

Cuba vs USA Group A

All-Time Series: 6 games

- 4 wins United States
- 2 draws
- 0 wins Cuba
- 8 goals United States
- 1 goal Cuba

The United States has a streak of 4 consecutive wins against Cuba in the CMU20C.

This will be the 4th historic encounter in the first phase of the tournament, with 2 draws and 1 win for the United States, which was on June 22, 2002, in Honduras, in Group E, a 3-0 win for the United States with goals from Quinn Sullivan (2', 8', 43'). The 2 draws between these two teams were scoreless, the first on August 21, 1974, in Canada, and the second on August 19, 1986, in Trinidad & Tobago.

Cuba only managed to score 1 goal in the entire series against the United States, which was in a 2-1 defeat on April 22, 1988, in Guatemala, with a goal by Carlos Torres (72'). Ben Crowley (70') and Clint Carnell (71') scored for the United States.

Cuba started the tournament in Group A with a draw against Costa Rica, while the United States defeated Jamaica 9-0 on Friday, July 19, with David Vázquez and Pedro Soma each scoring a brace. Here are the post-match statistics for both teams.



UNITED STATES

- **Nikolas Tsakiris** from the United States scored his 4th goal in the history of the CMU20 (2022 and 2024). Moreover, he did it at 3 different ages: 2 goals at 16 years and 360 days, 1 goal at 17 years and 14 days, and 1 goal at 19 years and 30 days.
- The United States achieved their 82nd victory in the history of the CMU20, placing them in 2nd place historically for the most wins in the tournament.
- The United States won a match with a 9-0 scoreline for the 2nd time in their history, something that hadn't happened for 47 years, 9 months, and 22 days since they defeated the Dominican Republic with the same score, with goals by Rick Davis (15', 38', 62', 71'), **Rick Kren** (34'), **Joe Morone** (35', 80'), and **Keith Beam** (?). In that edition (1976), the United States finished in 3rd place.
- This is the 4th time in the history of the tournament that the United States scored 9 goals in a single match: 9-0 against the Dominican Republic in 1976 and 1978, 9-1 against Cuba in 2015, and 9-0 against Jamaica in 2024.

- For the 4th time in the last 3 editions of the CMU20, two different players scored a brace in the same match while playing for the United States, with **David Vázquez** and **Pedro Soma** achieving this feat.
- The United States has an impressive streak of 21 consecutive matches without a loss in the history of the CMU20 (19W-2D), which is the 2nd best streak for a team in the tournament, only surpassed by Mexico's streak of 28 consecutive matches without a loss (24W-4D) between the 1964 and 1978 tournaments.
- This is the 6th consecutive match without conceding a goal for the United States in the history of the CMU20, a similar streak last occurred with 6 games between the 2007 and 2009 editions.
- This is the 3rd consecutive victory in "debut" matches for the United States in the history of the tournament. In fact, in these 3 matches, they scored 26 goals and conceded only 1. Additionally, it is the 2nd time in a "debut" match that they scored 9 or more goals, having done so in 2022 against Saint Kitts and Nevis (10-0).

Record in CMU20: GP-131 W-82 D-21 L-28 (GF-317 GA-103).

Top Scorers since 2009: Álex Méndez (8), Ayo Akinola (7), Ulysses Llanez (7), Paxten Aaronson (7), Quinn Sullivan (6), Roman Gall (5), Brooks Lennon (4), Justin Rennicks (4), Anthony Fontana (4), Juan Pablo Torres (4).

Top Scorers in CMU20 2024: Pedro Soma (2), David Vazquez (2), Cruz Medina, Marcos Zambrano, Rubén Ramos, Nimfasha Berchimas, Nikolas Tsakiris.

Assists in CMU20 2024: David Vazquez (2), Zavier Gozo (2), Marcos Zambrano, Nimfasha Berchimas.

Saves: 3. Clean sheets. 1. Goalkeepers: Adam Beaudry (3).

Players to watch:

- **David Vazquez.** Scored the first goal and participated in 4 of the 9 goals against Jamaica, scoring a double and providing 2 assists.
- **Rubén Ramos.** Scored 1 goal and was the player with the most shots (4) in the victory against Jamaica in the first match of Group A.



- **Samuel Rodríguez** from Cuba scored his first goal in the tournament for his team and the 5th goal against Costa Rica in the history of the CMU20.
- This is the 13th draw for Cuba in 63 matches played in the history of the CMU20, and the 4th draw with a 1-1 scoreline.



- Cuba remains unbeaten in "debut" matches (2W-1D), but with this draw, they ended a streak of 2 consecutive victories.
- Cuba reached their 3rd consecutive match without a win against Central American teams in the CMU20 (2L-1D), but thanks to the draw, they broke a streak of 2 losses. However, they have only won 1 of their last 7 encounters against a Central American opponent (1W-5L-1D).

Record in CMU20: GP-63 W-24 D-13 L-26 (GF-80 GA-83).

Top Scorers (since 2009): Geobel Pérez (5), Maikel Reyes (3), Jean Carlos Rodríguez (3), Rolando Oviendo (3), Rivaldo Ibarra (2), Christian Flores (2), Arichel Hernández (2), Frank López (2), Kevin Torriente (2).

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

Top Scorers in CMU20 2024: Samuel Rodríguez (1).

Assists in CMU20 2024: 0

Saves: 4. Clean sheets: none. Goalkeepers: Yurdy Hodelin (4).

Players to watch:

- **Cristian Mendoza.** Was the Cuban player with the most shots (2) in the 1-1 draw against Costa Rica.
- **Yurdy Hodelin.** Had an outstanding performance against Costa Rica with 4 saves and 5 clearances.