

Philadelphia Union vs. LAFC****

 **SUBARU PARK**

**Philadelphia Union and LAFC were rivals in the final of the 2022 MLS Cup, which ended in a 3-3 draw and was won 3-0 by Los Angeles CF in penalties to secure their first title.**

In the penalty shootout of the 2022 MLS Cup final, **John McCarthy**, a former player for Philadelphia Union, came on as a substitute after Maxime Crepeau was sent off, saved three penalties, and helped LAFC win their first-ever title.

To date, six games have been played between MLS teams in the SCCL ERA:

Columbus Crew 0-0 Real Salt Lake, first leg of the quarterfinals in 2010/11.

Real Salt Lake 4-1 Columbus Crew (Álvaro Saborío, Javier Morales x2, and Andy Williams; Andrés Mendoza), second leg of the quarterfinals in 2010/11.

Atlanta United 0-3 Philadelphia Union (Kacper Przybylko x2 and Anthony Fontana), first leg of the quarterfinals in 2021.

Philadelphia Union 1-1 Atlanta United (Kacper Przybylko; Santiago Sosa), second leg of the quarterfinals in 2021.

Seattle Sounders 3-1 New York City (Albert Rusnák, Jordan Morris, and Nicolás Lodeiro; Thiago Andrade), first leg of the semi-finals in 2022.

New York City 1-1 Seattle Sounders (Santiago Rodríguez; Raúl Ruidíaz), second leg of the semi-finals in 2022.

These two teams have faced each other five times in the MLS, with LAFC winning one game and drawing four. They have scored 13 goals and conceded 10.

Here are the results of their matches in the MLS:

Los Angeles FC 4-1 Philadelphia Union (Adama Diomandé x3 and Latif Blessing; Fafa Picault), at the Banc of California Stadium in Los Angeles (30-JUN-2018).

Philadelphia Union 1-1 Los Angeles FC (Kacper Przybylko; Carlos Vela), at the Talen Energy Stadium in Chester (14-SEP-2019).

Los Angeles FC 3-3 Philadelphia Union (Carlos Vela, Diego Rossi, and Eddie Segura; Sergio Santos, Jacob Glesnes, and Brenden Aaronson), at the Banc of California Stadium in Los Angeles (8-MAR-2020).

Los Angeles FC 2-2 Philadelphia Union (Kwadwo Opoku and Franco Escobar; Dániel Gazdag and Julián Carranza), at the Banc of California Stadium in Los Angeles (7-MAY-2022).

Los Angeles FC 3-3 (3-0) Philadelphia Union (Kellyn Acosta, Jesús Murillo, and Gareth Bale; Dániel Gazdag and Jack Elliott x2), in the 2022 MLS Cup final at the Banc of California Stadium in Los Angeles (5-NOV-2022). LAFC won 3-0 in penalties.

Philadelphia Union 

**SCCL RECORD:** G: 10 W-5 D-3 L-2 (GF-16 GA-7) / 60%

**HOME RECORD:** G: 5 W-3 D-1 L-1 (GF-10 GA-3) / 67%

**BEST RESULT:** Semifinals in 2021 and 2022.

**SCCL ERA SCORERS:** Kacper Przybylko (GER) 5, Jamiro Monteiro (NED), Anthony Fontana (USA) 2, Julián Carranza (ARG) 2, Andrés Perea (USA) 2, Daniel Gazdag (HUN) 2.

**BRACES IN THE SCCL ERA:** Jamiro Monteiro (NED) vs. Deportivo Saprissa CRC (R16 - 2021), Kacper Przybylko (GER) vs. Atlanta United USA (QF - 2021), Andrés Perea (USA) vs. Alianza FC SLV (R16 2023) and Julián Carranza (ARG) vs. Atlas (QF 2023).

**PLAYERS WITH THE MOST APPEARANCES IN THE SCCL ERA:** Alejandro Bedoya (USA) 10, Kai Wagner (GER) 9, Jakob Glesnes (NOR) 9, Andre Blake (JAM) 9, José Martínez (VEN) 9, Jack Elliot (ENG) 8, Leon Flach (USA) 8, Olivier Mbaizo (CAM) 8.

**SCCL 2023 SCORERS:** Andrés Perea (USA) 2, Julián Carranza (ARG) 2, Daniel Gazdag (HUN) 2, Damion Lowe (JAM) 1.

**ASSISTS AT SCCL 2023:** Kai Wagner (GER) 1, Mikael Uhre (DEN) 1, Quinn Sullivan (USA) 1, Jack McGlynn (USA) 1.

**SAVES SCCL 2023: (9).** Andre Blake (JAM) 8, Joseph Bendik (USA) 1.

**RECORD IN SF (SCCL ERA):** G-2 W-0 D-0 L-2

**AWAY RECORD (SCCL ERA):** G: 5 W-3 D-1 L-1.

**Philadelphia Union will play the semifinals in the SCL for the second time; in the previous one, they lost the two games 0-2 against Club América of Liga MX.**

**Philadelphia Union has won 2 consecutive home games: 4-0 vs. Alianza FC SLV (Damion Lowe, Daniel Gazdag, and Andrés Perea x2) in R16 2023 and 1-0 vs. Atlas (Daniel Gazdag) in QF 2023.**

**TOP PLAYERS**

**Daniel Gazdag (HUN).** He has scored two goals and has the most fouls against (6). In MLS, he has faced LAFC twice, scored goals in both games and had an assist in 2022.

**Julian Carranza (ARG).** He scored two goals vs. Atlas FC and had the most shots in the semifinals (9). He played two games against LAFC in 2022 and scored a goal.

**Jose Martinez (VEN).** He leads in ball recoveries (7) at the Philadelphia Union. The Venezuelan midfielder has played three times against LAFC since 2020. He missed one penalty in the penalty shootout in the MLS CUP final in 2022.

****Los Angeles FC 

**SCCL RECORD:** G: 9 W-6 D-0 L-3 (GF-19 GA-8) / 67%

**AWAY RECORD:** G-3 W-2 D-0 L-1 GF-6 GA-2 67%

**BEST RESULT:** Runner-up 2020.

**SCCL ERA SCORERS:** Carlos Vela (MEX) 8, Dénis Bouanga (FRA) 5, Diego Rossi (URU) 2, Opoku Kwadwo (GHA) 2, Latif Blessing (GHA) 1, José Cifuentes (ECU) 1.

**HAT-TRICKS IN SCCL ERA:** Denis Bouanga (FRA) vs. Alajuelense (R16 of 2023). Carlos Vela (MEX) and Denis Bouanga (FRA) converted twice. The Mexican did it three times (vs. Club León in R16, Club América in SF 2020, and Vancouver Whitecaps FC in QF 2023), and the French striker vs. Vancouver Whitecaps (QF 2023).

**PLAYERS WITH THE MOST APPEARANCES IN THE SCCL ERA:** Carlos Vela (MEX) 9, Diego Palacios (ECU) 9, Jesús Murillo (COL) 7, José Cifuentes (ECU) 6, Opoku Kwadwo (GHA) 6, Eddie Segura (COL) 5 , Kenneth Vermeer (SUR) 5, Tristan Blackmon (USA) 5, Diego Rossi (URU) 5, Mark-Anthony Kaye (CAN) 5, Latif Blessing (GHA) 5.

**SCCL 2023 SCORERS**: Denis Bouanga (FRA) 5, Carlos Vela (MEX) 3, Opoku Kwadwo (GHA) 1, José Cifuentes (ECU) 1.

**ASSISTS SCCL 2023:** Ryan Hollingshead (USA) 2, Ilie Sánchez (ESP) 2, Opoku Kwadwo (GHA) 1, Carlos Vela (MEX) 1, Denis Bouanga (FRA) 1, Timothy Tillman (GER) 1.

**SAVES SCCL 2023: (20).** John McCarthy (USA) 20.

**RECORD IN SF (SCCL ERA):** G-1 W-1

**SCORERS IN SF (SCCL ERA):** Carlos Vela (MEX) 2, Latif Blessing (GHA) 1.

**AWAY RECORD (SCCL ERA):** G-3 W-2 D-1

**LAFC won 6 of its eight games in the SCCL: 3-0 vs. Leon (R16 2020), 2-1 vs. Cruz Azul (QF 2020), 3-1 vs. Club America (SF 2020), 0-3 vs. Alajuelense (R16 2023), 0-3 and 3-0 vs. Vancouver Whitecaps (QF 2023). 68% of LAFC's goals in the tournament's history were with the left foot (13 of 19).**

**TOP PLAYERS**

**Denis Bouanga (FRA)** Has scored 50% of LAFC's goals, scored two goals, and had two assists vs. Vancouver Whitecaps, and he is the leading scorer in the SCCL 2023 with (5 and 2 assists) and the player with the most shots (16). His five goals were played in the second half.

**Ilie Sanchez (ESP).** He has faced the Philadelphia Union 6 times in MLS and scored one penalty goal against them in 2019 (as a Sporting Kansas City player). So far, he is the leader in passes (223) and recovered balls (11) in LAFC in the four games of the SCCL 2023. Sánchez scored the decisive penalty that gave LAFC the victory in the MLS Cup final vs. Philadelphia Union in 2022.

**Carlos Vela (MEX)** Has participated in 10 of the 19 goals scored by LAFC in the SCCL, scoring eight goals and two assists. He and Diego Palacios (ECU) have played all the games in the SCCL. The Mexican striker faced the Philadelphia Union 4 times in the MLS and never lost (1W-3D), scored two goals, and had one assist.