

Concacaf GOLD CUP PRELIMS

NICARAGUA vs. GUADALOUPE

Estadio Nacional Denis Martínez

Florian David (GLP) scored his fourth goal in nine appearances and his first in Gold Cup Prelims. With the win, Guadeloupe now boasts five victories in Prelims action.

This was Guadeloupe's second win in as many meetings against Nicaragua. The first came on July 9, 2009, in Group C play at the Gold Cup, held at Reliant Stadium (now NRG Stadium), with goals from Stéphane Auvray (57') and Ludovic Gotin (59').

This was Guadeloupe's fifth Gold Cup Prelims match, making them the team with the most appearances in this stage, surpassing French Guiana and Guyana, who have four each.

Guadeloupe has now won three straight matches — a streak they hadn't achieved since 2023, when they defeated Saint Lucia 2-0, Sint Maarten 2-0, and Saint Kitts & Nevis 5-0, all in Nations League action. They're also unbeaten in four consecutive matches (3 wins, 1 draw), a run they last matched in the 2023 Gold Cup when they beat Antigua & Barbuda 5-0, Guyana 2-0, Cuba 4-1, and drew 2-2 against Canada.

Nicaragua suffered their first official away defeat since losing 1-0 to Haiti in Port-au-Prince on June 8, 2021, during the qualifiers for Qatar 2022. Derrick Etienne scored the winner in the 63rd minute — 3 years, 9 months, and 13 days ago.

Nicaragua still has not scored against Guadeloupe and remains one of five Concacaf teams they've never managed to find the net against. The others are the United States, Martinique, Mexico, and Saint Kitts & Nevis.

Guadeloupe earned their first-ever win over a Central American side in the Gold Cup Prelims. Back in 2021, they drew 1-1 against Guatemala on July 6 (Matthias Phaeton 6' for Guadeloupe, Luis Fernando Martínez 17' for Guatemala).

This also marked the first time in the 21st century that Guadeloupe won two consecutive matches in Le Gosier by a 1-0 scoreline. The previous one was a Nations League 2024/25 win over the Cayman Islands, sealed by a Vikash Tillé goal in the 87th minute.



Gold Cup Appearances: (3) (2009, 2017, 2019)

In 2023, Nicaragua qualified as winners of Group C in League B of the Concacaf Nations League but was disqualified due to the use of an ineligible player.

Gold Cup Record: 10 GP 0-W 0-D 10-L (1 GF – 24 GA)

Best Gold Cup Result: Group stage (2009, 2017, 2019)

Top Scorers in the Gold Cup: Carlos Chavarría (1)

Most Appearances in the Gold Cup: Juan Ramón Barrera (9), Josué Quijano (7), Luis Copete (6), Luis Rosas (5), Manuel Galeano (5), Daniel Cadena (5)

Most Saves in the Gold Cup (2009–2025): Justo Llorente (22), Henry Maradiaga (4), Denis Espinoza (4)

Most Assists in the Gold Cup (2009–2025): None recorded

Players to Watch:

Byron Bonilla. The Real Estelí (NCA) forward has 7 goals and 5 assists in 36 appearances for the national team. He played in the 2019 Gold Cup, where Nicaragua faced Costa Rica, Haiti, and Bermuda in Group B.

Juan Luis Pérez. Led the team in shots (2 on target, 1 off) against Guadeloupe in the opening match of the Prelims. The defender also recorded 1 clearance and completed 38 passes to his teammates.

Jason Coronel. Delivered 1 shot, 1 tackle, 1 clearance, and 55 successful passes against Guadeloupe in the first leg of the 2025 Preliminary Round. The Diriangén player has now reached 33 international caps.

Juan Ramón Barrera. The captain is Nicaragua's all-time leader in Gold Cup group stage appearances with 8 matches played across the 2009, 2017, and 2019 editions. He famously scored a hat-trick against Haiti in the 2017 Gold Cup qualifying playoff that sealed Nicaragua's spot in that tournament.



Gold Cup Appearances: (5) (2007, 2009, 2011, 2021, 2023)

Gold Cup Record: 23 GP 9-W 3-D 11-L (34 GF – 32 GA)

Best Gold Cup Result: 3rd place (2007)

Note: The 2007 Gold Cup did not feature a Third Place Match (same as in 2005, 2009, 2011, 2013, 2017, 2019, and 2021). As a result, semifinalists were considered third-place finishers.

Top Scorers in the Gold Cup: Matthias Phaëton (6), David Fleurival (2), Jocelyn Angloma (2), Brice Jovial (2), Ange-Freddy Plumain (2), Raphaël Mirval (2), Andreaw Gravillon (2)

Most Appearances in the Gold Cup: Stephane Auvray (12), Loïc Loyal (11), Mickaël Tacalfred (10), David Fleurival (10), Miguel Comminges (10), Anthony Baron (10), Matthias Phaëton (10)

Most Saves in the Gold Cup (2009–2025): Marius Fusta (17), Yohann Thuram (14), Davy Rouyard (10)

Most Assists in the Gold Cup (2009–2025): Jordan Leborgne (3), Raphaël Mirval (2), Aurélien Capoue (2)

Players to Watch:

Florian David. The Swift Hesperange (LUX) striker bagged the lone goal in the 1-0 win over Nicaragua in the first leg of the 2025 Prelims. He's been involved in a goal every 1.5 games for Guadeloupe, tallying 4 goals and 2 assists in 9 appearances.

Raphaël Mirval. Scored once and delivered 2 assists in the Play-In series against the Cayman Islands. He also logged minutes in both matches of the 2024/25 CNL. Mirval remains Guadeloupe's top scorer in Nations League play with 8 goals.

Brice Cognard. Came up big with 4 saves and 1 clearance to preserve the clean sheet against Nicaragua at Stade Roger Zami in the Preliminary Round opener. The keeper now has 7 international caps.

Jérôme Roussillon. Fired 3 shots in the first leg clash against Nicaragua in Guadeloupe (1 on target, 2 off). The defender also recorded 2 clearances and completed 15 passes in the series opener.