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**The organizer of the FIFA World Cup 2022** will **debut** in the **Concacaf** **C Gold Cup** as a **guest.** **Qatar**  **is the reigning Asia Cup Champion.**

**They will be the second Asian Football Confederation (AFC)** team to play in the **Gold Cup, previously the** Republic of Korea in 2000 (Group Stage) and 2002 (3rdplace).

**Asian Cup champion,** in **Abu** Dhabi **against Japan** with a 3-1 victory (Takumi Minamino; Almoez Ali, Abdulaziz Hatem and Akram Afif) with a record of (GF-19 GC-1).

**Six teams participated as guests in** **the** **Gold Cup:**  Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador and Peru for CONMEBOL, Republic of Korea for AFC, and South Africa for CAF.

**The best results of a guest team** were: Brazil 2nd place in 1996 and 2003 and third place in 1998, Colombia 2nd place in 2000 and semifinals in 2005, Peru third place in 2000 and the Republic of Korea fourth place in 2002.

**Qatar's** record **at the 2019 Copa America:**  GP-3 W-0 T-1 L-2 (GF-2 GA-5).

**They finished in first place in Group E in the Second Round of the AFC Qualifiers** for **the 2022 FIFA** **World** **Cup.**

**Semifinalist in Gulf Nations Cup as host in 2019** (the champion was Bahrain, who defeated Saudi Arabia in the final 1-0. Abdelkarim Hassan and Akram Afif were Qatar's top scorers (3 goals).

**Coach: Félix Sánchez Bas (ESP)**, 45 years old. He is Qatar’s coach since July 2017, champion of the 2019 Asian Cup. Record: GP-55 W-30 T-8 L-17. He has coached Qatar's youth teams between 2013 and 2017 (under 19, under 20 and under 23).

**PLAYERS TO WATCH**

**Almoez Ali: He was the top scorer in the Asia Cup with 9 goals, and in the qualifiers for Qatar 2022 he has scored six goals.**

**Hasan Al Haydos** He has been part of the Qatar national team since 2009 and has 132 appearances and has scored 28 goals. The current Qatar captain was the top scorer and the player with the most appearances in the AFC Qualifiers to the FIFA World Cup Russia 2018 (9 goals in 17 appearances).

**Saad Al** Sheeb was the Champion of 2014 Gulf Cup and was Qatar’s starting goalkeeper in the 2019 Asia Cup. He played all 7 matches and only conceded 1 goal in the Final vs. Japan.

**Akram Afif** Asian Champion in 2019 with Qatar, and participated in all 3 goals in the Final played in Abu Dhabi vs. Qatar. Japan (1 goal and 2 assists). Along with Abdelkarim Hassan they were the top scorers at the 2022 Qatar Gulf Nations Cup (3). In addition, he scored 4 goals in the AFC qualifiers to the 2022 FIFA World Cup.

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|  | **Panama** |  |

**10th participationin** the **Gold Cup.**

**Gold Cup** record**:**  GP-42 W-14 T-15 L-13 (GF-59 GA-50).

2ND palce in 2005 and 2013 on both occasions lost the final vs United States.

Third place in 2011, 2015**.** **\***  In the editions that did not have a match for 3rd place (2005, 2007, 2009, 2011, 2013, 2017, 2019), it was agreed that the losers of the semifinals were awarded third place.

**Top scorers in the**  **Gold Cup:** Blas Pérez (11), Luis Tejada (10) and Gabriel Torres (8).

**Gabriel Torres** scored 4 goals in 4 matches in the qualifiers for the 2022 FIFA Qatar World Cup. Torres, played the last 5 editions of the Gold Cup and was runner-up in 2013 (18 games and 8 goals).

**Players with most appearances** **in Gold Cup:** Gabriel Gómez (31 matches), Jaime Penedo (28), Román Torres (25 games).

**Gold Cup** Group Stage Record**:**  GP-27 W-11 T-10 L-6.

**Coach: Thomas**  **Christiansen**  **(ESP)**,48 years old. He has been coaching Panama since July 2020. Record: GP-11 W-7 T-2 L-2 (GF-25 GA-9)

**Former Gold Cup** coaches

**Julio César Dely** **Valdés (PAN) and Hernán Darío Gómez (COL)** are the two coaches with the most matches for Panama in the Gold Cup with 12 and 10 matches respectively. Valdés was coach in 2011, 2013 and 2019 and Colombian Gómez in 2015 and 2017.

**Youngest scorer in Gold Cup:**  Ismael Díaz vs. Nicaragua (win 2-1) Group B in 2017, 20 years and 2 months.

**Oldest scorer in Gold Cup:**  Jorge Dely Valdés vs. Colombia (defeat 2-3), Semifinals in 2005, 38 years, 4 months and 9 days.

**Saves in Gold Cup:**  Luis Mejía and José Calderón were the goalkeepers in the 2019 Gold Cup with 6 and 1 save respectively.

José Calderón was the goalkeeper in 2017 (12 saves), while Jaime Penedo (14) and Luis Mejía (1) played in 2015.

**Win with most goals in Gold Cup:** (6-1) vs. Cuba (Gabriel Torres x2, Carlos Rodríguez, Blas Pérez x2 and Jairo Jiménez; Jose Alfonso), Quarterfinals, Georgia Dome of Atlanta, GA (20-JUL,2013).

**Defeat with most goals against in Gold Cup:** (5-1) vs.Honduras (Giovanni Gayle Alarcón, Eduardo Bennett x3 and Álex Pineda; Jesús Julio), Group A, Cotton Bowl of Dallas, TX (10-JUL,1993).

**Fastest goal in Gold Cup:** Gabriel Torres in the 7th minute, in the 1-2 victory vs. Mexico, Group A, Rose Bowl (7-JUL,2013).

**2019/20** Nations **League** Record (A-League): GP-4 W-1 T-0 L-3. Second place in Group B of The A League.

**Leading goal scorers in CNL 2019/20:**  Gabriel Torres (2), Adalberto Carrasquilla and Rolando Blackburn (1).

**Assists in CNL 2019/20:**  Alberto Quintero (2).

**Panama vs.** **AFC rivals** (international friendlies):

**Vs. Taiwan,**  March 1975 (1-1, 1-1),vs. Taiwan **Bahrain 5-0 Panama** (Abdulla Al Dakeel,Ahmed Yusuf Al Hujairi, Adel Abbas, Abdulla Marzooq and Mahmood Abdukrahman), inthe Stād al-Bahrayn al-Watanī of Riffa (27-OCT 2005); **Republic of Korea 2-2 Panama**  (Joo-ho Park and In-beom Hwang; Abdiel Arroyo and Rolando Blackburn), in Cheonan Baekseok, CSU (16-OCT-2018); **Iran 1-0 Panama** (Ali Daei), at Azadi Sports Stadium, Tehran (18-DEC-2004). **Iran 2-1 Panama** (Ashkan Dejagah and Saman Ghoddos; Gabriel Torres), at Merkur Arena in Graz, Austria (9-NOV-2017); **Japan 3-0 Panama** (Takumi Minamino, Junya Ito and Hárold Cummings e/c), at the Denka Big Swan Stadium in Niigata (12-OCT-2018) and Japan **1-0 Panama**  (Takumi Minamino) at the Merkur Arenain Graz, Austria (13-NOV-2020).

**PLAYERS TO WATCH**

**Alberto Quintero** Has played in 19 games and scored one goal and three assists in the Gold Cup (2011, 2013, 2015, 2019 and 2021).

**Armando Cooper** Has played in 22 matches,scored one goal (vs. Trinidad and Tobago in 2019) in 2015 was elected in the XI Idea Gold Cup.

**Rolando Blackburn**, Has played six matches in the Gold Cup (2013, 2015 and 2019), replaced Cecilio Waterman, one of Panama's top scorers in the Concacaf qualifiers to the Qatar 2022 World Cup with (4 goals)