



GAME NOTES

Group B: Nicaragua (NCA) v United States (USA)

FirstEnergy Stadium – Cleveland, Ohio, USA

July 15, 2017 – 7:00 p.m. ET (7:00 p.m. local)

ROSTERS

Nicaragua

1	Justo Lorente	GK/P
2	Josue Quijano	DF/DEF
3	Manuel Rosas	DF/DEF
4	Henry Niño	DF/DEF
5	Erick Tellez	DF/DEF
6	Luis Copete	DF/DEF
7	Carlos Chavarria	FW/DEL
8	Marlon Lopez	MF/MED
9	Daniel Cadena	MF/MED
10	Luis Galeano	MF/MED
11	Juan Barrera	FW/DEL
12	Diedrich Tellez	GK/P
13	Bryan Garcia	MF/MED
14	Eulises Pavon	FW/DEL
15	Bismarck Montiel	MF/MED
16	Elvis Figueroa	MF/MED
17	Bismarck Veliz	DF/DEF
18	Maykel Montiel	MF/MED
19	Luis Peralta	MF/MED
20	Oscar Lopez	DF/DEF
21	Jorge Hurtado	FW/DEL
22	Cyril Errington	DF/DEF
23	Henry Maradiaga	GK/P

United States

1	Brad Guzan	GK/P
2	Jorge Villafaña	DF/DEF
3	Omar Gonzalez	DF/DEF
4	Matt Miazga	DF/DEF
5	Matt Besler	DF/DEF
6	Kelyn Rowe	MF/MED
7	Chris Pontius	MF/MED
8	Jordan Morris	FW/DEL
9	Gyasi Zardes	MF/MED
10	Joe Corona	MF/MED
11	Alejandro Bedoya	MF/MED
12	Bill Hamid	GK/P
13	Dax McCarty	MF/MED
14	Dom Dwyer	FW/DEL
15	Eric Lichaj	DF/DEF
16	Justin Morrow	DF/DEF
17	Cristian Roldan	MF/MED
18	Juan Agudelo	FW/DEL
19	Graham Zusi	DF/DEF
20	Paul Arriola	MF/MED
21	Matt Hedges	DF/DEF
22	Sean Johnson	GK/P
23	Kellyn Acosta	MF/MED

POSSIBLE LINEUPS/FORMATION



MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: Melvin Matamoros (Honduras)
Assistant Referee 1: Christian Ramirez (Honduras)
Assistant Referee 2: Ainsley Rochard (Trinidad & Tobago)
4th Official: Oscar Moncada (Honduras)

DISCIPLINARY

SUSPENDED

Nicaragua: Carlos Chavarria
United States: none

SINGLE CAUTION

Nicaragua: none
United States: Justin Morrow

GROUP B RESULTS, TABLE, REMAINING GAMES

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts.	GD
United States	2	1	1	0	4	3	4	+1
Panama	2	1	1	0	3	2	4	+1
Martinique	2	1	0	1	4	3	3	+1
Nicaragua	2	0	0	2	1	4	0	-3

DATE	SITE	MATCH	TIME ET (LOCAL)
July 8	Nissan Stadium	USA 1, PAN 1	4:30 p.m. (3:30 p.m.)
Sat.	Nashville, TN	MTQ 2, NCA 0	7:00 p.m. (6:00 p.m.)
July 12	Raymond James Stadium	PAN 2, NCA 1	6:30 p.m. (6:30 p.m.)
Wed.	Tampa, FL	USA 3, MTQ 2	9:00 p.m. (9:00 p.m.)
July 15	FirstEnergy Stadium	PAN v MTQ	4:30 p.m. (4:30 p.m.)
Sat.	Cleveland, OH	NCA v USA	7:00 p.m. (7:00 p.m.)

GOLD CUP: HEAD-TO-HEAD

ALL-TIME GOLD CUP SERIES RECORD

First all-time meeting

RESULTS	MATCH	RESULT	SITE
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FROM WHERE GOALS SCORED

NCA			USA	
F	A		F	A
0	0	WITHIN 6-YARD BOX	2	0
0	4	WITHIN PENALTY AREA	2	2
1	0	BEYOND PENALTY AREA	0	1

WAY GOALS SCORED

F	A		F	A
1	2	REGULAR PLAY	3	3
0	0	FREE KICK (DIRECTLY)	0	0
0	1	FREE KICK (INDIRECTLY)	0	0
0	1	CORNER	1	0
0	0	PENALTY	0	0
0	0	OWN GOAL	0	0

HOW GOALS SCORED

F	A		F	A
1	2	RIGHT FOOT/LEG	2	2
0	1	LEFT FOOT/LEG	2	1
0	1	HEAD	0	0
0	0	OTHER	0	0

GOLD CUP LASTS

Win	NCA	USA
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Draw	--	--
Loss	12.07.17 Panama 1-2	22.07.15 Jamaica 1-2
Scored 0 goals	08.07.17 Martinique 0-2	26.07.09 Mexico 0-5
Conceded 0 goals	--	18.07.15 Cuba 6-0

RECORD AT HALF

	LEAD	TIED	BEHIND
NCA	0-0-0	0-0-1	0-0-1
USA	0-0-0	1-1-0	0-0-0

RECORD AFTER FIRST GOAL

	FOR	AGAINST
NCA	0-0-1	0-0-1
USA	1-1-0	0-0-0

GOLD CUP FORM

NCA	L	L	L	L	L	--	--	--	--
USA	W	D	D	L	W	D	W	W	W

SCORING LEADERS

NICARAGUA
Goals: Carlos Chavarria (1)
Assists:

UNITED STATES
Goals: Jordan Morris (2), Dom Dwyer, Omar Gonzalez (1)
Assists: Eric Lichaj, Kelyn Rowe, Gyasi Zardes

SCORING

GOALS SCORED IN GAME							
GP	0	1	2	3	4	5+	
NCA	2	1	1	0	0	0	0
USA	2	0	1	0	1	0	0

GOALS CONCEDED IN GAME							
GP	0	1	2	3	4	5+	
NCA	2	0	0	2	0	0	0
USA	2	0	1	1	0	0	0

GOALS BY MINUTE

GOALS SCORED IN GAME										
	1-15	16-30	31-45	46-60	61-75	75-90+	91-105	105-120+	Total	
NCA	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	
USA	0	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	4	

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NCA	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	4	
USA	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	3	



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NICARAGUA (2017 Gold Cup Record: 0W-0D-2L ... 1GF, 4GA)

- Last Time Out at the Gold Cup (GC): Panama 2, Nicaragua 1 ... Carlos Chavarria's strike from distance gave Nicaragua its first-ever Gold Cup goal. But their lead would last only 64 seconds in a game that left them still in search of their first-ever Gold Cup point
- 2017 Gold Cup results: 0-2 loss v Martinique; 1-2 loss v Panama (Carlos Chavarria 48')
- Head Coach: Henry Duarte (since December of 2014) ... has coached primarily at Costa Rican club level, most notably taking the reigns of Herediano for the 1997-98 season
- Gold Cup Appearances: 2 (2009, 2017) ... Gold Cup Record: GP-5; W-0; D-0; L-5; GF-1; GA-12 ... Best Finish: Group Stage-1 (2009)
- Top GC Scorers: Carlos Chavarria (1 goal) ... Will be suspended for card accumulation v United States
- Qualification method: Winner Central American-Caribbean Gold Cup qualifying playoff, overcoming Haiti (agg: 4-3) ... Juan Barrera scored three goals in a six-minute stretch late in second half of second leg ... 1st leg (March 24, 2017): Haiti 3, Nicaragua 1 (Carlos Chavarria 86') ... 2nd leg (March 28, 2017): Nicaragua 3, Haiti 0 (Juan Barrera 82' pen, 86', 88') ... Barrera was sent off in second-half stoppage time of 2nd leg after receiving a second caution, leading to one-match ban served against Martinique
- Finished 5th in 2017 Copa Centroamericana (Record: W-1; D-1; L-3; GF-5; GA-6) ... Results: 1-2 loss v Honduras, 1-2 loss v Panama, 0-0 draw v Costa Rica, 3-1 win v Belize, 1-0 loss v El Salvador
- 2017 Copa Centroamericana scorers: Bryan Garcia (2 goals), Juan Barrera, Daniel Cadena (1)
- 2018 FIFA World Cup Qualifying: Eliminated in third round of CONCACAF qualifying against Jamaica (agg 3-4) ... Overall 2018 qualifying record: GP-6; W-5; D-0; L-1; GF-15, GA-5
- Top 2018 World Cup Qualifying Scorers: Raul Leguias, Carlos Chavarria (3 goals each)
- Barrera became first Nicaraguan to play in Europe in 2015, making appearances in both the domestic league and the UEFA Europa League for Austria's Rheindorf Altach. ... Barrera made three appearances as a then-20-year-old substitute in the 2009 Gold Cup ... Barrera scored for Real Esteli in a 1-1 draw against visiting Tigres in the 2012/13 Scotiabank CONCACAF Champions League
- Defender Manuel Rosas has played in four editions of the Scotiabank CONCACAF Champions League for Real Esteli (18 games/1 goal)
- Out of 23 players on roster, 18 play for Nicaraguan clubs, including nine for 2016/17 Scotiabank CONCACAF Champions League entrant Real Esteli
- Suffered 0-2 defeat v Mexico in GC debut match on July 5, 2009, in what was only previous GC game against North American opposition

UNITED STATES (2017 Gold Cup Record: 1W-1D-0L ... 4GF, 3GA)

- Last Time Out at the Gold Cup (GC): United States 3, Martinique 2 ... Jordan Morris connected for his first two career GC goals ... U.S. snapped a three-match GC winless stretch despite giving back a two-goal lead ... three-match winless was longest in team's GC history
- 2017 Gold Cup Results: 1-1 draw v Panama (Dom Dwyer 50'); 3-2 win v Martinique (Omar Gonzalez 54'; Jordan Morris 64', 76')
- Head Coach: Bruce Arena (since November 2016) ... Arena began his second stint in charge of the U.S. in November 2016, when he took over from Jurgen Klinsmann after a pair of losses to open the fifth round of CONCACAF qualifying for the 2018 FIFA World Cup ... previously managed the side from 1998-2006, helping the U.S. to the 2002 FIFA World Cup quarterfinals ... also won five MLS Cups as a manager with D.C. United (2) and the LA Galaxy (3)
- Qualification method: automatic North American entrant ... Gold Cup Appearances: 14 (1991, 1993, 1996, 1998, 2000, 2002, 2003, 2005, 2007, 2009, 2011, 2013, 2015, 2017)
- Gold Cup Record: GP-69; W-52; D-9; L-8; GF-138; GA-52 ... 69 games played and 52 wins are most Gold Cup history
- Best Finish: Champion-5 (1991, 2002, 2005, 2007, 2013) ... last title: defeated Panama, (1-0, in 2013 final (Brek Shea 69')) ... five titles are second-most in Gold Cup history behind Mexico's 7 ... competed in a tournament record nine Gold Cup finals
- Top GC Scorer: Landon Donovan (18 goals) ... Donovan is tournament's all-time leading scorer, six ahead of Mexico's Luis Roberto Alves and the USA's Clint Dempsey
- 2018 FIFA World Cup Qualifying (WCQ): currently sits in third in fifth round of CONCACAF qualifying (GP-6; W-2; D-2; L-2; GF-11, GA-8) ... overall 2018 qualifying record: GP-12; W-6, D-3, L-3; GF-31, GA-11 ... seeking 8th consecutive World Cup Finals appearance dating back to Italia '90
- 2018 FIFA WCQ, CONCACAF fifth round results: 0-2 loss v Mexico (H), 0-4 loss v Costa Rica (A), 6-0 win v Honduras (H), 1-1 draw v Panama (A), 2-0 win v Trinidad and Tobago (H), 1-1 draw v Mexico (A) ... Remaining fifth-round matches: Costa Rica (H); Honduras (A); Panama (H); Trinidad & Tobago (A)
- Scored at least one goal in 20 consecutive Gold Cup matches, which is the longest active streak among 2017 GC entrants ... Mexico owns longest such streak in tournament history, scoring in 31 consecutive games dating back to 2003 before a 0-0 draw v Guatemala on July 12, 2015 ... last shutout in 5-0 loss to Mexico in 2009 final, which was USA's largest margin of defeat in Gold Cup history
- Morris' brace ties him for the lead on the US's current roster in career GC goals (Joe Corona, Jordan Morris, Omar Gonzalez 2 goals; Gyasi Zardes, Dom Dwyer 1) ... Gonzalez has never scored a senior international goal outside of GC play
- Has gone four straight matches without keeping clean sheet for first time in GC history ... Had allowed a goal or more in three consecutive matches on three separate occasions prior to current four-match streak ... conceded two goals twice in last four GC games after allowing one or fewer in 10 previous outings
- Unbeaten in group finale matches (Record: GP-13; W-11; D-2; L-0; GF-21; GA-6) ... kept a clean sheet in nine of 13 group finale games ... shutout only once in group finale, 0-0 draw v Costa Rica on July 12, 2005
- FC Dallas teammates Kelyn Acosta (3 goals), Matt Hedges (1), each scored in the 2016/17 Scotiabank CONCACAF Champions League (SCCL) ... Others with SCCL goals include: Paul Arriola (2, Club Tijuana); Chris Pontius (3, D.C. United); Gyasi Zardes (1, LA Galaxy); Omar Gonzalez (2, LA Galaxy); Dom Dwyer (2, Sporting Kansas City)
- Omar Gonzalez won 2016/17 SCCL title with Pachuca & 2013 Gold Cup with USA ... 4 all-time league titles (3, LA Galaxy, MLS; 1, Pachuca, Liga MX)

CONCACAF Gold Cup – Advancement of Teams from Group Stage

(excerpted directly from 2017 competition regulations, page 29)

2. The top two teams from each of the three groups and the two best third-place teams shall qualify for the Quarterfinals.
3. The ranking of each team in each group will be determined as follows:
 - a. Greatest number of points obtained in group matches
 - b. Goal difference in all group matches
 - c. Greatest number of goals scored in all group matches
 - d. Greatest number of points obtained in group matches between the teams concerned;
 - e. Drawing of lots by the Gold Cup Committee.
4. Ranking for the two best third place teams will be determined as follows:
 - a. Greatest number of points obtained in group matches;
 - b. Goal difference in all group matches;
 - c. Greatest number of goals scored in all group matches;
 - d. Drawing of lots by the Gold Cup Committee.
5. The 8 teams that qualify from the group stage will contest the quarterfinals as follows:

Winner A vs. Second B (1A vs. 2B)	=	Winner 1
Winner B vs. Best Third A or C (1B vs. 3A/3C)	=	Winner 2
Winner C vs. Best Third A or B (1C vs. 3A/3B)	=	Winner 3
Second C vs. Second A (2C vs 2A)	=	Winner 4