

Honduras vs. Cuba

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All-Time Series

This will be the third time they face each other in the CMU20, with Honduras winning both matches. They have not met since 2018 and have only done so in the group stage.

The first encounter was on January 12, 2015, on the second day of Group B, with a 3-0 win for Honduras in Montego Bay (JAM), goals by Albert Elis (60'), John Paul Suazo (65'), and Jhow Benavídez (83').

The second time was on November 5, 2018, on the third day of Group C, a 3-1 victory for Honduras in Bradenton, Florida (USA), with goals by Cristian Cáliz (31'), Carlos Mejía (84'), and Luis Palma (90+3'), and for Cuba, Rolando Oviendo (28') scored.

The Honduran team in direct elimination matches against Caribbean opponents will be the second time, the first was against Trinidad & Tobago in the match for third place in the 2009 edition, in Macoya (Trinidad and Tobago), a 2-1 win for Honduras with goals by Roger Rojas (47') and Reinieri Mayorquín (89') and Qian Grosvenor (58') for Trinidad & Tobago.

On the other hand, the Cuban team will play its 5th direct elimination match against a Central American team, achieving only one win, 2-1 in the quarterfinals against Costa Rica in 2013 with a double by Aricheell Hernández and a goal by David Ramírez for Costa Rica and lost 3 times (6x1 in the quarterfinals against Costa Rica in 2011, 0x1 in the match for third place vs. El Salvador in 2013, and 0x1 in the round of 16 against Panama in 2022).

CMU20 Series:

- 2 games
- 2 wins Honduras
- 6 goals Honduras
- 1 goal Cuba



Appearances in CMU20: 25

Best Result in CMU20: Champion (1982, 1994), Runner-up (1964, 1976, 2017), 3rd Place (1978, 2009).

Record in CMU20 history: GP-104 W-67 D-16 L-21 (GF-220 GA-97).

Top scorers in CMU20 since 2009: Josué Villafranca (7), Marco Aceituno (6), Luis Palma (5), Bryan Róchez (4), Alberth Elis (4), Carlos Mejía (4), Cristian Cáliz (4).

Penalty shootouts: (4). Wins (0), Losses (4).

Record in Mexico 2024: GP-3 W-2 D-1 L-0 (GF-11 GA-5).

Top scorers in Mexico 2024: Anfronit Tatum (2), Didier Paguada (2), Ángel Villatoro (1), Roberto Osorto, Dereck Moncada, Justin Ponce, Mathias Vásquez, Jeffrey Martínez.

Assists in 2024: Mathias Vásquez (3), Roberto Osorto (2).

Saves: 4. Goalkeeper: Daniel Paguada (4).

Last major victory: 12-0 vs. Sint Maarten (Luis Palma x2, Carlos Mejía x2, Cristian Cáliz x3, Selvin Guevara, Josué Villafranca, Elison Rivas, Gerson Chávez, and Mikel Santos) Matchday 2 of Group C, IMG Soccer Complex, Bradenton, Fla. (November 3, 2018).

Appearances in FIFA U-20 World Cup: 9 (Tunisia 1977, Qatar 1995, Nigeria 1999, Netherlands 2005, Egypt 2009, New Zealand 2015, Republic of Korea 2017, Poland 2019, Argentina 2023).

Best result in FIFA U-20 World Cup: Group stage (Tunisia 1977, Qatar 1995, Nigeria 1999, Netherlands 2005, Egypt 2009, New Zealand 2015, Republic of Korea 2017, Poland 2019, Argentina 2023).

Honduras won 19 of the last 25 matches in CMU20. They only lost 1 of the recent 9 games in the tournament (3-0 vs. United States in the semifinals in Honduras 2022).

Honduras advanced the last time they played in the quarterfinals, defeating Panama 2-1 with a brace from Marco Aceituno (Ricardo Gorday scored for Panama). They were eliminated by Panama in Guatemala 2011 with a 2-0 loss, goals by José Álvarez and Cecilio Waterman.

Players to watch:

Roberto Osorto. He has started every match, provided two assists, scored a goal, made 8 shots, and was the player with the most fouls suffered, with 7.

Jeffrey Martínez. Scored against the Dominican Republic in the closing of Group B in addition to making shots (5). He has participated in all of Honduras's matches in CMU20 2024.

Mathias Vásquez. Scored a goal and provided 3 assists in addition to 4 shots (two on target and one off) in his 3 appearances. Mathias is the son of FC Motagua's coach Diego Martín Vásquez, a three-time finalist of the Scotiabank Concacaf League.



Appearances in CMU20: 15

Best Result in CMU20: 2nd Place (Cuba 1970, Canada 1974), 3rd Place (Mexico 1973), 4th Place (2013).

Record in CMU20 history: GP-65 W-25 D-13 L-27 (GF-83 GA-87).

Top scorers in CMU20 since 2009: Geobel Pérez (5), Maikel Reyes (3), Jean Carlos Rodríguez (3), Rolando Oviendo (3), Rivaldo Ibarra (2), Christian Flores (2), Arichel Hernández (2), Frank López (2), Kevin Torriente (2).

Penalty shootouts: (1). Wins (1), Losses (0).

Record in Mexico 2024: GP-3 W-1 D-1 L-1 (GF-4 GA-5).

Top scorers in Mexico 2024: Samuel Rodríguez (1), Michael Camejo, David Pérez, Karel Pérez.

Assists in 2024: Aniel Casanova (1).

Saves: 11. Clean sheets: 1. Goalkeeper: Yurdy Hodelin (11).

Last major victory: 7-0 vs. Sint Maarten (Geobel Pérez x2, Jean Carlos Rodríguez x2, Christian Flores, José Pérez, Frank Nodarse, Omar Pérez), Group C - IMG Academy Stadium, Bradenton, Fla (November 9, 2018).

Appearances in FIFA U-20 World Cup: 1 (Turkey 2013).

Best result in FIFA U-20 World Cup: Group stage (Turkey 2013).

Cuba won 1 of the last 5 matches in CMU20 (1D-3L) and it was in the closure of Group A: 3-0 vs. Jamaica.

Cuba achieved 8 victories in their last 14 matches in the history of the tournament. During this period, they only drew once (1-1) with Costa Rica in the opening match of Group A.

Cuba last advanced beyond the quarterfinals in the 2013 edition in Mexico, defeating Costa Rica 2-1 with a brace from Arichel Hernández (David Ramírez scored for **Costa Rica**). **In 2011, Costa Rica had defeated Cuba 6-1 in the quarterfinals in Guatemala.**

Players to watch:

Karel Pérez. He was the leader in ball recoveries (14). He scored from a penalty in the last goal in the 3-0 victory against Jamaica in the closure of Group A of Mexico 2024. The captain of the Cuban team has played three matches with the senior national team (including Concacaf Nations League, Concacaf qualifiers for the FIFA World Cup, and international friendlies).

Michael Camejo. Scored the first goal in the victory over Jamaica on the last matchday of the group stage; he also made three shots in as many matches.

Maikol Vega. The midfielder made 47 accurate passes, took 3 shots, recovered 6 balls, and was fouled three times in three group stage matches.