

# Concacaf GOLD CUP PRELIMS

## M#6 SURINAME vs. MARTINIQUE

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This will be the 14th historical encounter between these two teams. Martinique leads the series with a record of W-6 D-5 L-2.

They will face each other for the fourth consecutive time in Gold Cup qualifying matches, in which Martinique has secured one victory and two draws. The victory was a 1-0 win with a goal from Rodrigue Audel (61') in the qualifiers for the 2007 edition, on November 8, 2006, at Stade d'Honneur, on Matchday 1 of Group I in the 2007 Caribbean Nations Cup.

The most recent encounter took place in 2014 (more than 10 years ago), also in a Gold Cup qualifying match. It ended in a 0-0 draw on September 7, 2014, in Group 3 of that year's Caribbean Nations Cup edition, at Stade Municipal Pierre-Aliker in Fort-de-France (MTQ).

Martinique enters this match with only one loss in their last four games, all played in the Concacaf Nations League. That defeat was a 3-1 loss to Guatemala on September 5, 2024, at Dorotheo Guamuch Flores Stadium in Guatemala City (GUA), with Guatemala's goals scored by Rubio Rubín (3'), a penalty from José Carlos Pinto (61'), and José Carlos Martínez (90+4'), while Kévin Appin (50') scored for Martinique. Notably, Martinique has not conceded a goal in their last two matches (a 0-1 win over Guadeloupe on October 11, 2024, and a 0-0 draw against Guadeloupe on October 15, 2024).

Suriname comes into this match on a two-game losing streak, both defeats in the Concacaf Nations League and both against Canada—0-1 on November 15, 2024, and 3-0 on November 19, 2024. Suriname has won just once in their last four matches, a 5-1 victory over Guyana on October 15, 2024.

### **All-Time record:**

13 matches

6 wins for Martinique

5 draws

2 wins for Suriname

22 goals for Martinique

20 goals for Suriname



Suriname is aiming to qualify for the Concacaf Gold Cup group stage for the first time since 2021, when they competed in Group C alongside Jamaica, Costa Rica, and Guadeloupe.

Suriname was eliminated in the First Round of the 2023 Gold Cup Prelims by Puerto Rico in a penalty shootout (4-3) after a scoreless draw in regulation time.

They secured a spot in the 2025 Gold Cup Prelims after falling in the quarterfinals against Canada (4-0 on aggregate).

**Gold Cup Record:** GP-4 W-1 D-1 L-2 GF-3 GA-5

**Best Gold Cup Finish:** Group Stage (2021).

**Gold Cup Top Scorers:** Gleofilo Vlijter (2), Nigel Hasselbaink (1).

**Most Gold Cup Appearances:** Sheraldo Becker (4), Diego Biseswar (4), Kelvin Leerdam (4), Warner Hahn (4), Ivenzo Comvalius (3), Damil Dankerlui (3), Gleofilo Vlijter (3), Nigel Hasselbaink (3), Dion Malone (3), Ryan Koolwijk (3), Ridgeciano Haps (3), Florian Jozefzoon (3), Sean Klaiber (3).

**CNL Record:** GP-20 W-7 D-6 L-7 (GF-33 GA-25).

**CNL Top Scorers:** Geofilo Vlijter (12), Djevencio van der Kust (2), Dimitrie Apai (2), Ivenzo Comvalius (2), Virgil Misidjan (2), Sheraldo Becker (2), Ridgeciano Haps (2).

**CNL Assists:** Ivenzo Comvalius (2), Dimitri Apai (2), Denzel Jubitana (2), Kenneth Paal (2).

**CNL Saves: 55. Goalkeepers:** Warner Hahn (27), Claidel Kohinor (16), Joey Roggeveen (4), Etienne Vaessen (8).

**Players to Watch:**

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

**Geofilo Vlijter.** Scored 2 goals in 3 matches at the 2023 Gold Cup (vs. Costa Rica and Guadeloupe in Group C). He is Suriname's all-time top scorer in the CNL with 12 goals, having also led the scoring charts in the inaugural edition (2019/20) with 10 goals.

**Sheraldo Becker.** Registered 1 assist and netted 2 goals in his last 4 appearances in the 2024/25 CNL. The Real Sociedad (ESP) forward has scored 5 goals in 15 international appearances. Featured in three matches at the 2021 Gold Cup and played in the 2023 Prelims against Puerto Rico.

**Ridgeciano Haps.** Played in three group-stage matches at the 2021 Gold Cup. Scored in the last two editions of the Concacaf Nations League and participated in Concacaf qualifiers for the FIFA World Cups in 2022 and 2026.



Martinique has participated in 8 editions of the Concacaf Gold Cup (1993, 2002, 2003, 2013, 2017, 2019, 2021, and 2023). In their 1993 debut, they shared Group B with Mexico, Costa Rica, and Canada.

Their best Gold Cup finish came in 2002, when they reached the quarterfinals but were eliminated by Canada in a penalty shootout after a 1-1 draw in regulation. Kevin Parsemain remains the team's all-time top scorer in the Gold Cup with 5 goals.

They secured a spot in the 2025 Gold Cup Prelims after finishing fourth in Group A of League A in the 2024/25 Concacaf Nations League.

**Gold Cup Record:** GP-25 W-7 D-2 L-16 GF-31 GA-59

**Prelims Participation (2021-2023):** 1 (2023 -qualified for the group stage-).

**Gold Cup Top Scorers:** Kevin Parsemain (5), Kévin Fortuné (3), Patrick Burner (3), Emmanuel Rivière (2).

**Most Gold Cup Appearances:** Daniel Herelle (14), Stéphane Abaul (10), Kevin Parsemain (9), Jean-Sylvian Babin (9), Sébastien Crétinoir (9), Kévin Fortuné (9), Jordy Delem (7), Christof Jougon (7), Johnny Marajo (7), Karl Vitulin (7).

**CNL Record:** GP-16 W-3 D-7 L-6 (GF-11 GA-22).

**All-Time Top Scorers in CNL:** Brighton Labeau (3), Cyril Mandouki (1), Emmanuel Rivière, Jordy Delem, Julio Donisa, Johnny Marajo, Kévin Appin, Rudy Varane.

**CNL Assists:** Andy Cesar (1), Samuel Camille, Cyril Mandouki, Andy Marny, Damien Dussaut, Samuel Renel, Brighton Labeau, Mickael Biron.

**CNL Saves: 55. Goalkeepers:** Yannis Clementia (40), Loïc Chauvet (9), Arnaud Huyghues Des Etages (5), Yannick Etile (1).

### **Players to Watch:**

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**Brighton Labeau.** Played 3 group-stage matches at the 2023 Gold Cup, scoring 1 goal against Costa Rica. He also delivered a standout performance in the last edition's Prelims, scoring against Saint Lucia and Puerto Rico.

**Karl Fabien.** Featured in 5 matches during the 2023 Gold Cup, scoring 2 goals (including goals in the Prelims). Found the net against Saint Lucia in the First Round of the 2023 Prelims and later against Panama in Group C.

**Enrick Reuperné.** Has played in 8 Concacaf Gold Cup matches (3 games in Group B in 2021, 2 in the 2023 Prelims, and 3 in the 2023 group stage).