

## Jamaica vs Costa Rica Group A

All-Time Series: 5 games

- 4 wins Costa Rica
- 1 draw
- 0 wins Jamaica
- 11 goals Costa Rica
- 3 goals Jamaica

Costa Rica is undefeated in the CMU20C series against Jamaica. The last time they faced each other was on June 18, 2022, in a 1-1 draw in Honduras in Group H, ending a streak of 4 consecutive wins for Costa Rica. Dorian Rodríguez (58') scored for Costa Rica and Jahmari Clarke (90+8') for Jamaica.

In the first phase of the tournament, they will face each other for the 4th time in history, with 2 wins and 1 draw for Costa Rica. The first time they faced each other was in Group 1 in Guatemala in 1988, with a 3-0 win for Costa Rica with goals from Germán Rodríguez (42') and Juan Carlos Arguedas (69', 89'). The second win was on August 17, 1994, in San Pedro Sula, Honduras, a 3-1 win in Group B.

Jamaica fell 0-9 against the United States on July 19, and Costa Rica drew 1-1 against Cuba. Here are the post-match statistics for both teams.



- This is the 3rd time in the entire history of the CMU20 that on the first match day a team has won with a score of 9-0. The United States did it against the Dominican Republic in 1976 (Sep-26-1976) and Canada against the Dominican Republic in 1978 (Nov-26-1978).
- Jamaica recorded 2 consecutive losses in the tournament, in fact, they lost 3 of their last 5 matches (3L-2W).
- For the first time in their history, the Jamaica team conceded 9 goals in a single match, surpassing the previous maximum of 5 goals they had received.
- With this defeat, Jamaica ended their best unbeaten streak in "debut" matches (2W-2D). In fact, the Caribbean team had not lost their first match in the tournament since the 2011 edition when they fell 2-0 to Guatemala (own goal by Jhamie Hayde and goal by Gerson Lima).
- Jamaica has gone 19 consecutive matches without a win against North American teams in the history of the CMU20 (6D-13L). Their only victory against a North American team was in 1976 (Sep-24-1976) when they defeated Canada 2-0 (brace by Martin Woodstock).



CMU20 Record: GP-75 W-17 D-17 L-41 (GF-86 GA-139).

**Top Scores since 2009:** Nicque Daley (6), Jamoi Topey (4), Tevin Rochester (4), Leonardo Jibbison (3), Tyreek Magee (3), Jahmari Clarke (3), Rucardo McIntosh (3), Kensan Anderson (2).

Saves: 1. Clean sheets: none. Goalkeepers: Taywane Lynch (1).

Last big victory: 11-0 against Saint Martin (Jamoi Topey, Leonardo Jibbison x2, Tyreek Magee x2, Nicuqe Daley x4, Ricardo McIntosh, and Maliek Howell), in Group B of the United States 2018 at IMG Academy Stadium in Bradenton (Nov 10, 2018).

Jamaica won all 3 matches in the qualifying round for Mexico 2024. Their last victory in a CMU20 group stage was against Antigua and Barbuda (2-0) in Group H of Honduras 2022.

## Players to watch:

- **Adrian Reid**. He was the player with the most shots (2) and passes (40) in Jamaica's first match in CMU20.
- **Taywane Lynch**. Made 1 save and 1 clearance against the United States in Group A. He kept clean sheets in the first 2 victories in the qualifiers with 7 saves.



- Costa Rica has gone 2 consecutive matches without a win in the tournament (1L-1D), only winning 1 of their last 4 matches (2L-1W-1D).
- Draw #21 for Costa Rica in 102 matches played in the history of the tournament, it is the 13th time they have ended with a 1-1 scoreline.
- 2nd consecutive draw for Costa Rica in "debut" matches in the tournament, it is the first time in their history they have achieved this type of streak. However, it is the 2nd consecutive 1-1 draw in their "debut" matches.
- Against Cuba, Costa Rica recorded their 2nd consecutive match without a win in the history of the CMU20 (1L-1D), which is the worst winless streak against Cuba in the history of the CMU20.
- **Esteban Cruz** scored his first goal in the tournament for Costa Rica, marking the 10th goal against Cuba in the history of the CMU20.

CMU20 Record: GP-97 W-53 D-20 L-24 (GF-202 GA-98).

**Top scorers since 2009:** Joel Campbell (6), Doryan Rodríguez (4), Josué Martínez (3), Mynor Miller (3), Randall Leal (3), Ronaldo Araya (3).



Saves: 2. Clean sheets: none. Goalkeepers: Berny Rojas (2).

Last big victory: 6-1 vs. Cuba (Joel Campbell x3, Mynor Escoe, Bryan Vega, and Joshua Díaz; Yaudel Lahera) QF - Guatemala 2011, Doroteo Guamuch Flores Stadium, Guatemala City (Apr 5, 2011); 5-0 vs. Bermuda (Ronaldo Araya x2, Walter Cortés, Andrés Gómez, and Jurguens Montenegro), Group E - United States, IMG Academy, Bradenton (Nov 1, 2018).

Of Costa Rica's last 9 goals scored in the final round of CMU29, 3 were headers (the rest were 5 from open play and 1 from a penalty).

## Players to watch:

- **-Esteban Cruz**. Scored a header in the draw against Cuba in the first match of the CMU20 group stage.
- **Andy Rojas**. Was the leader in shots (4) against Cuba (3 shots on target and 1 off-target)