# Panama vs. Costa Rica

They will face each other for the 4th time in history in the Nations League, of which Panama has 3 victories without conceding goals. Panama's victories were by a score of 2-0 in 2022 with goals from Ismael Díaz (52') and Cecilio Waterman (76'), and the other victory was on Costa Rican soil, 0-1 with a goal by José Fajardo, in the group stage (Group B) of League A, and recently in the first leg of the quarter-finals on November 17th at Ricardo Saprissa Stadium, they won 3-0 with goals from Michael Murillo, José Fajardo, and Cecilio Waterman.

Out of the last 11 matches between both teams, Costa Rica could only win 2 times, while Panama did so on 7 occasions. The last 4 matches ended with victories for Panama in the Nations League (2-0 in 2022, 0-1 in 2023), in the 2023 Concacaf Gold Cup in the group stage (Group C) with a score of 1-2, goals from José Fajardo (23') and Édgar Bárcenas (68') for Panama and Aarón Suárez (90+1') for Costa Rica, and in the first leg of the quarter-finals with a score of 3-0.

The last time Panama faced Costa Rica in Panama City was in Group B of the Concacaf Nations League on June 2, 2022, with a 2-0 victory for Panama, with goals from Ismael Diaz and Cecilio Waterman.

**All-Time series: 55 matches**

**26 victories for Costa Rica**

**14 draws**

**15 victories for Panama**

**108 goals for Costa Rica**

**50 goals for Panama**

**Panama (PAN)**

**Record in Concacaf Nations League:** GP-15 W-8 D-2 L-5 (GF-25 GA-14).

**Top Scorers:** Gabriel Torres (3), Cecilio Waterman (3), José Fajardo (3), Édgar Bárcenas (3), Éric Davis (2), Adalberto Carrasquilla (2).

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

**Record in CNL 2023-24:** GP-5 W-4 D-1 L-0 (GF-12 GA-2).

**Top Scorers in CNL 2023-24:** Éric Davis (2), Cecilio Waterman (2), José Fajardo (2), Adalberto Carrasquilla, Abdiel Ayarza, Édgar Bárcenas, José Rodríguez, Michael Murillo.

**Type of goal:** From open play (6), Penalty (2), Header (2), Free Kicks (1), Own goals (1).

**Goal-scoring Situations:** 52. **Shots on Target** (18). **Performance by edition:** 2019/20 (League A), 2022/23 (League A - Semifinals), 2023/24 (League A - Quarter-finals).

**All-Time Saves in CNL:** 33. **Goalkeepers:** Orlando Mosquera (17), José Calderón (6), Luis Mejía (6), César Samudio (4). **Clean Sheets** (8). **Saves in 2023/24:** (16).

**Victory with the most goals:** 5-0 vs. Martinique (League A - Group B / CNL 2022/23).

**Appearances in CONMEBOL Copa América:** 1 (2016). Group Stage United States 2016.

**Record in CONMEBOL Copa América:** GP-3 W-1 D-0 L-2 (GF-2 GA-4).

**Players to watch:**

**Adalberto Carrasquilla.** Provided the assist to Cecilio Waterman in the last goal against Costa Rica in the (0-3) victory in San Jose. The midfielder has (12) ball recoveries and has suffered (9) fouls against him in the 2023/24 CNL.

**José Fajardo.** Scored 2 goals in 5 appearances in the 2023/24 CNL (a field goal against Martinique in the group stage and against Costa Rica in the quarter-finals). He has made 5 shots in the current edition.

**Édgar Bárcenas.** Had (5) ball recoveries and 41 passes in the first match in Costa Rica. He has scored 1 goal and has 1 assist in 3 appearances.

**Orlando Mosquera.** Has participated in 3 out of 5 matches in the current edition of the 2023/24 CNL and kept a clean sheet in the victories against Guatemala (3-0) and Costa Rica (0-3). He has, to date, 11 saves, 1 goal conceded, and 6 clearances.

**Costa Rica (CRC)**

**Record in Concacaf Nations League:** GP-11 W-3 D-5 L-3 (GF-10 GA-12).

**Goal-scoring Situations:** 7. **Shots on Target** (3).

**Top Scorers:** Francisco Calvo (4), Joel Campbell (2), Johan Venegas (1), José Guillermo Ortíz, Aarón Suárez, Anthony Contreras.

**Top Assists:** Johan Venegas (2), Randall Leal (1), Bryan Oviedo, Óscar Duarte, Dylan Flores, Ricardo Blanco, Suhander Zúñiga.

**Saves in 2023/24** (2).

**All-Time Saves in CNL:** 30. **Goalkeepers:** Keylor Navas (8), Kevin Chamorro (8), Leonel Moreira (6), Esteban Alvarado (4), Aarón Cruz (4). **Clean Sheets** (3).

**Victory with the most goals:** 2-0 vs. Martinique (League A - Group B / CNL 2022/23).

**Appearances in CONMEBOL Copa América:** 5 (1997, 2001, 2004, 2011, 2016). Quarter-finals Colombia 2001 and Peru 2004.

**Record in CONMEBOL Copa América:** GP-17 W-5 D-3 L-9 (GF-17 GA-31).

**Players to watch:**

**Jimmy Marín.** Attempted two shots, one on target and one hitting the post, made 32 passes, and took three corner kicks in the match against Panama.

**Kevin Chamorro.** Made 2 saves in the defeat against Panama. Alongside Keylor Navas, he is one of the Costa Rican goalkeepers with the most saves in the history of the Concacaf Nations League with (8).

**Joel Campbell.** Has been involved in 4 of Costa Rica's last 8 goals across all competitions with 1 goal and 3 assists (including the Gold Cup, International Friendlies, and Concacaf Nations League).

**Brandon Aguilera.** Was the player with the highest number of passes (65) and ball recoveries (4) in the first match against Panama. Provided the assist for Costa Rica's last goal to Julio Cascante in the 1-4 defeat against the United Arab Emirates in a friendly match in September 2023.