

## 2024 CONCACAF W Gold Cup

## **Brazil vs. Puerto Rico / Group B**

Snapdragon Stadium, San Diego, CA February 21

Brazil has achieved 3 victories in their last 5 matches following their participation in the FIFA Women's World Cup Australia/New Zealand 2023. They defeated Canada (0-1), Japan (4-3), and Nicaragua (4-0) in friendly matches.

Since winning the title in the Copa América Colombia 2022, Brazil has secured 12 victories in their 20 matches, including friendlies, She Believes Cup, CONMEBOL/UEFA Finalissima, and the FIFA Women's World Cup.

Puerto Rico obtained 2 wins in their last 4 matches. They defeated Trinidad and Tobago 2-1 in RTWGC 2024 and Haiti 1-0 in the Prelims. In both matches, Jillienne Aguilera scored.

Puerto Rico suffered defeats in their last 2 encounters against South American opponents. Their recent losses were against Uruguay in international friendlies in June 2021 in Montevideo (5-1 and 3-0).



**Concacaf W Gold Cup Qualification:** Champion of the CONMEBOL Copa América 2022.

**Record in the CONMEBOL Copa América:** Played 6, Won 6, Drawn 0, Lost 0 (Goals For 20, Goals Conceded 0).

**Top scorers in the CONMEBOL Copa América:** Adriana Leal (5), Debinha (5), Bia Zaneratto (3), Ary Borges (2), Duda (2).

**Participations in the FIFA Women's World Cup:** 9 (China 1991, Sweden 1995, USA 1999, 2003, China 2007, Germany 2011, Canada 2015, France 2019, Australia/New Zealand 2023).

Participations in the Olympic Games: 8 (Atlanta 1996, Sydney 2000, Athens 2004, Beijing 2008, London 2012, Rio 2016, Tokyo 2020, Paris 2024).

## Players to watch:

**Debinha.** Was a champion in the CONMEBOL Copa América of Chile 2018 (scored 3 goals in 7 matches) and Colombia 2022 (netted 5 goals in 6 appearances). Scored 5



goals in the CONMEBOL Copa América 2022 and was named in the Tournament's Best XI after scoring the winning goal (0-1) against Colombia in the final. Scored 1 goal in the FIFA Women's World Cup Australia/New Zealand 2023 (against France).

**Ary Borges.** Scored a hat-trick against Panama and made 3 appearances in the FIFA Women's World Cup Australia/New Zealand 2023. Scored 2 goals in the CONMEBOL Copa América 2022 in 6 appearances.

**Adriana Leal.** Scored 5 goals in the CONMEBOL Copa América Colombia 2022 (doubles against Uruguay and Argentina and 1 goal against Peru). The player from Orlando Pride in the NWSL in the USA played 3 matches in the FIFA Women's World Cup Australia/New Zealand 2023.

**Bia Zaneratto.** Scored 1 goal against Panama in the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023. The forward from Kansas City Current in the NWSL in the USA scored 3 goals in her 5 appearances in the Copa América Colombia 2022. Participated in the FIFA Women's World Cups of Germany 2011, Canada 2015, France 2019, and AU/NZ 2023. Also, in the FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup (Trinidad and Tobago 2010) and U-20 (Japan 2012).



**Concacaf W Gold Cup Qualification:** Defeated Haiti 1-0 in the Prelims with a goal by Jillienne Aguilera at Dignity Health Sports Park, Carson, on February 17, 2024.

**Record in RTWGC 2024:** Played 4, Won 1, Drawn 1, Lost 2 (Goals For 3, Goals Conceded 6)

**Top scorers in RTWGC 2024:** Skylynn Rodríguez (1), Jillienne Aguilera

**Assists:** Juelle Love (1)

How the goals were scored: From open play (2), own goal (1)

Goal-scoring opportunities (27). Shots on target (19)

Saves: 25. Goalkeepers: Sydney Martinez (18), JLo Varada Vázquez (7). Clean sheets: 1.

**Biggest victory:** 1-2 vs. Trinidad (League A / Group A - Matchday 6)

Players to watch:

**Sydney Martinez.** Was a key player in Puerto Rico's qualification for the Concacaf W Gold Cup group stage with 15 saves, 14 clearances, and a clean sheet. In RTWGC 2024, she was one of the goalkeepers with the most saves (18) alongside Alexia Estrada (Guatemala) and behind Kyra Dickinson (Saint Kitts and Nevis).



**Jillienne Aguilera.** Scored the penalty goal in the 1-0 victory against Haiti in Carson in the Prelims. The midfielder finished the night with 42 successful passes and 2 recoveries. Scored 1 goal and was the Puerto Rican player with the most shots (6) in RTWGC 2024.

**Bryana Pizarro.** Was the player with the most recoveries (5) against Haiti in the Prelims, in addition to 1 clearance, 23 successful passes, and 5 unsuccessful passes. The 21-year-old defender participated with the U-20 team in the Concacaf Women's Championship in the Dominican Republic 2022 (1 goal in 7 matches).

Juelle Love. Had 1 assist and 5 shots in 3 appearances in RTWGC 2024.

