

CS Herediano (CRC) vs. Tauro FC (PAN)

GROUP A

Estadio Nacional, San José

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They will face each other for the first time in the 2024 Central American Cup.

CS Herediano has won all four matches against Tauro FC in previous Concacaf competitions.

The last time they met was in Group 2 of the Scotiabank Concacaf Champions League with two victories for the Costa Ricans: 1-0 (August 30, 2012) and 2-1 (September 25, 2012).

Tauro FC 0-1 Herediano (Waylon Francis), Group 2 - Scotiabank Concacaf Champions Cup 2012/23, Rommel Fernández Gutiérrez, Panama City (31-AGO-2012).

Herediano 2-1 Tauro FC (Pablo Salazar y Enoc Pérez; Edwin Aguilar), Group 2 - Scotiabank Concacaf Champions Cup 2012/23, Eladio Rosabal Cordero, Heredia (26-SEP-2012).

The first time they met was in the 2004 Interclub Cup when CS Herediano won both matches 3-0 on September 23, 2004, with goals from Kurt Bernard, Minor Díaz, and Jafet Soto (currently CS Herediano's Sports Director), and 3-0 with goals from Marcos Aparicio, Milton Cortez, and Austin Berry on September 29, 2004.



CS Herediano (CRC)

Herediano was a semifinalist in the 2023 Concacaf Central American Cup, where they were eliminated in the penalty shootout by eventual champion LD Alajuelense.

The team finished the group stage of the 2023 edition unbeaten, having faced Comunicaciones, Real España, Águila, and Diriangén. They also did not lose in regulation time during the knockout stage (drawing 3 of their last 4 matches).

Herediano scored 10 goals in their 4 home matches in the 2023 CCAC (scoring 2 or more goals in each home game). They were one of the teams with the most penalty goals (2) in the inaugural 2023 edition, alongside Club Atlético Independiente of Panama and Cartaginés of Costa Rica.

CS Herediano recently participated in the 2024 Concacaf Champions Cup, where they advanced to the quarterfinals before falling to eventual champion Pachuca. CS Herediano also reached the semifinals in the 2014/15 edition and won the Scotiabank Concacaf League 2018, defeating Motagua in the final in Tegucigalpa.

Qualification: Best position in the aggregate table of the 2023/24 Costa Rican Primera División.

Concacaf Central American Cup Appearances: 2 (2023 and 2024).

Best Result in CCAC: Semifinals 2023.

CCAC Record: GP-8 W-4 D-4 L-0 (15 GF - 10 GA).

Top Scorers in CCAC: Jesús Godínez (MEX) 3, David Sayago (ARG) 2, Fernán Faerron (CRC) 2, Alejandro Bran (CRC) 2.

Assists in CCAC: Haxzel Quirós (CRC) 3, Gerson Torres (CRC) 2, John Ruíz (CRC) 2.

Players with Most Appearances in CCAC: Aarón Cruz, Miguel Basulto, Jesús Godínez (8 Matches), Darryl Araya, Elías Aguilar, Haxzel Quirós (7 Matches), Ronaldo Araya, Everardo Rubio, Fernán Faerron, Keysher Fuller, Gerson Torres, Yeltsin Tejeda (6 Matches).

Most Saves in CCAC: Aarón Cruz (CRC) 23.

Players to Watch:

Marcel Hernández (CUB). He is one of the new signings for the upcoming season. He was a key player for Cartaginés in Clausura 2024 with 6 goals and 4 assists. Additionally, he had the most shots (40) in the last Costa Rican tournament.

Aarón Cruz (CRC). Played 40 matches in the last season of Costa Rican football. He made 40 saves in Clausura 2024 (8 clean sheets) and was the starting goalkeeper in the 2023 Central American Cup (23 saves).



Tauro FC (PAN)

Tauro FC qualified for the Concacaf Central American Cup for the first time as the champion of the 2024 Clausura Tournament in Panama. With 17 titles, Los Toros de Pedregal hold the record for the most national championships.

Tauro FC has 13 appearances in the Concacaf Champions Cup and has appeared 4 times in the Scotiabank Concacaf League (2018, 2019, 2020, and 2022). They were eliminated from

the 2023 Concacaf Champions Cup in the Round of 16 by the eventual champion Club León of Liga MX.

Tauro FC is the Panamanian team with the most appearances in the Concacaf Champions Cup. Their best result in the tournament was reaching the quarterfinals in the 2018 edition; they also reached the semifinals in the Scotiabank Concacaf League during the same year.

Qualification: Champion of the 2024 Apertura Tournament in Panama.

Concacaf Central American Cup Appearances: 1 (2024).

Players to Watch:

Omar Browne (PAN). Was named MVP in the last Panama Liga Panameña de Fútbol championship. Scored 4 goals in his 14 appearances in the last semester. He has 18 appearances in Concacaf club tournaments and has scored 5 goals.

Cristian Quintero (PAN). Is one of the most impactful players in Panamanian football. Provided the assist for Tauro FC's last goal in the final of the Apertura 2024 Tournament against Plaza Amador. Was part of the roster in the Scotiabank Concacaf League 2018, 2019, and 2020.