

Mexico vs. Costa Rica

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All-Time Series

Mexico and Costa Rica have a lot of history in the CMU20 and will meet for the twelfth time, the last being in the 2011 final in which Mexico triumphed 3-1 and won the title in Guatemala City on April 10, 2011, with Mexican goals scored by Ulises Dávila (18', 52') and Carlos Orrantía (38') and for Costa Rica by Joseph Mora (17').

90% (10) of the matches between Mexico and Costa Rica in the CMU20 were in the group stage or in quadrangular rounds.

Costa Rica has only won one of the four series they faced against North American teams in direct elimination, which was the 2009 final when they defeated the United States 3-0 on March 15, 2009, in Macoya, Trinidad and Tobago with goals by Diego Alonso Estrada (40') and Josué Martínez (68', 80').

Costa Rica lost the others, 0-4 in the 1978 semifinal against Canada, 1-3 in the 2011 final against Mexico, and 0-2 in the quarterfinals against the United States in 2022.

Meanwhile, the Mexican team, facing Central American teams in direct elimination matches in the history of the CMU20, has 10 series, where they only lost one, against Guatemala on June 28, 2022, in San Pedro Sula (HON), a 1-1 draw with goals by Arquímedes Ordoñez (39') for Guatemala and Esteban Lozano (74') for Mexico, with Guatemala winning in the penalty shootout 2-1.

CMU20 Series:

- **11 games**
- **5 wins Mexico**
- **4 wins Costa Rica**
- **2 draws**
- **17 goals Mexico**
- **18 goals Costa Rica**



Appearances in CMU20: 28

Best Results in CMU20: Champion (1962, 1970, 1973, 1974, 1976, 1978, 1980, 1984, 1990, 1992, 2011, 2013, 2015), Runner-up (1988, 1996, 2018).

Record in CMU20 history: GP-138 W-100 D-25 L-13 (GF-377 GA-80).

Top scorers in CMU20 since 2009: José Juan Macías (10), Daniel López (7), Ronaldo Cisneros (6), Hirving Lozano (5), Esteban Lozano (5), Ulises Dávila (4), Alejandro Díaz (4), Salvador Mariscal (4).

Penalty shootouts: (4). Wins (3), Losses (1).

Record in Mexico 2024: GP-3 W-2 D-1 L-0 (GF-7 GA-2).

Top scorers in Mexico 2024: Heriberto Jurado (1), Stephano Carrillo, Yael Padilla, Xavier Biscayzacú, Amaury Morales, Alexei Domínguez, Francisco Méndez.

Assists in 2024: Amaury Morales (2), Xavier Biscayzacú (1), Elías Montiel, Francisco Méndez, Heriberto Jurado.

Saves: 5. Clean sheets: 1. Goalkeepers: Emmanuel Ochoa (3), Pablo Lara (2).

Last major victory: 10-0 vs. Aruba (José Macías x4, Daniel López x2, Efraín Orona, Misael Domínguez, Alexis Gutiérrez, and Diego Hernández) Matchday 5 of Group B, at IMG Academy Stadium, Bradenton, Fla (November 10, 2018).

Appearances in FIFA U-20 World Cup: 16 (Tunisia 1977, Japan 1979, Australia 1981, Mexico 1983, Soviet Union 1985, Portugal 1991, Australia 1993, Malaysia 1997, Nigeria 1999, UAE 2003, Canada 2007, Colombia 2011, Turkey 2013, New Zealand 2015, Republic of Korea 2017, Poland 2019).

Best Result in FIFA U-20 World Cup: Runner-up (Tunisia 1977), 3rd Place (Colombia 2011).

Mexico did not lose in the last 8 matches in CMU20, achieving 5 wins and 3 draws. They only lost 2 of the last 38 matches, both against the United States: 1-0 in Group D of Costa Rica 2017 and 2-0 in the final of the United States 2018.

The Mexican U-20 team, coached by Eduardo Arce, led in shots (45) in the group phase. They had a shooting accuracy of 15.6% (21 on target, 15 off, 2 hit the post, and 7 resulted in goals).

Players to watch:

Stephano Carrillo. He was the Mexican player with the most shots (4) in the last group match (scored the only goal in the 1-1 draw vs. Panama). The Santos Laguna forward was a standout in the Concacaf U-17 Championship with 8 goals in 6 matches. He also played in the FIFA U-17 World Cup in Indonesia 2023 (3 goals in 4 appearances).

Diego Ochoa. Was the leader in passes (101) for Mexico in the group phase and one of the five players with the best pass completion rate at 95%.

Amaury Morales. Gave two assists, took four shots, and was fouled three times in three appearances in the group phase.



Appearances in CMU20: 22

Best Result in CMU20: Champion (1988, 2009), Runner-up (1994, 2011), 3rd Place (1982).
Record in CMU20 history: GP-99 W-54 D-20 L-25 (GF-205 GA-99).

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

Penalty shootouts: (1). Wins (1), Losses (0).

Record in Mexico 2024: GP-3 W-1 D-1 L-1 (GF-4 GA-2).

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

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

Saves: 7. Clean sheets: 1. Goalkeeper: Berny Rojas (7).

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

Appearances in FIFA U-20 World Cup: 9 (Saudi Arabia 1989, Qatar 1995, Malaysia 1997, Nigeria 1999, Argentina 2001, Canada 2007, Egypt 2009, Colombia 2011, Republic of Korea 2017).

Best result in FIFA U-20 World Cup: 4th Place (Egypt 2009).

Costa Rica won 3 of the last 7 matches in CMU20, achieving a 3-goal lead in each of the last 2 editions (3-0 vs. Antigua and Barbuda in Group H of 2022, 4-1 vs. Trinidad and Tobago in Round of 16 of 2022, and 3-0 vs. Jamaica in Group A of 2024).

Costa Rica achieved all three possible outcomes (1 win, 1 draw, 1 loss) in Mexico 2024. Of the last 12 goals scored in CMU20, 5 were from set pieces (3 headers and 2 penalty kicks).

Costa Rica was eliminated by the United States in their last quarterfinal appearance (2-0 loss in Honduras 2022). They also lost 2-1 against Cuba in Mexico 2011. Their last victory in the quarterfinals was in the Guatemala 2011 edition: 6-1 vs. Cuba (Joel Campbell x3, Mynor Escoe, Bryan Vega, and Joshua Díaz; Yaudel Lahera) at Doroteo Guamuch Flores Stadium, Guatemala City, Guatemala (April 5, 2011).

Players to watch:

Andy Rojas. Scored two goals, made 8 shots (four per match) in the group stage.

Andry Naranjo. Was the leader in passes (130) for Costa Rica in the group stage with an accuracy of 90% and started every match.

Deylan Aguilar. Was the second Costa Rican player with the most ball recoveries (6) behind Alberth Barahona, received a card against the United States. Completed 56 accurate passes in his 3 appearances.