

Panama vs. Canada

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All-Time series

Panama and Canada have only faced each other once in the CMU20, which was during the group stage of the 2018 edition, where the Panamanians won 2-1 on November 6, 2018, in Bradenton, Florida (USA), with goals from Saed Díaz (45+2', 59') for Panama and Noble Okello (55') for Canada. In that edition, Panama achieved five victories in the group stage.

Canada, facing Central American teams in the history of the CMU20 in knockout stage, has 4 matches, with an advantage of 2 wins, 1 loss, and 1 draw. They won 3 of these series, only losing the first they contested, in 1973 against Guatemala by a score of 1-0, on February 25, 1973, in semifinal #1 of the tournament, played in Toluca (MEX), with the Guatemalan goal scored by Mario Enrique Mendoza (73'). Canada has not lost a series against a Central American team for more than 51 years.

Panama, in terms of direct elimination matches in the CMU20 against North American teams, has 2 series, both lost against the same opponent, Mexico. The first match was in semifinal #1 on April 8, 2011, in Guatemala City (GUA), 4-1 with goals for Mexico by Ulises Dávila (14'), Óscar Linton (own goal 31'), David Izazola (40'), and Edson Rivera (49'), and Javier Caicedo (28') for Panama. The second time was in the Final on January 24, 2015, in Montego Bay (JAM), a 1-1 draw (goals by Guillermo Martínez at 50' for Mexico and Fidel Escobar from a penalty at 73' for Panama) with Mexico winning the title in the penalty shootout 4-2.

CMU20 Series:

- 1 Game
- 1 win Panama
- 2 goals Panama
- 1 goal Canada



Appearances in CMU20: 13

Best Result in CMU20: Runner-up (2015), 3rd Place (2018).

Record in CMU20 history: GP-52 W-30 D-10 L-12 (GF-92 GA-55).

Top scorers in CMU20 since 2009: Cecilio Waterman (4), Ameth Ramírez (4), Ismael Díaz (4), Saed Díaz (4), Diego Valanta (4), Ricardo Guardia (4), Edson Samms (3), Leandro Ávila (3), Ángel Orelíen (3), Axel McKenzie (3), Gustavo Herrera (3).

Penalty shootouts: (2). Wins (0), Losses (2).

Record in Mexico 2024: GP-3 W-2 D-1 L-0 (GF-7 GA-2).

Top scorers in Mexico 2024: Gustavo Herrera (3), Giovany Herbert (1), Kairo Walters, Rafael Mosquera, Allan Saldaña.

Assists in 2024: Rafael Mosquera (1), Joseph Jones, Kairo Walters, Cecilio Burgess, Giovany Herbert.

Saves: 5. Clean sheets: 1. Goalkeepers: Sean Deane (4), Cecilio Burgess (1).

Last major victory: 5-0 vs. Aruba (Javier Betegón x2, Kevin Garrido, Leonel Tejada, Carlos Rivera), Group G - National Stadium, Tegucigalpa, Honduras (June 19, 2022).

Appearances in FIFA U-20 World Cup: 6 (United Arab Emirates 2003, Netherlands 2005, Canada 2007, Colombia 2011, New Zealand 2015, Poland 2019).

Best result in FIFA U-20 World Cup: Round of 16 (Poland 2019).

Panama won 4 of the last 8 matches in CMU20 and kept clean sheets in 50% of those games.

Panama scored 7 goals in the first half in CMU20 2024. Carlos Rivera scored the last second-half goal for Panama against Cuba in the round of 16 of Honduras 2022.

Players to watch:

Gustavo Herrera. He is Panama's top scorer in CMU20 2024 with 3 goals in 2 appearances and 8 shots. Scored a brace in the first match against Guatemala (3-0 win) and then against Haiti (3-1 win).

Rafael Mosquera. Scored 1 goal, provided 1 assist, and took 5 shots in his 3 appearances. The forward from New York RB II has 7 appearances in CMU20 history.

Kairo Walters. Scored a goal, provided an assist, and took 4 shots in 3 appearances, achieving a 94% passing accuracy.



Canada (CAN)

Appearances in CMU20: 25

Best Result in CMU20: Champion (Trinidad 1986, Mexico 1996), 2nd place (Honduras 1978, Trinidad 1984), 3rd place (Canada 1992, Honduras 1994).

Record in CMU20 history: GP-109 W-53 D-21 L-35 (GF-202 GA-122).

Top scorers in CMU20 since 2009: Randy Edwini-Bonsu (3), Jordan Hamilton (3), Noble

Okello (3), Santiago López (2), Samuel Piette (2), Caleb Clarke (2), Matthew Catavolo (2), Lowell Wright (2).

Penalty shootouts: (3). Wins (0), Losses (3).

Record in Mexico 2024: GP-3 W-2 D-1 L-0 (GF-5 GA-3).

Top scorers in Mexico 2024: Santiago López (2), Mataeo Bunbury (1), Myles Morgan, Tavio Ciccarelli.

Assists in 2024: Santiago López (2), Andrei Dumitru (1).

Saves: 11. Clean sheets: 1. Goalkeeper: Gregoire Swiderski (11).

Last major victory: 5-1 vs. Nicaragua (Samuel Piette, Caleb Clarke x2, Mauro Eustaquio, and Ben McKendry; Eulises Pavón), Group B - Olympic Stadium of C.U., Puebla (February 22, 2013).

Appearances in FIFA U-20 World Cup: 8 (Japan 1979, Soviet Union 1985, Chile 1987, Malaysia 1997, Argentina 2001, United Arab Emirates 2003, Netherlands 2005, Canada 2007).

Best result in FIFA U-20 World Cup: Quarterfinals (United Arab Emirates 2003).

Canada is undefeated in 6 regular time matches in CMU20, W-3 D-3.

Canada has not achieved three consecutive victories in CMU20 since the 2017 edition in Group A in Costa Rica (2-0 vs. Antigua and Barbuda) and at the start of the group stage in the United States 2018 (4-0 vs. Dominica and 2-1 vs. Guadeloupe).

Canada will seek to advance to the semifinals after being eliminated in their last 2 quarterfinal matches (including only editions that featured this knockout phase): 3-0 vs. Mexico in Guatemala 2011 and 4-2 vs. the United States in Mexico 2013. Canada has not won a quarterfinal series since the United States 1980 when it defeated Cuba 3-0.

Players to watch:

Santiago López. Was directly involved in 4 of Canada's 5 goals in the Group Stage (2 goals and 2 assists). He has taken 10 shots.

Tavio Ciccarelli. Was one of the players with the most shots (4) at the end of the group stage. He scored the winning goal against the Dominican Republic on the second date of Group B.

Jeevan Badwal. Was the team player with the most passes (118) in the group stage with an accuracy of 91% in three starts.