

# Concacaf GOLD CUP PRELIMS

## M# 4 GUYANA vs. GUATEMALA

Barbados Football Association Technical Centre, Barbados.

They will face each other for the fifth time, with Guatemala having won all four previous encounters.

This will be their second meeting in Gold Cup qualifying matches. The first took place in the 2021 edition, during the Preliminary Round on July 3, 2021, at DRV PNK Stadium in Fort Lauderdale (USA), where Guatemala claimed a 4-0 victory. The goals came from an own goal by Reiss Greenidge (20'), followed by strikes from Luis Martínez (54'), Darwin Lom (71'), and José Carlos Martínez (80').

The most recent encounter was in the Concacaf Nations League, League A, Group A, on October 11, 2024, in Leonora (GUY), where Guatemala secured a 3-1 win. Stephen Duke-McKenna (31') scored for Guyana, while Guatemala's goals came from Óscar Santís (17', 68') and Óscar Castellanos (61').

Guatemala will enter this match with one loss in their last four games (W-2 D-1 L-1), all played in the Concacaf Nations League. That defeat came against Costa Rica (3-0) on October 15, 2024, at the National Stadium (CRC), with goals from Warren Madrigal (9'), Kenneth Vargas (38'), and Francisco Calvo (71').

Guyana comes into this match on a two-game winning streak (within their last six games), both victories in the Concacaf Nations League: a 4-1 win over Barbados (November 15, 2024) and a 5-3 win over Barbados (November 19, 2024).

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

4 matches

4 wins for Guatemala

12 goals for Guatemala

1 goal for Guyana



Guyana is aiming to qualify for the Concacaf Gold Cup group stage for the first time since their 2019 debut, where they competed in Group D alongside the United States, Panama, and Trinidad and Tobago.

Their only point in the tournament came from a 1-1 draw against Trinidad and Tobago. Neil Danns scored all three of Guyana's goals in that edition, netting twice from the penalty spot in a 2-4 loss to Panama and once in the draw with Trinidad.

Guyana has been eliminated twice in the Gold Cup Prelims—in 2021 (Round 1 against Guatemala) and in 2023 (Round 2 against Guadeloupe).

They booked their spot in the 2025 Gold Cup Prelims after a dominant 9-4 aggregate victory over Barbados in the Play-In.

**Gold Cup Appearances:** 3 (2019, 2021, 2023).

**Gold Cup Record:** GP-6 W-0 D-2 L-4 GF-4 GA-16

**Gold Cup Top Scorers:** Neil Danns (3), Omari Glasgow (1).

**Most Gold Cup Appearances:** Elliot Bonds (5), Neil Danns (5), Samuel Cox (5), Keanu Marsh-Brown (4), Terence Vancooten (4), Stephen Duke-McKenna (4), Emery Welshman (4), Liam Gordon (4).

**CNL Record:** GP-23 W-13 D-3 L-7 (GF-54 GA-46).

**All-Time Top Scorers in CNL:** Omari Glasgow (14), Trayon Bobb (5), Kelsey Benjamin (5), Osaze de Rosario (5), Emery Welshman (3), Isaiah Jones (3), Nathan Moriah-Welsh (3), Deon Moore (3).

**CNL Assists:** Emery Welshman (2), Kadell Daniel (2), Liam Gordon (2), Stephen Duke-McKenna (2), Isaiah Jones (2).

**CNL Saves: 79. Goalkeepers:** Quillan Roberts (62), Akel Clarke (13), Kai McKenzie-Lyle (4).

**Players to Watch:**

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

**Omari Glasgow.** Guyana's all-time top scorer in the Nations League with 14 goals. The 21-year-old striker from Georgetown has featured in the last two Gold Cup Prelims—2021 (vs. Guatemala) and 2023 (vs. Grenada, where he scored 1 goal, and Guadeloupe).

**Osaze De Rosario.** Netted four goals in the Play-In against Barbados (scoring once in the first leg and three times in the return leg). The 23-year-old forward has five goals in seven international appearances across the Concacaf Nations League and FIFA World Cup Qualifiers.

**Quillan Roberts.** Guyana's most experienced goalkeeper, with 16 Concacaf Nations League appearances and 62 saves. Was a backup in the 2015 Gold Cup and played one match in the 2019 edition—a 1-1 draw against Trinidad.



Guatemala has competed in 12 editions of the Concacaf Gold Cup (1991, 1996, 1998, 2000, 2002, 2003, 2005, 2007, 2011, 2015, 2021, and 2023).

They were part of the inaugural 1991 edition and reached the quarterfinals in 2023.

Guatemala's best finish came in the 1996 Gold Cup, when they advanced to the semifinals and faced Mexico.

The player with the most Gold Cup appearances is Carlos Ruiz (18), who also holds the record for most goals scored (8) for Guatemala in the tournament.

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

**Gold Cup Record:** GP-39 W-7 D-11 L-21 GF-34 GA-58

**Prelims Participation (2021-2023):** 1 (2021).

\*Despite being eliminated in the 2021 Prelims, they played in the group stage as a replacement for Curaçao, which was withdrawn due to a COVID-19 outbreak. Guatemala advanced despite not being one of the Prelims winners, accumulating 4 points and 5 goals—surpassing other competitors. That edition made them the only team in history to be eliminated twice from the same tournament.

**Best Gold Cup Finish:** 4th place (1996).

**Gold Cup Top Scorers:** Carlos Ruiz (8), Juan Carlos Plata (4), Edwin Westphal (2), Luis Martínez (2), Darwin Lom (2).

**Most Gold Cup Appearances:** Carlos Ruiz (18), Edgar Valencia (12), Gustavo Cabrera (12), Edgar Solís (12), Martín Machón (11), Juan Carlos Plata (11), Erick Miranda (11).

**CNL Record:** GP-18 W-11 D-3 L-4 (GF-47 GA-15).

**CNL Top Scorers:** Oscar Santis (6), Danilo Guerra (6), Rubio Méndez (5), Alejandro Galindo (4), Marvin Ceballos (4), Carlos Mejía (2), José Carlos Martínez (2), Óscar Castellanos (2).

**CNL Assists:** Alejandro Galindo (3), Carlos Mejía (2), Allen Yanes (2), Wilson Pineda (2), Jorge Vargas (2), Danilo Guerra (2), José Morales (2), Oscar Santis (2), Nathaniel Mendez-Laing (2).

**CNL Saves: 44. Goalkeepers:** Nicholas Hagen (28), Ricardo Jérez (16).

**Players to Watch:**

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**Nathaniel Mendez-Laing.** The forward has accumulated 1,000 international minutes with Guatemala. Born in Birmingham, England, he featured in the last Gold Cup edition, where he registered 7 shots in 4 appearances.

**Rubio Méndez.** Guatemala's top scorer in the 2023 Gold Cup, netting a brace against Guadeloupe in Group D. He has 4 goals in his last 8 international appearances (across all competitions).

**Darwin Lom.** Played in the last two Gold Cup editions (3 matches in 2021 and 4 in 2023, scoring once). He found the net against Cuba in Group D of the 2023 edition. Additionally, he scored one of the goals in Guatemala's 4-0 win over Guyana in the 2021 Prelims.

