



**ALAJUELENSE** 

ROUND OF 16

SCCL 2021

ATLANTA UNITED



April 6th | 6 PM ET | Venue: Alejandro Morera Soto

\* Data is from 2008-2009 to the present

They will square-off for the first time at SCCL.



# **ALAJUELENSE**

Sixth participation in the Scotiabank Concacaf Champions League: 2008/09, 2011/12, 2012/13, 2013/14, 2014/15 and 2021.

In their debut in the new 2008-09 edition, they played the Preliminary Round

Best SCCL performances: Semifinals in the 2013/14 and 2014/15 editions.

Record: GP-28 W-13 D-6 L-9 (GF-34 GA-31).

They have used 61 players to date, 60 yellow cards and 1 sent off.

Top scorer in SCCL: Jonathan McDonald (CRC) 6 goals.

Players with the most appearances in SCCL: Johnny Acosta (CRC) and Porfirio López (CRC) with 24 and 19 games respectively.

Top scorer in SCCL Round of 16: no.

SCCL KO Phase Record: GP-8 W-3 D-1 L-4.

Last game in SCCL: 4-2 win over CF Montreal (Pablo Gabbas x2, Allen Guevara and Jonathan McDonald; Jack McInerney and Andrés Romero), Alejandro Morera Soto Stadium, CRC, 2014/15 SCCL Semifinals (7 Apr 2015).

Home record in SCCL: GP-14 W-9 D-4 L-1 (GF-21 GA-9). Alajuelense had 70% of their wins at home.

SCCL 2021 Qualification Method: 2020 Scotiabank Concacaf League Finalist (2020 SCL Champion).

## Record vs. MLS teams: GP-6 W-3 D-0 L-3 (GF-11 GA-10). (\* Match Day)

- 1. SCCL 2011/12 (\* MD2 Group A): LA Galaxy 2-0 Alajuelense (Omár González and Chad Barrett), Dignity Health Sports Park, USA (25 Aug 2011).
- 2. SCCL 2011/12 (MD4 Group A): Alajuelense 1-0 LA Galaxy (Pablo Gabbas), Alejandro Morera Soto Stadium, CRC (21 Sep 2011).
- 3. SCCL 2014/15 (QF First leg): Alajuelense 5-2 DC United (Ariel Rodríguez, José Guillermo Ortíz x2, Johan Venegas and Jonathan McDonald; Fabián Espíndola and Steven Birnbaum), Estadio Alejandro Morera Soto, CRC (26 Feb 20151).
- 4. SCCL 2014/15 (QF 2nd leg): DC United 2-1 Alajuelense (Jairo Arrieta and Fabián Espíndola; Johan Venegas), at the Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Stadium, USA (4 Mar 2015).
- 5. SCCL 2014/15 (SF first leg): CF Montreal 2-0 Alajuelense (Ignacio Piatti and Víctor Cabrera), Olympic Stadium Montreal, CAN (18 Mar 2015).
- 6. SCCL 2014/15 (SF second leg): Alajuelense 4-2 CF Montreal (Pablo Gabbas x2, Allen Guevara and Jonathan McDonald; Jack McInerney and Andrés Romero), Alejandro Morera Soto Stadium, CRC (7 Apr 2015).

### **TOP PLAYERS:**

**Bryan Ruiz** (CRC) Was champion in the late 2004 Concacaf Champions League and Champion in the 2020 SCL.

**Johan Venegas** (CRC) the forward has 30 appearances in Concacaf club tournaments and has scored 17 goals. He scored 4 in the SCCL (2 with Alajuelense in 2014/15 and 2 with Saprissa in 2019 and 2020) and is the top scorer in the history of the Scotiabank SCL Concacaf League (13 goals).

**Alexander López** (HON) It will be the fifth participation in the SCCL. The honduras midfielder was champion in the SCL 2017 (CD Olimpia) and 2020 (LD Alajuelense), he played in the SCCL in 2010/11, 2011/12, 2012/13 with CD Olimpia and 2013/14 with Houston Dynamo.



## **ATLANTA UNITED**

Third consecutive participation in the SCCL: 2019, 2020 and 2021. Qualified for the guarterfinals in 2019, 2020

SCCL record: GP-8 W-4 D-1 L-3 (GF-11 GA-10).

Atlanta has used 34 players in SCCL, 12 yellow cards and 1 sent off.

Top scorer in SCCL: Josef Martínez (VEN) 5 goals.

Players with the most SCCL appearances: Esequiel Barco (ARG), Brad Guzan (USA) and Eric Remedi (ARG) with (8 games).

Top scorers in the SCCL Round of 16: Josef Martínez (VEN) 4 goals, Gonzálo Martínez (ARG) and Julian Gressel (GER) with 2.

SCCL KO Phase Record: GP-8 W-4 D-1 L-3.

Last game in SCCL: 1-0 win over Club América (Jackson Conway), second leg SCCL 2020 quarterfinals, Exploria Stadium, Orlando, FL, USA (Dec 16, 2020).

SCCL away record: GP-4 W-0 D-1 L-3 (GF-2 GA-10).

Away results: (3-1) vs. Herediano (José Ortíz, Rándall Azofeifa and Óscar Granados; Julian Gressel) R16 2019, (3-0) vs. Monterrey (Nicolás Sánchez, Dorlan Pabón and Jesús Gallardo) QF 2019, 1-1 vs. Motagua R16 2020 (Roberto Moreira; Josef Martínez) and (3-0) vs. Club América (Leonardo Suárez, Henry Martín and Bruno Valdez), QF 2020.

SCCL 2021 Qualification Method: U.S. Champion Open Cup 2019.

Record vs Central American teams: GP-4 W-2 D-1 L-1 (GF-9 GA-4)

- 1. SCCL 2019 (R16 first leg): Herediano (3-1) Atlanta United (José Guillermo Ortiz, Rándall Azofeifa and Óscar Granados; Julian Gressel), Estadio Eladio Rosabal Cordero, CRC (22 Feb 2019).
- 2. SCCL 2019 (R16 second leg): Atlanta United 4-0 Herediano (Josef Martínez x2, Julian Gressel and Leandro González Pírez), Fifth Third Bank Stadium, USA (28 Feb 2019).
- 3. SCCL 2020 (R16 first leg): Motagua 1-1 Atlanta United (Roberto Moreira; Josef Martínez), Estadio Olímpico Metropolitano, HON (19 Feb 2020).
- 4. SCCL 2020 (R16 second leg): Atlanta United 3-0 Motagua (Gonzalo Martínez x2 and Josef Martínez), Fifth Third Bank Stadium, USA (25 Feb 2020).

#### **TOP PLAYERS:**

**Brad Guzan (USA)** Has played all 8 of Atlanta United's SCCL games. The goalkeeper was the 2017 Concacaf Gold Cup champion with US, he has so far 30 saves in the SCCL.

**Erick Torres (MEX)** Has played in 5 SCCL games: 2012/13 with Guadalajara (3 and scored 1 goal) 2020 with Atlanta (1). The forward was champion with Mexico in the Concacaf Men's Olympic Qualifier in 2012 and 2016.

**Josef Martínez (VEN)** He is the top scorer for Atlanta United in the SCCL (5) goals in six games and has scored four goals in the round of 16.