



Group C

Mexico v El Salvador

Qualcomm Stadium – San Diego, California, USA

July 9, 2017 – 9:30 p.m. ET (6:30 p.m. local)



MEXICO (2017 Gold Cup Record: 0W-0D-0L ... 0GF, 0GA)

- Last Time Out at the Gold Cup: Mexico 3, Jamaica 1 (July 26, 2015) ... Andres Guardado opened the scoring with his 10th career Gold Cup goal and the Tricolor earned victory in the 2015 Gold Cup final to secure a record seventh tournament title. The performance was likely Mexico's best of the tournament after being pushed to extra time in the quarterfinals (Costa Rica) and semifinals (Panama), and drawing two group matches.
- Head Coach: Juan Carlos Osorio (since October 2015) ... With a pedigree that includes background with Manchester City and a club coaching resume that stretches across the Americas, Osorio launched his Mexico coaching shortly after the Tricolor's 3-2 win over the United States in the 2015 CONCACAF Cup (October 10, 2015) ... guided Mexico to a 4th-place finish at last month's 2017 FIFA Confederations Cup ... currently serving six-game suspension from FIFA ... Luis Pompilio Pérez will lead the side in his place
- Qualification method: automatic North American entrant
- Previous Gold Cup Appearances: 13 (1991, 1993, 1996, 1998, 2000, 2002, 2003, 2005, 2007, 2009, 2011, 2013, 2015)
- Gold Cup Record: GP-62; W-45; D-9; L-8; GF-149; GA-39 ... 149 goals scored and +110 goal differential is most of any entrant ... currently averaging 2.40 goals per GC match
- Best Finish: Champion-7 (1993, 1996, 1998, 2003, 2009, 2011, 2015) ... most titles in Gold Cup history (USA #2 with five) ... 8 appearances in Gold Cup finals is second-most behind the United States (9)
- Top GC Scorer: Luis Roberto Alves (12 goals) ... Alves is tied for second on the all-time GC goal-scoring list with the USA's Clint Dempsey
- 2018 FIFA World Cup Qualification: currently sits in first in CONCACAF fifth round (GP-6; W-4; D-2; L-0; GF-9, GA-2) ... Remaining fifth-round matches: Panama (H), Costa Rica (A), Trinidad & Tobago (H), Honduras (A) ... Only remaining unbeaten team across all rounds of CONCACAF qualifying (Overall 2018 qualifying record: GP-12; W-9; D-3; L-0; GF-22, GA-3)
- 2017 FIFA Confederations Cup: 4th place (GP-5; W-2; D-1; L-2; GF-8; GA-10) ... Results: (Group Stage) 2-2 draw v Portugal, 2-1 win v New Zealand, 2-1 win v Russia, (Semifinals) 4-1 loss v Germany, (3rd Place) 2-1 aet loss v Portugal
- 22 of 23 players on Gold Cup roster were not in Confederations Cup squad ... defender Luis Reyes is lone holdover (played in two games: 2-1 win v Russia, 1-2 loss v Portugal in 3rd place match) ... three past Gold Cup MVPs (Giovani Dos Santos-2009, Javier Hernandez-2011, Andres Guardado-2015) played at the Confederations Cup.
- GC record against Central American opposition: GP-27; W-18; D-6; L-3; GF-44; GA-15 ... two of three losses came by same 2-1 score against Panama in 2011 tournament, including one in semifinals ... Kept 15 clean sheets against Central American foes
- GC record in group openers: GP-13; W-10; D-0; L-3; GF-45; GA-8 ... Averaging 3.46 goals per game in opening GC match, and 2.12 goals per game in other GC matches
- Eight of last nine GC goals scored in 2nd half
- Jesus Dueñas is only player on current roster to have taken part in 2015 CONCACAF Gold Cup (started & played 86 minutes in 3-1 win over Jamaica in final)

EL SALVADOR (2017 Gold Cup Record: 0W-0D-0L ... 0GF, 0GA)

- Last Time Out at the Gold Cup: Jamaica 1, El Salvador 0 (July 14, 2015) ... Requiring only a draw to move into the quarterfinals for a third consecutive tournament, the Cuscatlecos conceded to Gareth McCleary in the 71st minute of their last Group B game
- Head Coach: Eduardo Lara (since December of 2016) ... Promoted from El Salvador's U-20 head position ... the Colombian spent nearly a decade as a youth manager in his home country's national team program ... also served briefly as Colombia's first-team interim manager when Jorge Luis Pinto was dismissed in 2008
- Qualification method: 3rd place, Central American Cup (GP-5; W-2; D-1; L-2; GF-5; GA-4)
- 2017 Central American Cup results (round robin): 0-0 draw v Costa Rica, 1-2 loss v Honduras, 3-1 win v Belize, 0-1 loss v Panama, 1-0 win v Nicaragua
- 2017 Central American Cup scorers: Juan Barahona, Gersen Mayen, Irvin Herrera, Henry Romero, Rodolfo Zelaya (1 goal) ... Herrera's 54th-minute goal in last match against Nicaragua clinched Gold Cup berth
- Previous Gold Cup Appearances: 9 (1996, 1998, 2002, 2003, 2007, 2009, 2011, 2013, 2015)
- Gold Cup Record: GP-34; W-10; D-14; L-10; GF-47; GA-43
- Best Finish: Quarterfinals-4 (2002, 2003, 2011, 2013) ... outscored 15-4 across quarterfinal appearances
- Top GC Scorers: Rodolfo Zelaya (8 goals) ... Zelaya scored 4 goals in both the 2011 and 2013 tournaments
- 2018 FIFA World Cup Qualifying: eliminated after finishing bottom of group in the fourth round of CONCACAF qualifying (GP-6; W-0; D-2; L-4; GF-4; GA-13) ... Overall qualifying record: GP-10; W-3; D-3; L-4; GF-12; GA-16) ... qualified for two World Cups: Mexico '70 and Spain '82
- Winless in last four Gold Cup matches (0W-2D-2L) ... last victory (July 15, 2013): El Salvador 1 (Zelaya 75'), Haiti 0
- Scored one goal or fewer in last 6 GC matches (3 goals total)
- GC record against North American teams: W-0; D-1; L-8; GF-1; GA-24 ... Lone goal came on Zelaya's 39th-minute penalty in 5-1 quarterfinal loss to United States on July 21, 2013
- Record in GC group openers: GP-9; W-3; D-3; L-3; GF-9; GA-14 ... last two openers ended in draws (2013: 2-2 v Trinidad & Tobago; 2015: 0-0 v Canada)