

#107 United States vs. Panama

Thursday March 20, 2025 (EDT 7:00 PM) Local time (4:00 PM) SoFi Stadium

History:

This will be the first-ever meeting between these two teams in the history of the Concacaf Nations League.

In Concacaf-organized tournaments, they will meet for the 13th time.

The United States has recorded 6 wins, 1 loss, and 5 draws. Notably, in their last seven encounters, the U.S. won four times, lost twice, and drew once.

They have faced each other twice in official semifinals.

The first clash came in the 2011 Gold Cup (June 22) at Reliant Stadium (USA), where the U.S. secured a 1-0 victory thanks to Clint Dempsey's goal (76').

The second semifinal meeting occurred in the 2023 Gold Cup (July 12) at Snapdragon Stadium (USA), where they drew 1-1 after extra time. Iván Anderson (99') scored for Panama, while Jesús Ferreira (105') equalized for the U.S. In the penalty shootout, the U.S. triumphed 5-4.

The United States vs. Panama is the most-played fixture in Concacaf Gold Cup history, with 12 encounters.

Panama's first victory in the historic series against the U.S. came in the 2011 Concacaf Gold Cup (2-1) during Group C at Raymond James Stadium (June 11, 2011). Clarence Goodson scored for the U.S., while an own goal by Goodson and a strike from Gabriel Gómez secured Panama's win.

Panama holds the historic distinction of being the only team to defeat the United States in the Gold Cup group stage.

The United States' largest victory in the series came in a 6-0 triumph, with goals from Landon Donovan (2), Eddie Johnson (3), and an own goal by José Torres. This result occurred in the Third Round of the Concacaf Qualifiers for the 2006 FIFA World Cup (October 13, 2004).

The most recent official meeting between the United States and Panama took place in the group stage of the 2024 Copa América at Mercedes-Benz Stadium (USA). Panama came from behind to claim a 2-1 victory, with goals from César Blackman (26') and José Fajardo (83'), while Folarin Balogun (22') had opened the scoring for the Americans.

Panama remains the only team in history to defeat the U.S. in the Gold Cup group stage.

Head-to-head record:

28 matches

18 wins - United States

7 draws

3 wins - Panama

56 goals - United States

19 goals - Panama

 **United States (USA)**

United States Record by Edition in the CNL:

2019/20 (League A - Champion), 2022/23 (League A - Champion), 2023/24 (Champion), 2024/25 (Final Four).

United States CNL Finals:

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

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

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

The United States has won 16 of its last 18 matches in the history of the Concacaf Nations League. They are on a four-game winning streak (defeating Jamaica 3-1 and Mexico 2-0 in the 2023/24 semifinals and final and overcoming Jamaica 1-0 and 4-2 in the 2024/25 quarterfinals).

The U.S. has reached the semifinals in three previous editions with a 100% success rate and was the top-scoring team (7 goals): 1-0 vs. Honduras (Theoson-Jordan Siebatcheu) in 2019/20, 3-0 vs. Mexico (Christian Pulisic x2 and Ricardo Pepi) in 2022/23, and 3-1 vs. Jamaica (Cory Burke own goal and Haji Wright x2; Greg Leigh) in 2023/24.

The only two defeats in the CNL came against Canada (2-0 in Group A of 2019/20) and Trinidad and Tobago (2-1 in the 2023/24 quarterfinals).

Concacaf Nations League Record: GP-18 W-16 L-2 GF-52 GA-10

Top Scorers: Ricardo Pepi (7), Weston McKennie (6), Christian Pulisic (6), Jordan Morris (5), Jesús Ferreira (4), Joshua Sargent (3), Giovanni Reyna (3), Antonee Robinson (2), Haji Wright (2), Gyasi Zardes (2).

Most Assists: Weston McKennie (6), Jordan Morris (4), Luca de la Torre (4), Giovanni Reyna (4), Christian Pulisic (4), Paul Arriola (2), Sergiño Dest (2), Antonee Robinson (2).

Saves in the CNL: 41

Goalkeepers: Matt Turner (21), Zack Steffen (9), Ethan Horvath (6), Brad Guzan (5).

Clean Sheets in the CNL: 8

CNL 2024/25 Record: GP-2 W-2 D-0 L-0 GF-5 GA-2

Qualified directly to the quarterfinals.

CNL 2024/25 Goal Scorers:

Ricardo Pepi (2), Christian Pulisic (1), Tim Weah.

CNL 2024/25 Assists:

Weston McKennie (2), Yunus Musah (1), Christian Pulisic, Antonee Robinson.

CNL 2024/25 Saves: 7

Goalkeeper: Matt Turner (7).

Players to Watch:

Weston McKennie: The player with the most goal contributions for the U.S. in the Concacaf Nations League (6 goals and 6 assists in 16 appearances). He has provided an assist in every edition (3 in 2019/20, 1 in 2022/23, 1 in 2023/24, and 1 in 2024/25). He scored in the 3-2 final win against Mexico in regulation time in 2019/20. Additionally, he recorded a brace (vs. Grenada in Group D 2022/23) and a hat-trick (vs. Cuba in Group A 2019/20). Scored the fastest goal in CNL history (vs. Cuba in League A 2019/20) at just 30 seconds.

Jordan Morris: Has scored 5 goals and provided 4 assists in 6 appearances across two CNL editions (2019/20 and 2022/23). He has been involved in a goal every 37 minutes in the CNL. Played 336 minutes, all in the group stage, scoring against Cuba (3), Canada, and El Salvador. He was the most efficient player in front of goal (57%) and had the highest goal involvement (4 goals, 4 assists) in the inaugural 2019/20 League A group stage.

Christian Pulisic: Had direct involvement in both victories against Jamaica in the quarterfinals (assisting Ricardo Pepi in the first leg and scoring in the return match). Pulisic has recorded 4 goals and 2 assists in the CNL final stages and, alongside teammate Haji Wright, is the top scorer in CNL semifinals with 2 goals.

Matt Turner: Was the starting goalkeeper in both quarterfinal matches against Jamaica, making 7 saves. Kept a clean sheet in the first leg with 3 saves, including a penalty stop against Demarai Gray. He has maintained a clean sheet in 64% of his CNL appearances (7 in 11 games).

Panama (PAN)

Panama's Record by Edition in the CNL:

2019/20 (League A), 2022/23 (League A - 4th Place), 2023/24 (League A - 4th Place), 2024/25 (Final Four).

Panama lost to Mexico in the third-place match of the 2022/23 edition and to Jamaica in 2023/24.

Panama reached the Final Four of the 2024/25 CNL after defeating Costa Rica in the quarterfinals:

0-1 (José Fajardo) and 2-2 (César Blackman and José Rodríguez; Alejandro Bran and Adrián Martínez).

Panama has played in the Final Four in the last two editions, losing both: 0-2 vs. Canada in 2022/23 and 0-3 vs. Mexico in 2023/24. Along with Costa Rica and Honduras, they are among the teams that have reached the CNL Final Four without scoring a goal.

Concacaf Nations League Record: GP-20 W-10 D-3 L-7 GF-31 GA-20

Top Scorers in the CNL: José Fajardo (5), Édgar Bárcenas (4), José Rodríguez (3), Gabriel Torres (3), Cecilio Waterman (3), Éric Davis (2), Adalberto Carrasquilla (2).

Most Assists: Édgar Bárcenas (4), Alberto Quintero (3), Adalberto Carrasquilla (3), Ismael Díaz (2), Freddy Góndola (1), Éric Davis, Cristian Martínez, Fidel Escobar, José Córdoba.

Saves in the CNL: 48

Goalkeepers: Orlando Mosquera (29), Luis Mejía (9), José Calderón (6), César Samudio (4).

Clean Sheets in the CNL: 9

CNL 2024/25 Record: GP-2 W-1 D-1 L-0 GF-3 GA-2

Qualified directly to the quarterfinals.

CNL 2024/25 Goal Scorers:

César Blackman (1), José Rodríguez, José Fajardo.

CNL 2024/25 Assists:

Édgar Bárcenas (1), José Córdoba.

CNL 2024/25 Saves: 2

Goalkeeper: Orlando Mosquera (2).

Players to Watch:

César Blackman: Has 12 appearances and 1 goal in the Concacaf Nations League. The Slovan Bratislava (SVK) player has seen action in every edition, scoring his only goal in the 2024/25 quarterfinals against Costa Rica. The right-back featured in the semifinals of 2022/23 (vs. Canada) and 2023/24 (vs. Mexico).

Cecilio Waterman: Scored 3 goals in 13 CNL appearances. He played in the first three editions of the tournament, scoring in 2022/23 (vs. Costa Rica in Group B) and 2023/24 (vs. Martinique in Group A). He also found the net in the 2023/24 quarterfinals against Costa Rica. Faced the United States in the historic 2023 Gold Cup semifinal, where he converted a penalty in the shootout.

José Fajardo: Has scored 3 goals in his last 4 matches against the United States (a brace in a 2020 international friendly and 1 goal in the 2024 Copa América). The forward is Panama's all-time top scorer in the CNL with 5 goals.

Édgar Bárcenas: Registered 4 shots and 1 assist in the 2024/25 quarterfinals against Costa Rica. The captain is Panama's most influential player in the CNL, with 4 goals and 4 assists.

José Rodríguez: Scored 1 goal and had 4 shots in the 2024/25 quarterfinal series against Costa Rica. Rodríguez has netted 3 goals in his 13 CNL appearances.