

# USA vs Costa Rica Group A

All-Time Series: 13 games

- 6 wins United States
- 4 draws
- 3 wins Costa Rica
- 16 goals United States
- 9 goals Costa Rica

The United States and Costa Rica will face each other for the 5th time in the Group Stage of the CMU20C. The last time they met was on February 22, 2013, in Group A, with a 1-0 victory for the United States thanks to a goal by José Villarreal (63') in Puebla, Mexico.

The United States has three consecutive wins against Costa Rica, the best historical winning streak during which Costa Rica failed to score any goals and conceded 7 goals.

The last match of the series was on June 28, 2022, in Honduras, with a 2-0 victory for the United States with a brace from Paxten Aaronson (5', 49').

The last time Costa Rica defeated the United States was 3-0 in the final in Macoya, Trinidad and Tobago, on March 15, 2009, with goals from Diego Alonso Estrada (40') and Josué Isaac Martínez (68', 80').

United States leads the group with six points and with a ticket secured to the knockout round, will look to add their third consecutive victory against Costa Rica, which comes off a win against Jamaica. Here are the stats from the last matches of both teams.



## United States (USA)

- 7th consecutive victory for the United States in the CMU20, the 2nd longest winning streak for the American team in CMU20 history, only surpassed by the 9 consecutive wins between the 2018 and 2022 editions.
- 14th consecutive win for the United States against Caribbean teams in CMU20 history, and they have now gone 24 matches without losing (23W-1D).
- 1st time the United States has finished the group stage with 13 goals scored. This is the 2nd highest number of goals scored by the American team in the early stages, surpassed only by the 20 goals scored in 2018.
- 13th time the United States has finished Matchday 2 of the group stage without conceding any goals. 2nd time doing so as defending champions (2018 and 2024).

**Appearances in CMU20:** (26)

**Best Result in CMU20:** Champion (Costa Rica 2017, USA 2018, Honduras 2022), Runner-up (1980, 1982, 1986, 1992, 2009, 2013), 3rd Place (1976, 1988, 1990, 1996, 2015).

**Record in CMU20:** GP-132 W-83 D-21 L-28 (GF-321 GA-103).

**Top Scorers in CMU20 since 2009:** Álex Méndez (8), Ayo Akinola (7), Ulysses Llenez (7), Paxten Aaronson (7), Quinn Sullivan (6), Roman Gall (5), Brooks Lennon (4), Justin Rennicks (4), Anthony Fontana (4), Juan Pablo Torres (4), Nikolas Tsakiris (4).

**Top Scorers in Mexico 2024:** Pedro Soma (2), Marcos Zambrano (2), David Vazquez (2), Cruz Medina (1), Rubén Ramos, Nimfasha Berchimas, Nikolas Tsakiris, Zavier Gozo, Ethan Kohler, Taha Habroune.

**Assists in 2024:** Taha Habroune (2), David Vazquez (2), Zavier Gozo (2), Marcos Zambrano (1), Nimfasha Berchimas, Nikolas Tsakiris.

**Saves:** 5. **Clean Sheets:** 2. **Goalkeepers:** Adam Beaudry (3), Julian Eyestone (2).

#### **Players to Watch:**

**Taha Habroune.** He had direct involvement in 3 of the 4 goals against Cuba in the 4-0 victory (1 goal and 2 assists), along with 2 shots and a 94% passing accuracy.

**Nikolas Tsakiris.** Scored 1 goal, 1 assist, and made 4 shots in his 2 appearances in the group stage of CMU20. The midfielder has 7 appearances, 4 goals, and 2 assists in the tournament's history.



#### **Costa Rica (CRC)**

- 8th time in their CMU20 history that Costa Rica has started the group stage with a draw and a win, having done so in 1974, 1978, 1988, 1992, 1998, 2005, 2009, and 2024.
- 2nd win in their last 4 CMU20 matches for Costa Rica (2W-1D-1L).
- 3rd time in CMU20 history that Costa Rica has begun a tournament with a draw and a win against Caribbean teams, having done so in 1974 with a draw against Trinidad & Tobago (1-1) and a win against Puerto Rico (6-0), in 2022 with a draw against Jamaica (1-1) and a win against Antigua & Barbuda (3-0), and in 2024 with a draw against Cuba (1-1) and a win against Jamaica (3-0).



- Costa Rica has now gone 20 consecutive matches without losing to Caribbean teams in CMU20 history (15W-5D), with their only defeat to a Caribbean team being on August 5, 1980, when the Dominican Republic won 2-1 in Matchday 2 of Group A.

**Appearances in CMU20:** (22)

**Best Result in CMU20:** Champion (1988, 2009), Runner-up (1994, 2011), 3rd Place (1982).

**Record in CMU20 History:** GP-98 W-54 D-20 L-24 (GF-205 GA-98).

**Top Scorers in CMU20 since 2009:** Joel Campbell (6), Doryan Rodríguez (4), Josué Martínez (3), Mynor Miller (3), Randall Leal (3), Ronaldo Araya (3).

**Top Scorers in Mexico 2024:** Andy Rojas (2), Claudio Montero (1), Esteban Cruz.

**Assists in 2024:** Dylan Masis (1), Walter Ramírez.

**Saves:** 3. **Clean Sheets:** 1. **Goalkeeper:** Berny Rojas (3).

**Players to Watch:**

**Andy Rojas.** He has scored two goals and made 8 shots in the group stage. He was the leader in shots in both matches (4 per game).

**Alberth Barahona.** He recovered three balls in the 3-0 victory against Jamaica. The team captain has made a total of 77 passes in the current tournament.