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Group D



Puerto Rico vs British Virgin Islands



A first-ever meeting in the history of the Concacaf Men's Under-17 Qualifiers.

Puerto Rico will contest the opening matchday of the group stage against a Caribbean team for the third time in the tournament's history, holding a record of one win and one loss. The victory came in its most recent match, a 3-0 win over Bonaire on 10-Feb-2025 in Group D at Estadio Francisco Morazán in San Pedro Sula (HON), with goals by **Matthew Belgodere** and **Eddie Márquez** x2. The defeat was a 4-0 loss to Cuba on 24-Mar-1991 in Group 2 in Port of Spain (TRI), with goals by **Yoel Zanetti**, **Vladimir Sánchez** x2, and **Luis Marten**.

The British Virgin Islands will contest the opening matchday of the group stage against a Caribbean team for the second time in their history, doing so in consecutive tournaments (2025, 2026), following a 4-0 victory over Sint Maarten on 7-Feb-2025 in Group B at Estadio Alejandro Morera Soto in Alajuela (CRC), with goals by **Sam Sharma**, **Latriel Williams**, and **Luca Stuttard** x2.



Costa Rica vs Turks & Caicos Islands



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This will be the ninth opening matchday of the group stage that Costa Rica plays against Caribbean teams in the tournament, having recorded seven consecutive victories. The only time Costa Rica lost an opening group-stage match against a Caribbean team was a 2-0 defeat to Cuba on 13-Nov-1988 in Group B in San Fernando (TRI), with goals by **Alexander Valdés** and **Ariel Álvarez**. More than 37 years have passed since that match.

The Turks & Caicos Islands will face a Central American team for the first time in the history of the tournament. It will be their second appearance in an opening matchday of the group stage, with one victory — their only historical win in the competition — a 3-0 triumph over Anguilla on 7-Feb-2025 in Group A at the National Sports Centre of Bermuda (BER), with goals by **Wepstel Saintilus** and **Schuyler Selver** x2.



Turks & Caicos Islands vs Puerto Rico



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This will be the first time the Turks & Caicos Islands face a Caribbean team on Matchday 2 of the group stage. In their previous Matchday 2 appearance, they suffered a 6-0 defeat to Canada on 9-Feb-2025 in Group A at the National Sports Centre of Bermuda (BER), with goals by **André Ali-Gayapersad, Owen Graham-Roache, Olusola “Shola” Jimoh, Kevin Khan, Marius Aiyenero, and Sergei Kozlovski.**

Puerto Rico will play Matchday 2 of the group stage against a Caribbean team for the second time, following a 3-0 victory over Saint Martin on 12-Feb-2025 in Group D at Estadio Francisco Morazán in San Pedro Sula (HON), with goals by **Eddiel Márquez x2** and an own goal by **Adjani van Putten.**



British Virgin Islands vs Costa Rica



The British Virgin Islands and Costa Rica will meet for the second time in the Concacaf Men's Under-17 Qualifiers. The first meeting was won 5-0 by Costa Rica on 11-Feb-2025 at Estadio Alejandro Morera Soto in Alajuela (CRC), in Group B, with goals by **Isaac Badilla, Brayan Calderón x2, Marcus Brown** from the penalty spot, and **Nick Bennette.** This remains the only match in which the British Virgin Islands have faced Central American teams.

Costa Rica will play its 12th Matchday 2 group-stage match against Caribbean teams across all phases of the tournament, having recorded four historical victories. In Matchday 2 group-stage matches against Caribbean teams, Costa Rica has no draws, with nine wins and two defeats. The defeats came in a 2-0 loss to Jamaica (26-Feb-1999, Group A) and a 2-0 loss to Trinidad & Tobago (8-Apr-2013, Group B), with goals by **Andre “Dre” Fortune II** and **Brent Sam.**



British Virgin Islands vs Turks & Caicos Islands



A first-ever meeting in the history of the Concacaf Men's Under-17 Qualifiers.

The British Virgin Islands will face a Caribbean team in the final matchday of the group stage for the second time in their history, following a 1-1 draw against Guyana on 16-Feb-2025 in Group B at Estadio Alejandro Morera Soto in Alajuela (CRC). **Jaden Harris** scored for Guyana, while **Luca Stuttard** found the net for the British Virgin Islands.

The Turks & Caicos Islands will face a Caribbean team on the final matchday of the group stage for the second time in their tournament history, following a 5-0 defeat to Bermuda on 13-Feb-2025 in Group A at the National Sports Centre of Bermuda (BER), with goals by **Kalen Brunson** x3, **Logan Jiménez**, and **Harlem Bean-Fox**.



Costa Rica and Puerto Rico will meet again following the 1-1 draw on 19-Feb-2023 in the Round of 16 at Estadio Doroteo Guamuch Flores in Guatemala City (GUA). **Samuel Byron** scored for Puerto Rico and Akheem Wilson for Costa Rica. The draw forced a penalty shootout, which Puerto Rico won 4-2 to advance to the quarterfinals, where they were eliminated with a 3-0 loss to Canada.

Costa Rica will contest a final group-stage match against a Caribbean team for the 13th time in the tournament's history. In fact, the "Tico" side is on a 10-match unbeaten streak in final group-stage matches against Caribbean teams (1D-9W). In six of those 10 matches, Costa Rica kept a clean sheet.