



Concacaf History in Knockout Stage Matches at the FIFA U-17 Men's World Cup



United States vs Morocco

The United States and Morocco will meet for the first time in a FIFA Men's World Cup. This will be the second time the United States faces an African nation in a Knockout Stage match; previously, they lost 2–0 to Ghana on November 27, 1999, in New Zealand.

United States' 14th Knockout Stage series

The United States will play a Knockout Stage series for the 14th time, having advanced in only 3 of the previous 13 (23%):

1999: 3–2 vs Mexico in the quarterfinals in New Zealand

1999: 2–2 (8–6 on penalties) vs Australia in the semifinals in New Zealand

2017: 5–0 vs Paraguay in the Round of 16 in India

Eight defeats in the last nine Knockout Stage series

The United States has suffered eight defeats in its last nine Knockout Stage series in the history of the FIFA U-17 Men's World Cup. They were eliminated in the two most recent:

2017: 1–4 vs England in the quarterfinals (October 21, India)

2023: 2–3 vs Germany in the Round of 16 (November 21, Indonesia)

Three U.S. victories vs African opponents

The United States has achieved three wins in its last four meetings with African teams across all phases of the FIFA U-17 Men's World Cup, losing only once (1–4 vs Senegal on October 27, 2019, in Group D in Brazil).

U.S. goal scorers in Knockout Stage matches

The top U.S. scorers in Knockout Stage matches are Timothy Weah (3) and Josh Sargent (2). The assist leader in these matches (since Nigeria 2009) is Andrew Carleton (2).



Canada vs Republic of Ireland

Canada and the Republic of Ireland will meet for the first time in the FIFA U-17 Men's World Cup.

Canada will face a debutant nation for the sixth time in its history; they defeated Uganda 2–1 in Group K in Qatar 2025 and have recorded three losses and one draw in previous matches of this type.

Canada vs UEFA opponents

Canada has played six times against UEFA teams at the U-17 Men's World Cup (L-3, D-3):

2–2 vs England (June 22, 2011, Mexico)

2–2 vs Austria (October 19, 2013, United Arab Emirates)

0–0 vs France (November 8, 2025, Qatar)

Ireland is the first debutant European team Canada has ever faced in the U-17 Men's World Cup.

This will be the fifth Knockout Stage series played between a debutant European side and a Concacaf nation; European teams advanced in three of the previous four. The only Concacaf nation to eliminate a debutant European opponent was Mexico, with a 4–0 win over the Netherlands in the semifinals on September 29, 2005, in Peru. Mexico went on to win the title.



Mexico vs Argentina

Mexico and Argentina will face each other for the fourth time at the FIFA U-17 Men's World Cup, with two wins for Mexico and one for Argentina.

In Knockout Stage matches, this will be the third meeting, with one win each:

2003: Argentina 2–0 Mexico in the quarterfinals (August 23, 2003, Finland)

2013: Mexico 3–0 Argentina in the semifinals (November 5, 2013, United Arab Emirates)

Mexico's ninth Knockout Stage series vs CONMEBOL

This match will be Mexico's ninth Knockout Stage series against a CONMEBOL opponent. Mexico has advanced six times and been eliminated twice:

2003: 0–2 vs Argentina in the quarterfinals (August 23, 2003, Finland)

2019: 1–2 vs Brazil in the final (November 17, 2019, Brazil)

Mexico among the Top 5 nations with most Knockout Stage series

This will be Mexico's 25th Knockout Stage series in the history of the FIFA U-17 Men's World Cup. Alongside Spain, Mexico ranks as the fourth nation with the most appearances in these rounds.

Mexico has won 15 of its 24 Knockout Stage series

Mexico has advanced in 15 of the 24 Knockout Stage series it has contested at the tournament. They lost their two most recent:

2019: 1–2 vs Brazil in the final (November 17, 2019, Brazil)

2023: 0–5 vs Mali in the Round of 16 (November 21, 2023, Indonesia)

Argentina's fourth Knockout Stage series vs a Concacaf opponent

Argentina has played three Knockout Stage series against Concacaf opposition, winning two:

2003: 2–0 vs Mexico in the quarterfinals (August 23, 2003, Finland)

2007: 2–0 vs Costa Rica in the Round of 16 (August 30, 2007, South Korea)

2013: 0–3 vs Mexico in the semifinals (November 5, 2013, United Arab Emirates)