

Mexico vs Colombia Match Preview

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Mexico and Colombia face off at AT&T Stadium in Arlington, Texas, on Saturday night in what promises to be a high-intensity friendly ahead of the 2026 World Cup.

Both sides arrive in strong form. Colombia are unbeaten in their last five, with wins against Bolivia and Venezuela that sealed their spot at the World Cup, while Mexico are unbeaten in nine, and recently drew with South Korea and Japan after winning the CONCACAF Gold Cup in the summer.

However, Colombia have won their last four games against Mexico, meaning Javier Aguirre's El Tri face a considerable challenge, especially without captain Edson Álvarez and top scorer Raúl Jiménez.

"I like tough matches; easy opponents are of no use to me because we could fool ourselves with the result," said Aguirre, emphasising his desire to test his squad against elite opponents. AC Milan's Santiago Giménez is expected to lead the attack, with Cruz Azul's Erik Lira replacing Álvarez in midfield.

Colombia, meanwhile, travel with several star names but also some fresh faces. James Rodríguez and Luis Díaz headline the team, while David Ospina returns in goal after a lengthy absence, as coach Néstor Lorenzo confirmed in his press conference. "They have a coach I know well, a man with vast World Cup experience who leaves nothing to chance," Lorenzo said about Aguirre, praising Mexico's pedigree.

With both teams eyeing key takeaways ahead of the World Cup, this encounter should provide a valuable test of each side's aspirations just nine months before the tournament.