



Group C Curacao v Mexico

Alamodome – San Antonio, Texas, USA
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CURACAO (2017 Gold Cup Record: 0W-0D-2L ... 0GF, 4GA)

- Last Time Out at the Gold Cup (GC): Curacao 0, El Salvador 2 ... Conceded a pair of goals during three-minute, first-half stretch to fall for a second time by a 0-2 score ... played without captain and right-back Cuco Martina, who traveled to England after opening loss in order to settle club situation for 2017/18 season, ultimately signing with Everton
- 2017 Gold Cup results: 0-2 loss v Jamaica; 0-2 loss v El Salvador
- Gold Cup Record: GP-2; W-0; D-0; L-2; GF-0; GA-4
- Gold Cup appearances: 1 (2017)
- Best Gold Cup finish: n/a
- Top GC scorers: n/a
- Qualification method: Champion, 2016/2017 Scotiabank CFU Men's Caribbean Cup
- 2016/17 Scotiabank CFU Men's Caribbean Cup results: (1st Round) 0-1 loss v Barbados, 2-1 win v Dominican Republic; (2nd Round) 5-2 win v Guyana, 7-0 win v U.S. Virgin Islands; (3rd Round) 3-0 win v Antigua and Barbuda; 4-2 win aet v Puerto Rico; (Semifinals) 2-1 win v Martinique; (Final) 2-1 win v Jamaica ... Overall record: GP-8; W-7; D-0; L-1; GF-25; GA-8
- 2016/17 Scotiabank CFU Men's Caribbean Cup scorers: Gino van Kessel, Felicitiano Zschusschen (7 goals); Leandro Bacuna (4); Rangel Janga (3); Gevaro Nepomuceno, Elson Hooi (2)
- Qualified for Gold Cup via 4-2 extra-time win v Puerto Rico (Rangel Janga 69'; Leandro Bacuna 85', 120'+1'; Felicitiano Zschusschen 97') to reach Caribbean Cup semifinals
- Captured first-ever Caribbean Cup championship with 2-1 win over Jamaica in the final on June 25, 2017 (Hooi 10', 84')
- 2018 FIFA World Cup Qualifying: Eliminated in the third round of CONCACAF qualifying, falling to El Salvador (agg: 0-2) ... Overall qualifying record: GP-6; W-1; D-3; L-2; GF-5; GA-6 ... 2018 WCQ scorers: Vidarrell Merencia (2 goals); Darryl Lachman, Chariton Vicente, Felicitiano Zschusschen
- Attempting to avoid becoming the third team out of the last four GC debutants to complete its first tournament scoreless (Grenada, Nicaragua) ... Could become third team to score first-ever GC goal in 2017 tournament behind French Guiana, Nicaragua
- Gino van Kessel was only CONCACAF player to lead a European league in scoring for 2015/16 season (17 goals for Trencin in Slovakia)
- Aston Villa defender Leandro Bacuna represented the Netherlands at the U19 (9 games/1 goal) and U21 (6 games/1 goal) levels in European competitions
- Gevaro Nepomuceno appeared in six games and scored one goal for Romania's Petrolul Ploiesti in the qualifying phase of the 2014/15 UEFA Europa League
- Head Coach: Remko Bicentini (Since September 2016) ... served as an assistant to former Dutch international and Ajax, Barcelona and AC Milan star Patrick Kluijvert

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

- Last Time Out at the Gold Cup (GC): Mexico 0, Jamaica 0 ... Mexico prevented Jamaica from registering an effort on target, but failed to score for the first-ever time against a Caribbean opponent in GC play, due partly to six saves by goalkeeper Andre Blake
- 2017 Gold Cup Results: 3-1 win v El Salvador (Hedgaro Marin 8'; Elias Hernandez 29'; Oberlin Pineda 55'); 0-0 draw v Jamaica
- Gold Cup Record: GP-64; W-46; D-10; L-8; GF-152; GA-40
- Gold Cup Appearances: 14 (1991, 1993, 1996, 1998, 2000, 2002, 2003, 2005, 2007, 2009, 2011, 2013, 2015, 2017)
- Best Finish: Champion-7 (1993, 1996, 1998, 2003, 2009, 2011, 2015) ... most titles in Gold Cup history ... 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 scoring list with the USA's Clint Dempsey (#1: Landon Donovan, USA ... 18 goals)
- Qualification method: automatic North American entrant
- 2018 FIFA World Cup Qualification (WCQ): currently sits in first in CONCACAF fifth round (GP-6; W-4; D-2; L-0; GF-9, GA-2) ... 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)
- 2018 FIFA WCQ, CONCACAF fifth round results: 2-1 win v United States (A), 0-0 draw v Panama (A), 2-0 win v Costa Rica (H), 1-0 win v Trinidad and Tobago (A), 3-0 win v Honduras (H), 1-1 draw v United States (H) ... Remaining fifth-round matches: Panama (H), Costa Rica (A), Trinidad & Tobago (H), Honduras (A) ...
- 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 Caribbean opposition: GP-20; W-18; D-2; L-0; GF-70; GA-10 ... Averaging 3.50 goals per game v Caribbean foes and 1.86 per game goals against other competitors combined ... defeated Martinique 9-0 (July 11, 1993) in what remains the most lopsided result in GC history
- 0-0 draw v Jamaica was Mexico's fourth scoreless result in its GC history ... before 0-0 draw v Guatemala (July 12, 2015), had scored at least one goal in 31 consecutive GC matches
- 152 goals scored and +112 goal differential are best in GC history ...
- Jesus Dueñas: 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)
- Elias Hernandez: member of 2011 CONCACAF Gold Cup champion (1 game/0 goals) ... only appearance was a 66' substitute for Andres Guardado in 5-0 win v Cuba
- Head Coach: Juan Carlos Osorio (since October 2015) ... Osorio launched his Mexico coaching career shortly after the Tricolor's 3-2 win over the United States in the 2015 CONCACAF Cup (October 10, 2015) ... currently serving six-game suspension from FIFA ... Luis Pompilio Paez is leading side in his place

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