2024 CONCACAF Champions Cup

# Comunicaciones (GUA) vs. CF Monterrey (MEX)

Tuesday, February 6, 2024

Estadio Doroteo Guamuch Flores, Guatemala City, GUA

**All-Time series:** The series is tied with one win for each team. Monterrey GP-2 W-1 D-0 L-1 (GS-3 GA-2).

**Scores:**Comunicaciones 1-0 Monterrey (Carlos Ramírez), Group D (Round 3) - CONCACAF Champions League 2011/12, Estadio La Pedrera, Guatemala City (14-SEP-2011).

Monterrey 3-1 Comunicaciones (Sergio Santana, Luis Pérez, Humberto Suazo; Carlos Mejía), Group D (Round 4) - CONCACAF Champions League 2011/12, Estadio Tecnológico, Monterrey (20-SEP-2011).

**Comunicaciones (GUA)**

Guatemalan side Comunicaciones have qualified for the 2024 Concacaf Champions Cup as one of the two 2023 Concacaf Central American Cup Play-In winners. This will be the 28th Champions Cup appearance for Comunicaciones and their first since 2022. Comunicaciones’ best finish came in 1978 when they were Champions.

**Appearances in the Concacaf Champions Cup** 28 (1962, 1969, 1971, 1973, 1978, 1980, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1986, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 2002, 2003, 2009/10, 2011/12, 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16, 2020, 2022, 2024).

**Debut:** 1962 (Runner-up).

**Last participation:** 2022 (Quarter-finals).

**Record in the Champions Cup (including SCCL ERA):** GP-133 W-61 D-29 L-43 (GS-223 GA-185).

**Best Results:** Champion (1) in 1978 (Shared the title with Universidad de Guadalajara from Mexico and Defence Force from Trinidad and Tobago). Runner-up in 1962, 1969.

**Record in the Concacaf Central American Cup:** GP-8 W-3 D-3 L-2 (GF-13 GA-9).

**Top Scorers in the CCAC 2023:** Jorman Aguilar (PAN) 3, José Corena (GUA) 3, Erik González (GUA) 2, Jorge Aparicio (GUA) 2.

**Record in the Scotiabank Concacaf Champions League ERA:** GP-32 W-12 D-6 L-14 (GF-41 GA-49).

**Best Result in the SCCL ERA:** Quarter-finals in 2009/10, 2022.

**Top Scorers in the SCCL ERA:** Rolando Fonseca (CRC) 5, Rolando Blackburn (PAN) 5, Tránsito Montepeque (GUA) 3, Rodolfo Suárez (URU) 3.

**Players with the most appearances in the SCCL ERA:** Carlos Castrillo (GUA) 18, Jean Márquez (GUA) 17, Rigoberto Gómez (GUA) 16, Jairo Arreola (GUA) 15.

**In the SCCL ERA:** Scored goals in 25 games, couldn't score in 7 matches, kept 9 clean sheets, conceded goals in 23 matches, and has never had a 0-0 draw.

**Players to watch:**

**José Corena (COL).** He was one of Comunicaciones' top scorers (3) in the CCAC 2023 alongside Jorman Aguilar. The Colombian scored goals in the group stage (vs. CD Águila) and in the knockout stage (vs. Herediano).

**Juan Anangonó (ECU).** He has played 22 matches in Concacaf club tournaments (including the Scotiabank Concacaf League, Scotiabank Concacaf Champions League 2022, and CCAC 2023). He won the Golden Ball Award and the Golden Boot (6 goals) in the Scotiabank Concacaf League 2021.

**Antonio López (MEX).** Scored one goal and provided 4 assists in the 2023 Central American Cup. Delivered 165 successful passes in 8 appearances, with 11 shots and 9 balls recovered.

**CF Monterrey (MEX)**

CF Monterrey return to CONCACAF play for a seventh time and are five-time CONCACAF Champions Cup Champions, having lifted the trophy in 2010/11, 2011/12, 2012/13, 2019 and 2021.

**Appearances in the Concacaf Champions Cup** 12 (1975, 1987, 1994, 2004, 2005, 2010/11, 2011/12, 2012/13, 2016/17, 2019, 2021, 2024).

**Debut:** 1975 (Second Round).

**Last participation:** 2021 (Winner).

**Record in the Champions Cup (including SCCL ERA):** GP-73 W-45 D-18 L-10 (GF-140 GA-59).

**Best Result:** Winner (5) 2010/11, 2011/12, 2012/13, 2019, 2023.

**Record in the SCCL ERA:** GP-53 W-38 D-9 L-6 (GF-112 GA-35)

**Best Result in the SCCL ERA:** Winner (5) 2010/11, 2011/12, 2012/13, 2019, 2023.

**Top scorers in the SCCL ERA:** Humberto Suazo (CHI) 16, Aldo De Nigris (MEX) 16, Abraham Carreño (MEX) 9.

**Players with the most appearances in the SCCL ERA:** Aldo de Nigris (MEX) 30, Walter Ayoví (ECU) 30, Neri Cardozo (ARG) 28, Jonathan Orozco (MEX) 27, Jesús Zavala (MEX) 27.

# In the SCCL ERA: Scored goals in 48 games, only failed to score in 5, kept 28 clean sheets, conceded goals in 25 matches, and only had 2 goalless draws.

# Players to watch:

# Maximiliano Meza (ARG). Contributed to 7 goals in the regular phase of the 2023 Apertura Liga MX (3 goals and 4 assists). The Argentine was a champion in 2 editions of the Scotiabank Concacaf Champions League: 2019 (8 matches) and 2021 (4 goals in 4 games).

# Jesús Gallardo (MEX). Was a champion of the Scotiabank Concacaf Champions League in 2019 (8 matches and 2 goals) and 2021 (6 games and scored a goal). He also participated with Rayados in 2 editions of the FIFA Club World Cup (Qatar 2019 and UAE 2021) and in the Scotiabank Concacaf Champions League 2016/17 with Pumas UNAM.

# Esteban Andrada (ARG). Was part of the team that won the SCCL 2021 title, where he played in three matches. He was the second goalkeeper with the fewest goals conceded in the regular season of the 2023 Apertura Liga MX (15 goals conceded) with 55 saves in 18 matches in the last semester.