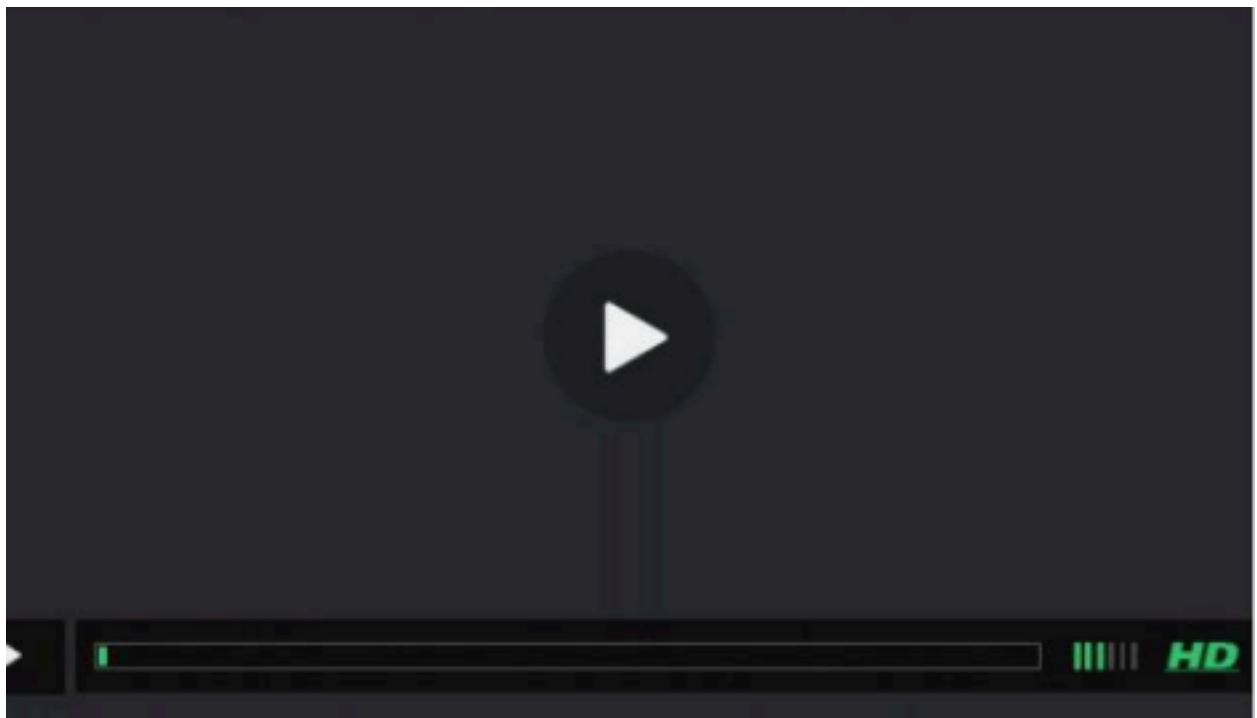


(LIVESTREAMs!) USA vs Venezuela

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Today, **March 17, 2026**, the sporting world is focused on Miami as the **United States** faces **Venezuela** in the grand finale of the **2026 World Baseball Classic (WBC)**.

Here is a live-style article covering the matchup:

Showdown in Miami: USA and Venezuela Battle for Global Glory

MIAMI, FL – The stage is set at loanDepot Park for a historic clash as Team USA and Venezuela meet tonight to crown the champion of the 2026 World Baseball Classic. For the Americans, it is a chance to reclaim the throne and secure their second title. For Venezuela, it is a historic first appearance in the final, fueled by a nation's passion and a roster of red-hot MLB stars.

The Road to the Final

Both teams arrive in Miami with identical **5-1 records**, having navigated a tournament filled with upsets and high-drama finishes.

- **Team USA:** Advanced after a nail-biting **2-1 victory** over the Dominican Republic in the semifinals. Star pitcher Paul Skenes and solo home runs from Gunnar Henderson and Roman Anthony proved to be the difference.
- **Venezuela:** Secured their spot with a thrilling **4-2 comeback** against Italy. Down to their final outs in the seventh inning, a three-run explosion led by Ronald Acuña Jr. and Maikel Garcia electrified the Venezuelan fans.

Key Matchup: The Pitching Duel

Feature	Team USA	Team Venezuela
Starting Pitcher	Nolan McLean (NY Mets)	Eduardo Rodriguez (AZ Diamondbacks)
Pitcher Style	High-velocity fastball & sharp breaking balls	Veteran left-hander with elite command
Tournament Era	3.00	3.20

Players to Watch

- **USA (Bobby Witt Jr. & Aaron Judge):** The American lineup is a "Who's Who" of All-Stars. Witt Jr. has been a defensive wizard at shortstop, while the team looks to Aaron Judge to provide the power surge that has been uncharacteristically quiet during the knockout stages.
- **Venezuela (Luis Arraez & Maikel Garcia):** Arraez, a fan favorite in Miami, continues to be a hitting machine, while Garcia has developed a reputation for "clutch" late-game heroics.

The Atmosphere: Home Field vs. Home Crowd

In a unique twist, **Team USA** won a coin toss to be designated as the "**Home Team**" (batting last), despite the

game being played in the heart of Miami's "Little Havana." However, the stands are expected to be a sea of burgundy and blue. The Venezuelan diaspora in South Florida has turned every game into a carnival-like atmosphere, potentially neutralizing the Americans' tactical home advantage.

How to Watch

- **Time:** 8:00 PM ET / 5:00 PM PT
- **TV:** Fox Sports 1 (FS1)
- **Streaming:** Fox Sports App, FuboTV

Prediction: Experts are split. While the U.S. has the depth, Venezuela has the momentum of a "team of destiny." Expect a low-scoring, tense affair that could come down to the bullpens in the 9th inning.

Would you like me to look up the **live score** once the game begins, or would you prefer a breakdown of the **starting lineups**?