



Federacion Nacional Autonoma de Futbol de Honduras

Region: Confederation of North, Central American and Caribbean Association Football

World Cup appearances: 1 (1982)

Best World Cup finish: First Round Current FIFA Ranking: 38th

Continental titles: CONCACAF Championship (1981)

Country's population: 7,989,415 **GDP (per inhabitant):** \$4,200 **Life expectancy:** 70.51



Group H	Pts	W	D	L	GF	GA
Spain						
Honduras						
Switzerland						
Chile						

Name	Pos	No.	Club (league)	Caps	G
Ricardo Canales	G	1	Motagua (Honduras)	3	0
Noel Valladares	G	18	Olimpia (Honduras)	72	0
Donis Escobar	G	22	Olimpia (Honduras)	11	0
Osman Chávez	D	2	Platense (Honduras)	28	0
Maynor Figueroa	D	3	Wigan Athletic (England)	67	2
Johnny Palacios	D	4	Olimpia (Honduras)	5	0
Victor Bernárdez	D	5	Anderlecht (Belgium)	42	2
Oscar Boniek García	D	14	Olimpia (Honduras)	44	2
Mauricio Sabillón	D	16	Hangzhou Nabel Greentown (China)	25	0
Emilio Izaguirre	D	21	Motagua (Honduras)	41	1
Sergio Mendoza	D	23	Motagua (Honduras)	48	1
Hendry Thomas	M	6	Wigan Athletic (England)	41	2
Ramón Núñez	M	7	Olimpia (Honduras)	18	3
Wilson Palacios	M	8	Tottenham Hotspur (Eng.)	70	4
Julio César de León	M	10	Torino (Italy)	76	15
Roger Espinoza	M	13	Kansas City Wizards (U.S.)	11	3
Edgar Álvarez	M	17	Bari (Italy)	48	3
Danilo Turcios	M	19	Olimpia (Honduras)	83	7
Amado Guevara	M	20	Motagua (Honduras)	134	29
Carlos Pavón	F	9	Real España (Honduras)	100	57
David Suazo	F	11	Genoa (Italy)	52	16
Georgie Welcome	F	12	Motagua (Italy)	14	4
Walter Martínez	F	15	Marathón (Honduras)	35	11

TEAM NOTES

Top players:

Wilson Palacios is the name player for good reason. His physical presence in the middle of the pitch is enough to trouble the best attacks - even Spain's. He will test the notion that the Spaniards do not like physical play.

Amado Guevara is skill Honduras's most stilled player, and despite his age and the miles of 134 caps will be as important as any Cataracho in their quest to advance out of group.

Carlos Pavón is another player toward the end of his career, but his age will be tested beyond the elevation and South African winter by the team's lack of depth in forwards, caused by the injury absence of Carlos Costly.

Keys to success:

Honduras is going to have to defend better in South Africa than they did in World Cup qualifying. Allow one goal per match in CONCACAF is not a level of performance that will lead to success against Spain, Chile, and Switzerland.

Their ability to disrupt in the midfield must be accompanied by a reduction in mistakes at the back, particularly in goal.

Outlook:

So much will dictated by Honduras' first match against Chile. Nobody in the group is likely to get points off Spain, and where Honduras seems to have a physical and stylistic advantage against Switzerland, Chile poses a different, greater challenge. If Honduras can get a point from the Chileans, they stand a good chance of getting out of group.