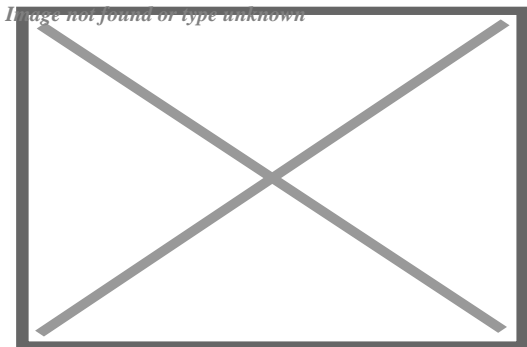


Mexico champion in CONCACAF League



Mexico vs Panama

Panama City, Mar 24 (PL) Panamanian fans saw their national soccer team lose 1-2 to Mexico, which was crowned champion of the CONCACAF Nations League, although they also recognized that La Roja made history

In a tight match at Sofi Stadium in Inglewood, California, the winning goals were scored by Raúl Jiménez in the seventh minute and in the 89th minute, the latter by penalty kick.

For the home side, Adalberto Carrasquilla also scored from the penalty spot in the 46th minute of an evenly matched game that was almost suspended due to homophobic phrases hurled from the crowd against the Isthmians.

The team coached by the Spanish-Danish Thomas Christiansen reached the final after beating the United States 1-0 on penalties, until then favorites for being three consecutive champions of this Confederation of North, Central American, Caribbean and Caribbean Association Football (Concacaf) competition..

On the other hand, the Mexicans, reached the crown for the first time, but before that, in the semifinals, they defeated Canada 3-0 in a match in which Jiménez also excelled with a brace, demonstrating their offensive power and defensive solidity.

Thus, the Mexican squad, coached by Jorge Aguirre, demonstrated with this victory its hegemony in the region, with stars such as Raúl Jiménez, Santiago Giménez, and Edson Álvarez, who were key to the victory.

For its part, Panama did everything it could to win its first title in the competition, with players such as Cecilio Waterman, Adalberto Carrasquilla, and goalkeeper Orlando Mosquera.

The performance of the Isthmian team is considered among the most outstanding, along with the pass to the final of the 2023 Gold Cup -they also lost 0-1 to Mexico- and the quarterfinals of the 2024 Copa América.

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