'; Shamar Nicholson 69'); on July 25, 2021, in the Gold Cup quarterfinals (USA 1-0 Jamaica, Matthew Hoppe 83'); and most recently on March 21, 2024, in the Nations League semifinals (USA 3-1 Jamaica, own goal by Cory Burke 90+6' and Haji Wright 96', 109'; Gregory Leigh 1'). Jamaica hasn't beaten the U.S. in any competition for over five years.

All-time series record: 33 games

- 20 wins for the United States
- 10 draws
- 3 wins for Jamaica
- 56 goals for the United States
- 22 goals for Jamaica

Jamaica (JAM)

Jamaica Completes Unbeaten Run in Group B of 2024-25 CNL

Jamaica finished unbeaten in Group B (W-2 D-2) of the 2024-25 CNL edition, overcoming rivals Honduras, Nicaragua, Trinidad, Cuba, and French Guiana. Their best-ever finish in CNL history came with a third-place spot in the 2023-24 edition after defeating Panama 1-0.

The Reggae Boyz have only lost two of their 22 CNL matches (2-1 to Canada and 3-1 to the United States in the 2023/24 quarterfinals and semifinals). They also hold a four-game winless streak at home, with scoreless draws in their last two home matches against Cuba and Honduras in Group B of the 2024-25 edition.

CNL Record: GP-22 W-13 D-7 L-2 (GF-48 GA-19).

Top Scorers: Shamar Nicholson (9), Bobby Reid (5), Maalique Foster (3), Junior Flemmings (3), Leon Bailey (3), Demarai Gray (3), Dever Orgill (2), Alvas Powell (2), Romario Williams (2).

Top Assists: Shamar Nicholson (6), Daniel Johnson (3), Brian Lee Brown (2), Leon Bailey (2), Bobby Reid (2).

Saves: 66. **Goalkeepers:** Andre Blake (45), Jahmali Waite (10), Amal Knight (9), Akeem Chambers (2).

Players to Watch

- **Michail Antonio:** Scored one of Jamaica's four goals in this edition (against Honduras in Matchday 2). The forward leads the Reggae Boyz in shots with six and is the most fouled player with nine fouls against him.

- **Kasey Palmer:** The playmaker of Jamaica's squad, he has completed 231 passes, with 206 finding their target. The Hull City player has seven appearances in the last two CNL editions.

- **Andre Blake:** Jamaica's "Human Wall" has made 14 CNL appearances. His cat-like reflexes have been crucial, achieving a clean sheet in 50% of his matches, with 45 saves and just 13 goals conceded. In the 2024-25 edition, he allowed only one goal across four games.

United States (USA)

Three-Time Concacaf Nations League Champions (2019-20, 2022-23, 2023-24)

2019/20 Edition: Defeated Mexico 3-2 in the final after extra time (Gio Reyna, Weston McKennie, and Christian Pulisic scored for the U.S.; Jesús Corona and Diego Laínez for Mexico) at Mile High Stadium, Denver (June 6, 2021).

2022/23 Edition: Beat Canada 2-0 (goals by Chris Richards and Folarin Balogun) at Allegiant Stadium, Las Vegas (June 18, 2023).

2023/24 Edition: Won 2-0 over Mexico (Tyler Adams and Gio Reyna scoring) at AT&T Stadium, Arlington (March 24, 2024).

The United States has won 14 of their 16 previous matches in the CNL, including back-to-back victories (3-1 vs. Jamaica and 2-0 vs. Mexico in the 2023/24 semifinals and final). Their only two CNL losses were to Canada (2-0 in Group A of 2019/20) and Trinidad and Tobago (2-1 in the 2023/24 quarterfinals).

CNL Record: GP-16 W-14 D-0 L-2 (GF-47 GA-9).

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

Top Assists: Weston McKennie (5), Jordan Morris (4), Luca de la Torre (4), Giovanni Reyna (4), Christian Pulisic (3), Paul Arriola (2), Sergiño Dest (2).

Results by Edition: 2019/20 (League A - Champions), 2022/23 (League A - Champions), 2023/24 (Champions).

Saves: 34. Goalkeepers: Matt Turner (14), Zack Steffen (9), Ethan Horvath (6), Brad Guzan (5).

Clean Sheets: (7).

2023/24 CNL Record: GP-4 W-3 D-0 L-1 (GF-9 GA-3). *Qualified directly to the quarterfinals based on Concacaf Ranking as of October 18, 2023 (2nd place).

Players to Watch

- **Matt Turner:** In nine appearances, Turner has made 14 saves and secured six clean sheets (67%). With 44 international appearances, he has kept 25 clean sheets.

- **Weston McKennie:** The U.S. player with the most goal contributions (11) in CNL history, tallying six goals and five assists. He also recorded the most accurate passes in the 2023/24 CNL (297).

- **Christian Pulisic:** Scored three goals and provided one assist in the CNL final stages. Pulisic has featured in all three finals and was pivotal in the inaugural edition, scoring an extra-time penalty against Mexico.