



Concacaf  
UNDER-20  
CHAMPIONSHIP

# Panama vs. Guatemala - Group C

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All-Time Series: 6 games

- 2 wins Guatemala
- 2 draws
- 2 wins Panama
- 6 goals Guatemala
- 5 goals Panama

Guatemala and Panama will face each other for the fourth time in the group stage of the CMU20C, with Guatemala winning 2 and losing once. The last win for Guatemala was 3-1 on June 21, 2022, in Group G in Honduras, with goals from Allan Juárez (17'), Arquímedes Ordóñez (45+3'), and Carlos Santos (69') for Guatemala, while Leonel Tejada (35') scored for Panama.

Panama's only win was 1-0 on January 21, 2015, in Jamaica, in Group A, with a goal by Ismael Díaz (65').

The first time they faced each other was on March 4, 1962, in Group A, with a 2-1 win for Guatemala.



After reaching the quarterfinals in the 2022 edition, Panama arrives in Mexico aiming to secure its seventh qualification for the FIFA U-20 Men's World Cup since its last appearance in Poland in 2019.

The rise of Panamanian football is reflected in their successes at the CMU20, where they finished as runners-up in 2015, third place in 2018, and won their group in the 2003 and 2005 editions.

The top scorers for Panama in the CMU20 are Cecilio Waterman, Ameth Ramírez, and Ismael Díaz, each with four goals.

With six appearances in the FIFA U-20 Men's World Cup, Panama achieved its best position when it advanced to the round of 16 in Poland in 2019.

Panama will play in Group C with host Mexico, as well as Guatemala and Haiti.



**Last appearance in the final round: Honduras 2022 (quarterfinals).**

**Appearances in the Concacaf Men's U-20 Championship: 13** (Panama 1962, Guatemala 1964, Trinidad 1984, Panama/United States 2003, Honduras/United States 2005, Panama/Mexico 2007, Guatemala 2011, Mexico 2013, Jamaica 2015, Costa Rica 2017, United States 2018, Honduras 2022, Mexico 2024).

**Record in the CMU20C: GP-49, W-28, D-9, L-12 (GF-85, GA-53).**

**Best results in the CMU20C: Runner-up (2015), 3rd place (2018). 1st place in group (2003, 2005).**

**Top scorers in the final round since 2009: Cecilio Waterman (4), Ameth Ramírez (4), Ismael Díaz (4), Saed Díaz (4), Diego Valanta (4), Ricardo Guardia (4), Edson Samms (3), Leandro Ávila (3), Ángel Orelien (3), Axel McKenzie (3).**

**Qualified for the final phase as: 4th Place in the Concacaf U-20 Ranking.**

**Appearances in the FIFA U-20 Men's World Cup: 6** (United Arab Emirates 2003, Netherlands 2005, Canada 2007, Colombia 2011, New Zealand 2015, Poland 2019).

**Best position in the FIFA U-20 Men's World Cup: Round of 16 (Poland 2019).**

#### **Footballers to Watch:**

**Rafael Mosquera:** The player from New York Red Bulls II played in 4 matches in the U-20 Championship in Honduras in 2022. He was part of the U-23 squad that participated in the 2023 Toulon Tournament.

**Blas Pérez:** He has 12 appearances in the Panamanian Football League (between Árabe Unido and Tauro FC). He is the son of former Panama star Blas Pérez, a World Cup player in Russia 2018 and the top scorer for Panama in the history of the Concacaf Gold Cup with 11 goals.



## **Guatemala (GUA)**

Guatemala was a sensation in the CMU20 2022 in Honduras, where it reached the semifinals and qualified for the FIFA World Cup in Argentina 2023, 12 years after its last appearance in Colombia.

With top scorer Matthew Evans scoring four goals, Guatemala won Group C of the Concacaf qualifiers. The Guatemalans will be tough opponents for Group C rivals Panama, Haiti, and host Mexico.

The top scorer for Guatemala in the CMU20 is Arquímedes Ordoñez with 5 goals, who was selected for the tournament's Best XI in 2022 due to his brilliant performance.



**Last appearance in the final round: Honduras 2022 (semifinals).**

**Appearances in the Concacaf Men's U-20 Championship: 21** (Panama 1962, Guatemala 1964, Mexico 1973, Canada 1974, Puerto Rico 1976, United States 1980, Guatemala 1982, Trinidad 1984, Guatemala 1988, 1990, Honduras 1994, Mexico 1996, Canada/Trinidad 1998, Canada/Trinidad 2001, Panama/United States 2003, Panama/Mexico 2007, Guatemala 2011, Jamaica 2015, United States 2018, Honduras 2022, Mexico 2024).

**Record in the CMU20C:** GP-92, W-31, D-19, L-42 (GF-109, GA-136).

**Best Result in the CMU20C:** 2nd Place (Panama 1962, Mexico 1973), 3rd place (Guatemala 1964, Guatemala 2011).

**Top scorers in the final round since 2009:** Arquimides Ordoñez (5), Gerson Lima (3), Rudy Barrientos (3), Óscar Santis (2), Allan Juárez (2).

**Qualified for the final phase as:** Winner of Group C in the Concacaf U-20 Championship 2024 Qualifiers.

**Appearances in the FIFA U-20 Men's World Cup: 2** (Colombia 2011, Argentina 2023).

**Best position in the FIFA U-20 Men's World Cup:** Round of 16 (Colombia 2011, Argentina 2023).

#### **Footballers to Watch:**

**Matthew Evans:** He was Guatemala's top scorer in the group stage of the qualifiers for the CMU20. He scored a hat-trick with 4 shots in the 6-0 victory against Saint Martin on matchday two of Group C.

**Fausto Delgado:** He did not concede any goals in his 2 appearances in the qualifiers (5-0 vs. Aruba and 1-0 vs. Curaçao). He made 4 saves and 1 clearance in the qualifiers for the CMU20.