

# 2023/24 Concacaf Nations League

## Play-in

### COSTA RICA vs. HONDURAS

Toyota Stadium, Arlington

Honduras and Costa Rica will face each other for the second time in the Concacaf Nations League. In the first match, they drew (2-2) in the third-place match, with goals from Edwin Rodríguez and Albert Elis for Honduras and Joel Campbell and Francisco Calvo for Costa Rica. Subsequently, Honduras won on penalties 5-4 on June 6, 2021, at Empower Field at Mile High in Denver.

#### **Memorable moments from the Costa Rica vs. Honduras series:**

Costa Rica 3-3 Honduras (Wálter Elizondo, Roy Sáenz, and an own goal by Selvin Cárcamo; Jorge Urquía and Rigoberto Gómez x2), Group 3 of the qualifiers for the Concacaf Nations Cup 1972, which served as qualifiers for the FIFA World Cup Germany 1974. With this draw, Honduras, with 10 men, eliminated Costa Rica at La Sabana Stadium in San José.

UNCAF Central American Cup (semifinal 1995 and final in 2005), Gold Cup (quarter-finals 2011), or in the Concacaf Nations League (third-place match in 2019/20).

Central American Cup 1995 (Semifinal): Honduras 1-1 (4-2) Costa Rica. Honduras advanced to the Final. The goals for Honduras were scored by Rudy Williams and Rolando Fonseca for Costa Rica, at Cuscatlán Stadium, SLV (Dec 7, 1995).

Central American Cup 2005 (Final): Costa Rica 1-1 Honduras (7-6) on penalties. Costa Rica won the title. The goals in Regular Time were from Wayne Wilson for Costa Rica and Milton Núñez for Honduras, at Mateo Flores Stadium, Guatemala, Feb 27, 2005.

Gold Cup 2011 (Quarter-finals): Costa Rica 1-1 (2-4) Honduras. Honduras advanced to the Semifinals. The goals in Regular Time were scored by Dennis Marshall for Costa Rica and Jerry Bengtson for Honduras, at the New Meadowlands Stadium (Baltimore, USA), Jun 18, 2011.

#### **All-Time series CRC vs HON**

64 games  
22 victories Costa Rica  
24 draws  
18 victories Honduras  
105 goals Costa Rica  
78 goals Honduras

In their last 7 encounters, Costa Rica has an advantage with 2 wins and 5 draws. Honduras hasn't been able to beat Costa Rica since October 11, 2013, in the Concacaf qualifiers for the 2014 FIFA World Cup in San Pedro Sula, with a 1-0 scoreline, with a goal by Jerry Bengtson in the 64th minute. It has been over 10 years since Honduras last defeated Costa Rica.

This streak of 7 winless games for Honduras against Costa Rica is the second longest. The first occurred between 1930 and 1960, during which Honduras lost 6 games and only managed 1 draw, scoring 5 goals compared to Costa Rica's 32.

\* **Honduras's record in the CNL:** GP-16 W-8 D-3 L-5 GF-25 GA-16

\* The record is in all CNL participations

**Top scorers for Honduras in the CNL:** Alberth Elis (3), Edwin Rodríguez (3), Brayan Moya (2), Antony Lozano (2), Romell Quioto (2), Bryan Róchez (2).

\* **Costa Rica's record in the CNL:** GP-12 W-3 D-5 L-4 GF-11 GA-15

**Top scorers for Costa Rica in the CNL:** Francisco Calvo (5), Joel Campbell (2), Johan Venegas (1), José Guillermo Ortíz, Aarón Suárez, Anthony Contreras.

### **Results in the Concacaf qualifiers for the FIFA World Cup:**

**Honduras 2-1 Costa Rica** (Carlos Suazo and Ronald Leaky; Marvin Rodríguez), Group 2 of the Concacaf qualifiers for the FIFA World Cup Chile 1962 (1960/61).

**Costa Rica 5-0 Honduras** (Ruben Jiménez x2, Juan Ulloa, Marvin Rodríguez, and Walter Pearson), Group 2 of the Concacaf qualifiers for the FIFA World Cup Chile 1962 (1960/61).

**Costa Rica 1-0 Honduras** (Marvin Rodríguez), playoff match of Group 2 of the Concacaf qualifiers for the FIFA World Cup Chile 1962 (1960/61).

**Honduras 1-0 Costa Rica** (Rigoberto Gómez), Group 3 of the Concacaf qualifiers for the FIFA World Cup Mexico 1970 (1968/69).

**Costa Rica 1-1 Honduras** (Eduardo Chavarría; Donaldo Rosales), Group 3 of the Concacaf qualifiers for the FIFA World Cup Mexico 1970 (1968/69).

**Honduras 2-1 Costa Rica** (Oscar Hernández and Rigoberto Gómez; Asdrúbal Paniagua), Group 3 of the qualifiers for the Concacaf Nations Cup 1972, which served as qualifiers for the FIFA World Cup Germany 1974.

**Costa Rica 3-3 Honduras** (Wálter Elizondo, Roy Sáenz, and Nemesia Cárcamo; Jorge Urquía and Rigoberto Gómez x2), Group 3 of the qualifiers for the Concacaf Nations Cup 1972, which served as qualifiers for the FIFA World Cup Germany 1974.

**Costa Rica 2-3 Honduras** (William Jiménez and Rodolfo Mills; Fernando Bulnes, Salvador Bernárdez, and Roberto Bailey), Group 2 of the qualifiers for the Concacaf Nations Cup 1980, which served as qualifiers for the FIFA World Cup Spain 1982.

**Honduras 1-1 Costa Rica** (Moisés Velásquez; Omar Morera), Group 2 of the Concacaf Nations Cup 1980 qualifiers, which served as Concacaf qualifiers for the FIFA World Cup Spain 1982 (1980).

**Costa Rica 2-2 Honduras** (Álvaro Solano and Johnny Williams; José Figueroa and Porfirio Betancourt), Final Round of the Concacaf Nations Cup 1985, qualifiers for the FIFA World Cup Mexico 1986.

**Honduras 3-1 Costa Rica** (Porfirio Betancourt and José Figueroa x2; Alexandre Guimaraes), Final Round of the Concacaf Nations Cup 1985, Concacaf qualifiers for the FIFA World Cup Mexico 1986 (1985).

**Costa Rica 2-3 Honduras** (Austin Berry and Luis Arnáez; Mario Flores, Rodolfo Smith, and César Obando), Second Round, Group A of the Concacaf qualifiers for the FIFA World Cup USA 1994.

**Honduras 2-1 Costa Rica** (Juan Flores and César Obando; Óscar Ramírez), Second Round, Group A of the Concacaf qualifiers for the FIFA World Cup USA 1994.

**Costa Rica 2-2 Honduras** (Rolando Fonseca and Rodrigo Cordero; José Luis Pineda and Milton Núñez), Final Round of the Concacaf qualifiers for the FIFA World Cup Korea/Japan 2002.

**Honduras 2-3 Costa Rica** (Amado Guevara x2; Paulo Wanchope, Rolando Fonseca, and Mauricio Solís), Final Round of the Concacaf qualifiers for the FIFA World Cup Korea/Japan 2002.

**Costa Rica 2-5 Honduras** (Andy Herron x2; David Suazo, Julio de León, Amado Guevara, Iván Guerrero, and Saúl Martínez), Third Round of the Concacaf qualifiers for the FIFA World Cup Germany 2006.

**Honduras 0-0 Costa Rica**, Third Round of the Concacaf qualifiers for the FIFA World Cup FIFA Germany 2006.

**Costa Rica 2-0 Honduras** (Andy Furtado x2), Fourth Round of the Concacaf qualifiers for the FIFA World Cup South Africa 2010.

**Honduras 4-0 Costa Rica** (Carlo Costly x2, Carlos Pavón, and Melvin Valladares), Fourth Round of the Concacaf qualifiers for the FIFA World Cup South Africa 2010.

**Costa Rica 1-0 Honduras** (Roy Miller), Fourth Round of the Concacaf qualifiers for the FIFA World Cup Brazil 2014.

**Honduras 1-0 Costa Rica** (Jerry Bengtson), Fourth Round of the Concacaf qualifiers for the FIFA World Cup Brazil 2014.

**Honduras 1-1 Costa Rica** (Anthony Lozano; Kendall Waston), Fifth Round of the Concacaf qualifiers for the FIFA World Cup Russia 2018.

**Costa Rica 1-1 Honduras** (Kendall Waston; Eddie Hernández), Fifth Round of the Concacaf qualifiers for the FIFA World Cup Russia 2018.

**Honduras 0-0 Costa Rica**, Third Round of the Concacaf qualifiers for the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022, Metropolitan Olympic Stadium, San Pedro Sula (7-OCT-2021).

**Costa Rica 2-1 Honduras** (Óscar Duarte and Gerson Torres; Romell Quito), Third Round of the Concacaf qualifiers for the FIFA World Cup FIFA Qatar 2022, National Stadium of Costa Rica (16-NOV-2021).

#### **Matches in the Concacaf Gold Cup:**

**Honduras 2-0 Costa Rica** (Eduardo Bennett and Eugenio Dolmo Flores), Semifinals 1991, Memorial Coliseum, Los Angeles (5-JUL-1991).

**Honduras 3-2 Costa Rica** (Wilmer Velásquez, Danilo Turcios, and Milton Núñez; Christian Bolaños and Bryan Ruiz), Quarterfinals 2005, Gillette Stadium, Foxborough (16-JUL-2005).

**Costa Rica 1-1 (2-4) Honduras** (Dennis Marshall; Jerry Bengtson), Quarterfinals 2011, New Meadowlands Stadium, Baltimore (18-JUN-2011).

**Honduras 1-0 Costa Rica** (Andy Najjar), Quarterfinals 2013, M & T Bank Stadium, Baltimore (21-JUL-2013).

**Honduras 0-1 Costa Rica** (Marcos Ureña), Group A 2017, Red Bull Arena, Harrison (7-JUL-2017).



**Top scorers in CNL history:** Francisco Calvo (5), Joel Campbell (2), Johan Venegas (1), José Guillermo Ortíz, Aarón Suárez, Anthony Contreras.

**Most assists in CNL:** Johan Venegas (2), Randall Leal (1), Bryan Oviedo, Óscar Duarte, Dylan Flores, Ricardo Blanco, Suhander Zúñiga, Joel Campbell.

**Costa Rica by edition in CNL:** 2019/20 (League A - 4th Place), 2022/23 (League A - Group Stage), 2023/24 (Quarterfinals).

**Saves throughout CNL: 31. Goalkeepers:** Kevin Chamorro (9), Keylor Navas (8), Leonel Moreira (6), Esteban Alvarado (4), Aarón Cruz (4).

**Clean sheets in CNL (3).**

**Record in CNL 2023/24: GP-1 W-0 D-0 L-1 (GF-0 GA-3).** \*directly qualified for the quarterfinals based on the Concacaf Ranking as of October 18, 2023 (4th Place).

**Top scorers in CNL 2023/24:** Francisco Calvo (1).

**Saves in CNL 2023/24 (3).** Kevin Chamorro (3).

**How the goals were scored: Header (1).**

**Opportunities to score goals: 15.** Shots on target (5).

#### **Players to watch**

**Francisco Calvo.** He is the top scorer for Costa Rica in the Concacaf Nations League with (5). Additionally, he scored the only goal in the quarterfinals against Panama.

**Yeltsin Tejeda.** He had a passing accuracy of (96%) in the quarterfinal match against Panama.

**Joel Campbell.** Provided the assist for Costa Rica's only goal in the quarterfinals of CNL 2023/24. Campbell has scored two goals in the CNL.



**Top scorers in CNL history:** Alberth Elis (3), Edwin Rodríguez (3), Brayan Moya (2), Antony Lozano (2), Romell Quioto (2), Bryan Róchez (2).

**Most assists in CNL:** Luis Palma (3), Alberth Elis (2), Edwin Rodríguez (2).

**Honduras by edition in CNL:** 2019/20 (League A - 3rd Place), 2022/23 (League A - Group Stage), 2023/24 (League A - Quarterfinals).

**Saves throughout CNL: 33.** Goalkeepers: Luis López (15), Edrick Menjívar (13), Harold Fonseca (5). Clean sheets in history (8).

**Biggest wins: 4-0 vs.** Trinidad (League A - Group C / CNL 2019/20), 4-0 vs. Grenada (League A Group B / CNL 2023/24); 4-0 vs. Cuba (League A - Group B / CNL 2023/24).

**Record in CNL 2023-24:** GP-6 W-3 D-1 L-2 (GF-10 GA-3).

**Top scorers in CNL 2023-24:** Antony Lozano (3), Edwin Rodríguez (2), Bryan Róchez (2), Luis Palma, Romell Quioto, Denil Maldonado.

**How the goals were scored:** From open play (7), from penalties (2), header (1).

**Chances to score goals: 83. Shots on target (40).**

**Saves in CNL 2023/24: (13). Goalkeeper:** Edrick Menjívar (13).

### Players to watch

**Jerry Bengtson.** He returned to the Honduras National Team after his last participation in the 2023 Concacaf Gold Cup, where he scored a goal against Haiti in the closing match of the group stage. The forward has scored **180 goals** in the National League of Honduras, making him the active top scorer in national football (he is 16 goals away from the all-time top scorer in the First Division of Honduras, Wilmer Velásquez with 196).

**Edwin Rodriguez.** He scored 3 goals in 28 matches with Honduras. His 3 goals came in the Concacaf Nations League (he scored against Costa Rica in the 3rd Place match of the 2019/20 CNL and a brace against Grenada in Group B of League A 2023/24). In the current edition, he has scored 2 goals, provided 2 assists, and attempted 8 shots.

**Andy Najjar.** He has played in 4 matches in the 2023/24 Concacaf Nations League where Honduras kept 2 clean sheets. The right-back defender has scored 4 goals in 46 appearances. He was one of the players with the most balls recovered alongside Edwin Rodriguez with (7); the leader was Deybi Flores with (9).

**Deybi Flores.** He led in passes (288) and balls recovered (9) in addition to 6 shots in the Honduras team in the current CNL.