

USA vs. Guatemala

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All-Time series

They will face each other for the twelfth time in the CMU20. The United States leads the all-time series with 7 wins, 2 draws, and 2 losses. The last encounter was in the 2015 edition.

In their last three meetings, the United States has not been able to defeat Guatemala, with two draws and one loss (0-0 in 2007, 1-1 in 2015, and a 1-2 loss in 2011).

In the quarterfinals, this will be the second matchup. In their first, Guatemala won 2-1 on April 6, 2011, at the Dorotheo Guamuch Flores Stadium, with goals by Gerson Lima (33') and Henry López (68'), while Conor Doyle (65') scored for the Americans.

In knockout stage overall between these two teams in the CMU20, the advantage goes to the United States, which won 1-0 in the third-place match in 1976 and 3-1 in the semifinals of the 1982 edition.

The United States in knockout matches in the CMU20 against Central American teams has faced them 13 times, with 8 wins and 5 losses. The last time the United States lost a direct elimination series to a Central American team was in 2011 against Guatemala (1-2 in the quarterfinals).

Guatemala, in knockout matches in the CMU20 against North American teams, has faced them 9 times, with 4 wins and 5 losses. In the last 3 series where Guatemala faced North American teams, the Guatemalans achieved qualification (2011 vs the United States in the quarterfinals, and in 2022 vs Canada and Mexico in the round of 16 and quarterfinals, respectively).

CMU20 Series:

- 11 games
- 7 wins United States
- 2 wins Guatemala
- 2 draws
- 22 goals United States
- 10 goals Guatemala

United States (USA)

Appearances in CMU20: 26

Best Result in CMU20: champion (Costa Rica 2017, USA 2018, Honduras 2022), runner-up (1980, 1982, 1986, 1992, 2009, 2013), 3rd place (1976, 1988, 1990, 1996, 2015).

Record in CMU20 history: GP-133 W-84 D-21 L-28 (GF-322 GA-103).

Top scorers in CMU20 since 2009: Álex Méndez (8), Ayo Akinola (7), Ulysses Llanez (7), Paxten Aaronson (7), Quinn Sullivan (6), Roman Gall (5), Nikolas Tsakiris (5), Brooks Lennon (4), Justin Rennicks (4), Anthony Fontana (4), Juan Pablo Torres (4).

Penalty shootouts: (4). Wins (3), Losses (1).

Record in Mexico 2024: GP-3 W-3 D-0 L-0 (GF-14 GA-0).

Top scorers in Mexico 2024: Pedro Soma (2), Nikolas Tsakiris (2), Marcos Zambrano (2), David Vazquez (2), Cruz Medina (1), Ruben Ramos, Nimfasha Berchimas, Zavier Gozo, Ethan Kohler, Taha Habroune.

Assists in 2024: Taha Habroune (2), David Vazquez (2), Zavier Gozo (2), Marcos Zambrano (2), Nimfasha Berchimas (1), Nikolas Tsakiris.

Saves: 5. Clean sheets: 3. Goalkeepers: Adam Beaudry (3), Julian Eyestone (2).

Last major victory: 13-0 vs. U.S. Virgin Islands (Griffin Dorsey, Ayo Akinola, Ulysses Llanez x3, Anthony Fontana, Justin Rennicks x2, Mark McKenzie x2, Paxton Pomykal, Alex Mendez, and Emanuel Pérez), Group A - IMG Academy Stadium, Bradenton, Fla. (November 3, 2018).

Appearances in FIFA U-20 World Cup: 9 (Saudi Arabia 1989, Qatar 1995, Malaysia 1997, Nigeria 1999, Argentina 2001, Canada 2007, Egypt 2009, Colombia 2011, Republic of Korea 2017).

Best result in FIFA U-20 World Cup: 4th place (Saudi Arabia 1989).

The USA has won their last 8 matches in CMU20 and did not concede any goals. Their last match without a win where they conceded goals was against Canada in Group E of Honduras 2022 (2-2). It was the only team with the most points (9), goals (14), and assists (10) in the group stage of Mexico 2024.

USA is undefeated in 23 matches in CMU20 with 21 wins and 2 draws in regular time. Their last defeat in the tournament was against Panama by 1-0 on the first matchday of Group B in Costa Rica 2017.

The USA has won their last 2 quarter-final matches in CMU20: 4-2 vs. Canada in Mexico 2013 and 2-0 vs. Costa Rica in Honduras 2022. Their last defeat in QF was in Guatemala 2011 when they lost 2-1 to the host.

Players to watch.

Marcos Zambrano. Scored 2 goals, 2 assists in 3 appearances. He made 3 shots, 1 on target and 2 ended in goals. In the group stage, he gave 27 passes.

Nikolas Tsakiris. Scored 2 goals, gave 1 assist and 8 shots in the group stage. The midfielder has 8 appearances, 5 goals, and 2 assists in the history of the tournament where he tied with Roman Gall (5) in fifth place on the top scorers' table of the United States since 2009.

Noah Cobb. Was the player with the highest number of passes (143). The central defender only made 8 incorrect passes in his 3 appearances finishing the group stage with an effectiveness of 94.4%.

Guatemala (GUA)

Appearances in CMU20: 21

Best Result in CMU20: 2nd Place (Panama 1962, Mexico 1973), 3rd Place (Guatemala 1964, Guatemala 2011).

Record in CMU20 history: GP-95 W-32 D-19 L-44 (GF-115 GA-142).

Top scorers in CMU20 since 2009: Arquimides Ordoñez (5), Olger Escobar (3), Gerson Lima (3), Rudy Barrientos (3), Óscar Santis (2), Allan Juárez (2).

Penalty shootouts: (4). Wins (3), Losses (1).

Record in Mexico 2024: GP-3 W-1 D-0 L-2 (GF-6 GA-6).

Top scorers in Mexico 2024: **Olger Escobar (3), Marvin Ávila (1), Matthew Evans, Selvin Sagastume.**

Assists in 2024: Marvin Ávila (1), Decarlo Guerra, Olger Escobar, Matthew Evans.

Saves: 11. Goalkeepers: Fausto Delgado (6), Diego Bolaños (5).

Last major victory: 5-1 against Haiti (Olger Escobar x3, Matthew Evans, and Marvin Ávila; Bryan Destin), Group C, Sergio León Chávez Stadium, Irapuato (July 27, 2024); 4-0 against Guyana (Rudy Barrientos, José Ardón, Nery Cifuentes, and Oscar Santis) Group F, IMG Soccer Complex, Bradenton, Fla (November 2, 2018).

Appearances in FIFA U-20 World Cup: 2 (Colombia 2011, Argentina 2023).

Best result in FIFA U-20 World Cup: Round of 16 (Colombia 2011, Argentina 2023).

Guatemala won 1 of the last 6 matches in CMU20 (3D-2L).

Guatemala managed to advance in its last 2 quarterfinal participations, eliminating host United States in 2011 (2-1) and Mexico in a penalty shootout (2-1) in Honduras 2022 after a 1-1 draw. It was eliminated in the quarterfinals in the United States 1980 (2-0 vs. Mexico).

Players to watch:

Olger Escobar. Scored a hat-trick and provided an assist in the 5-1 victory against Haiti. With these three goals, he tied his compatriots Gerson Lima and Rudy Barrientos (3 goals each) in the history of CMU20 since 2009.

Marvin Ávila. Was directly involved in the last 2 goals for Guatemala in the group stage. Ávila is also the youngest player to score in CMU20 2024 at 16 years, 4 months, and 10 days, breaking the record set by his teammate Selvin Sagastume who achieved it at 16 years, 8 months, and 1 day in the same edition (2024), meaning Sagastume's record was only valid for 3 days.

Matthew Evans. Scored a goal and provided an assist in the 5-1 win over Haiti.