



# 2024 CONCACAF W Gold Cup

## Colombia vs. Puerto Rico / Group B

Snapdragon Stadium, San Diego, CA

Colombia and Puerto Rico will face each other for the first time at the senior level.

In 2023, Colombia played 5 friendly matches against Concacaf opponents, winning 1 (0-2 against Panama), losing 1 (3-0 against the United States), and drawing in the remaining 3 (1-1 against Costa Rica, 1-1 against Mexico, and 0-0 against the United States).

Before facing Brazil at the beginning of the group stage of the Women's Gold Cup, Puerto Rico last played against South American opponents in 2021 when they faced Uruguay with defeats in Montevideo (5-1 and 3-0).



### Colombia (COL)

Colombia has lost 1 out of their last 4 matches (1-0 against Brazil). In the remaining 3 games, they didn't concede any goals: 0-0 and 1-0 against New Zealand in International Friendlies and 6-0 against Panama at the beginning of the 2024 Women's Gold Cup.

Colombia managed to keep a clean sheet in 6 out of their last 11 matches across all competitions. They conceded goals in 2 out of their last 6 matches (3-0 against the United States and 1-0 against Brazil).

**Record in CWGC 2024:** GP-2 W-1 D-0 L-1 (GF-6 GA-1).

**Top scorers in CWGC 2024:** Manuela Pavi (2), María Usme (1), Manuela Vanegas (1), Linda Caicedo (1).

**Assists:** María Usme (2), Manuela Vanegas (1).

**How goals were scored:** From open play (5), own goal in favor (1).

**Goal-scoring opportunities** (27). Shots on target (10).

**Saves:** 4. Goalkeeper: Natalia Giraldo (4). Clean sheets: 1 (1 goal conceded).

Biggest victory: 6-0 against Panama (Manuela Pavi x2, María Usme, Manuela Vanegas, Linda Caicedo, and Carina Baltrip own goal).

**Players to watch:**

**María Usme:** Has two assists and one goal, along with 5 shots in the two matches she has played.



**Natalia Giraldo:** Maintained a clean sheet in the first match against Panama. The 20-year-old goalkeeper has 4 saves to date.

**Manuela Vanegas:** Was involved in 2 out of the 6 goals against Panama (1 goal and 1 assist). She has made 5 shots, 2 ball recoveries, 1 clearance, and 91 passes in her 2 appearances.

**Carolina Arias:** Had the most passes (24) against Brazil, along with 2 clearances and 1 ball recovery.

## **Puerto Rico (PUR)**

Puerto Rico has won 3 out of their last 13 matches across all competitions, none against a non-Concacaf team: 2-1 against Trinidad (RTWGC 2024), 1-0 against Haiti (Prelims 2024), and 2-1 against Panama (Women's Gold Cup 2024).

Puerto Rico kept a clean sheet in 3 out of their last 8 matches: 0-0 against the Dominican Republic (Friendly), 0-0 against Trinidad (RTWGC 2024), and 1-0 against Haiti (Prelims 2024).

**Coach Nathaniel González's** team managed to score 3 goals in their last 5 matches (1 penalty in Prelims, 1 header, and 1 from open play against Panama in the Group Stage).

**Record in CWGC 2024:** GP-2 W-1 D-0 L-1 (GF-2 GA-2)

**Top scorers in CWGC 2024:** Danielle Julia Marcano (1), Madison Cox (1).

**Assists:** Jillienne Aguilera (1), Kennedy García (1).

**Goal-scoring opportunities** (14). Shots on target (7).

**Saves:** 11. Goalkeeper: Sydney Martínez (11). Clean sheets: 0 (2 goals conceded).

### **Players to watch:**

**Madison Cox:** Started the comeback with her header goal against Panama. Made 50% of the clearances in that match (6 out of 12) and completed 37 passes (81% accuracy).

**Danielle Julia Marcano:** Scored the winning goal against Panama. Alongside Nickolette Driesse, she had the most shots in that match (3).

**Jillienne Aguilera:** Provided the assist for Madison Cox's goal in Puerto Rico's first goal against Panama. Scored a penalty goal in the 1-0 victory against Haiti in the Prelims.

**Sydney Martínez:** Made 3 saves against Panama. Had an outstanding performance against Brazil with 8 saves and 2 clearances. Was the goalkeeper with the most saves in the League in RTWGC with (18).