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# El Salvador v Honduras Group B

All-Time Series: 5 games

- 2 wins Honduras
- 2 draws
- 1 win El Salvador
- 10 goals Honduras
- 8 goals El Salvador

Honduras and El Salvador will face each other for the third time in the group stage of the CMU20C.

The last 2 matches were draws: 2-2, the first on March 6, 2009, in Trinidad & Tobago in Group 1, with goals from Roger Rojas (65') and José Francisco Valladares (82') for Honduras, and Lester Blanco (77') and Andrés Flores (90') for El Salvador; the second draw was on January 10, 2015, in Jamaica in Group B, with goals from Bryan Róchez (6') and Alberth Elis (28') for Honduras, and for El Salvador, Juan Barahona (84') and José Villavicencio (penalty 90').

The first match of the series in CMU20C was a quadrangular in 1964 in Guatemala, with a 1-0 win for El Salvador, a goal by Guillermo Ruíz Ramírez (30'), a victory that gave El Salvador the title, becoming the first Central American team to achieve it in Concacaf.

The leadership of Group B will be at stake between two Central American rivals.

El Salvador won 1-0 against the Dominican Republic in their first match with a goal from Christopher Argueta at 62 minutes, and Honduras had to come back from a two-goal deficit to draw 2-2 against Canada with goals from Ángel Villatoro at 55 minutes and Roberto Osorto at 90+4 minutes. These are some of the stats from the first match of both teams.



**EL SALVADOR (SLV)**

- El Salvador ended a streak of 2 consecutive games without a win in the tournament (1D-1L), El Salvador won 3 of their last 5 games in the CMU20.
- For El Salvador, it was the 7th consecutive opening group stage game without losing (5W-2D), the Salvadorans achieved 4 consecutive victories for the second time in their history, previously achieving it in the opening group stage in 1978 (2-



0 vs. Netherlands Antilles), 1980 (5-0 against Antigua & Barbuda), 1982 (8-0 vs. Nicaragua), and 1984 (2-0 against Cuba).

- For El Salvador, it was the 4th victory in 5 matches against Caribbean teams in the history of the CMU20 (1L-4W). El Salvador's last two matches against Caribbean teams ended in victory (2-1 in 1994 against Trinidad & Tobago and 1-0 in 2024 against the Dominican Republic).

**CMU20 Record:** GP-84 W-33 D-15 L-36 (GF-128 GA-121).

**Top Scorers Since 2009:** Juan Barahona (3), Mayer Gil (3), José Villavicencio (3), Siliazar Hernández (2), Jairo Henríquez (2), Roberto Domínguez (2), Fernando Castillo (2), Jonathan Esquivel (2), Javier Mariona (2).

**Top Scorers in 2024:** Christopher Argueta (1).

**Assists in 2024:** Steven Guerra (1).

**Saves:** 4. Clean Sheets: 1. Goalkeeper: Daniel Franco (4).

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

**Christopher Argueta:** Scored the winning goal against the Dominican Republic in the group stage opener. The 17-year-old forward netted 3 goals in 5 matches at the 2023 U-17 Championship and scored 2 in the qualifiers for Mexico 2024.

**Daniel Franco:** Saved a penalty and made 4 saves in the 1-0 victory against the Dominican Republic. In the CMU20 qualifiers, he recorded 3 clean sheets with 13 saves.



#### **HONDURAS (HON)**

- Honduras has gone two consecutive matches without a win in the CMU20 (2L-1D), a streak not seen since 2018 when they drew 1-1 with Costa Rica and lost 1-0 to the United States, both games in the 2nd Round of that edition.
- For Honduras, it was the 8th consecutive opening group stage match without losing in the history of the CMU20 (5W-3D). The only defeat was in the 2001 edition against Canada 1-0 (Feb 28, 2001).
- The 16th draws for the Honduras team in the history of the CMU20 and the 4th draw with a score of 2-2.



- For Honduras, it was the 1st draw in 12 matches against Canada in the history of the CMU20, and the 3rd consecutive match without losing to the Canadians. With the draw, Honduras ended a streak of 2 consecutive victories against the Canadians.
- For Honduras, it was the 5th consecutive match without a win against North American teams in the history of the CMU20 (3L-2D), the Hondurans have only won 3 of their last 15 matches against North American teams (2W-4D-8L).

**CMU20 Record:** GP-102 W-65 D-16 L-21 (GF-211 GA-94).

**Top Scorers Since 2009:** Josué Villafranca (7), Marco Aceituno (6), Luis Palma (5), Bryan Róchez (4), Alberth Elis (4), Carlos Mejía (4), Cristian Cáliz (4).

**Top Scorers in Mexico 2024:** Ángel Villatoro (1), Roberto Osorto (1).

**Assists in 2024:** Mathias Vásquez (1).

**Saves:** 0. **Clean Sheets:** None. **\*\*Goalkeeper:** Daniel Paguada.

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

**Roberto Osorto:** Scored the equalizer in the 2-2 draw against Canada in the first Group B match. In addition to his goal, he had a shot, 5 corner kicks, and 16 passes.

**Ángel Villatoro:** Scored a goal against Canada. The Olancho FC forward from the Honduran Primera División has 37 appearances and 5 goals and participated in the 2023 Concacaf Central American Cup.