



Herediano (CRC) vs. SV Robinhood (SUR)

Alejandro Morera Soto Stadium, Alajuela, CRC

CS Herediano and SV Robinhood will face each other for the first time in their history.

The teams from Costa Rica and Suriname will meet again in the Concacaf Champions League since the format change in 2008/09.

The first time two teams from Suriname and Costa Rica faced each other was in the preliminary round, previously only in the final phase, the hexagonal in 1972, the final in 1987, and the quadrangular in 1983.

Hernán Medford is the footballer who scored the most goals against Suriname clubs (4), all as a player of Deportivo Saprissa.

In the 4 matches between Costa Rican clubs and Surinamese rivals, the Costa Rican teams scored 16 goals, and Suriname's teams 4.

The last time Costa Rican and Surinamese teams faced each other was 30 years ago, on December 5, 1993, in the third match of the final quadrangular of the Concacaf Champions League, with Deportivo Saprissa triumphing 9-1 against SV Robinhood at the Doroteo Guamuch Flores Stadium, with 4 goals from Hernán Medford, 2 goals from Evaristo Coronado, 2 goals from Rolando Fonseca, and 1 goal from Roy Myers; Steven Rigters scored for SV Robinhood.

The most played match between Costa Rican and Surinamese teams was between LD Alajuelense and SV Transvaal (three times), all with victories for Alajuelense 2x0 in 1972, 4x1, and 1x2 in 1987 in the final won by Alajuelense.

The match between CSH Herediano and SV Robinhood will be games number 17 and 18 in the history between SV Robinhood and Central American teams, of which SV Robinhood only won 2, drew 4, and lost 9 GF- 19 GC-34.

It will be the 2nd time that a Costa Rican club faces one from Suriname in home and away matches; the only historical precedent was the Grand Final of the 1986 Edition between LD Alajuelense and SV Transvaal. On that occasion, both games were played in Alajuela (CRC); the first was on Saturday, Feb 07, 1987, with a 4x1 victory for LD Alajuelense, goals by Luis Fernández, Jorge Ulate, José Chávez, and Juan Cayasso, and for SV Transvaal, Erick Gotlieb scored. The decisive match was on Wednesday, Feb 11, 1987, with a 1x2 victory for LD Alajuelense, with goals from Luis Fernández and Juan Cayasso; Regilio Doest scored for SV Transvaal.



Hereditano (CRC)

After drawing 4-4 on aggregate against Toluca, with the away goal rule as the tiebreaker criterion, Herediano secured their spot in the Round of 16 of the 2024 CCC. It was the first time since 2015 that a Costa Rican club advanced past a KO phase in the Concacaf Champions League. Precisely, Herediano, who eliminated CD Olimpia from Honduras, and Alajuelense eliminated DC United in the quarterfinals of the 2014/15 season, were the previous instances.

CS Herediano became the first Costa Rican club to win a game against Toluca (MEX) at the Nemesio Díez Stadium. Deportivo Saprissa in 2005-2006 and LD Alajuelense had lost in 2013-2014.

CS Herediano is the second Costa Rican team to win in Mexico in the history of the tournament, the other club being LD Alajuelense, who won twice (against CF América in 2002 and 2013-2014).

CS Herediano ended a streak of 2 consecutive losses in the CCC, and despite the victory, it's only the 3rd time they have emerged victorious in their last 13 CCC games (3W-6L-4D).

As visitors, CS Herediano ended a streak of 8 consecutive winless games (5D-3L), with 3 of those losses being consecutive (the 3 games prior to this one). This was their worst winless streak as visitors.

The 3 goals scored in the second leg against Toluca are the most scored against any Mexican club in CCC history, 3x3 against Atlante in 1994, 3x0 against CF América in 2014-2015, and 2x3 against Toluca (MEX) in 2024.

Andy Rojas (CRC), **Francisco Rodríguez** (CRC), and **Joshua Canales** (CRC) from CS Herediano (CRC) each scored their first goal in the CCC.

Joshua Canales's (CRC) header goal in the 84th minute for CS Herediano (CRC) is the first goal scored in favor of any Costa Rican club in a preliminary or first-round match. In fact, a header goal hadn't been scored in favor of any Costa Rican team for just under 4 years, when Marcos Julián Mena (CRC) scored against New York City FC in the round of 16 on Feb 20, 2020.

CS Herediano is the fourth Costa Rican club in the CCC to lose the first leg of a tie and still qualify. The last time this happened was when Deportivo Saprissa eliminated Atlante in 2007-2008, losing the first leg 2-1 in Cancun and winning 3-0 in San José.

CS Herediano will aim to advance from the Round of 16 after failing to do so twice since 2008/09 when they were eliminated by Tigres UANL in 2018 and Atlanta United in 2019.

Their participations in the CCC (since 1962) amount to 16 (1962, 1975, 1980, 1987, 1989, 1994, 2009/10, 2011/12, 2012/13, 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17, 2018, 2019, 2024).

Their best result was reaching the semifinals in 2014/15.

Their overall record in the Concacaf Champions League (all formats since 1962) GP 70, W- 29, D- 17, L- 24 (GF- 116, GA- 113).

Leading goal scorers in the CCC: Yendrick Ruiz (CRC) with 10 goals, followed by Jorge Barbosa De Lima (BRA) with 6 goals, and Víctor Núñez (CRC) and Allen Guevara (CRC) with 4 goals each.

Top appearances in the CCC (since 2008/09) Pablo Salazar (CRC) with 26 appearances, followed by Óscar Granados (CRC) with 25, José Sánchez (CRC) with 24, Christian Montero (CRC) with 24, and Elías Aguilar (CRC) with 22.

Their record in first-leg matches in the KO stage (since 2008/09) GP 8, W- 3, D- 3, L- 2.

Their highest-scoring victory since 2008/09 was a 6-1 win against Valencia (Géraldy Joseph; Ismael Gómez, Yendrick Ruíz, Víctor Núñez, José Sánchez, Anllel Porras, and Makendy Duverger own goal) in Group 3, at the Sylvio Cator Stadium, Puerto Príncipe on Aug 8, 2013.

They have yet to be involved in penalty shootouts or score a hat-trick in the CCC.

They have reached the Round of 16 twice (against Tigres UANL in 2018 and Atlanta United in 2019), with a record of Played 4, Won 1, Drawn 1, Lost 2 (Goals For 6, Goals Against 10).

Goal scorers in the CCC 2024 include Deyver Vega (CRC), Joshua Canales (HON), Francisco Rodríguez (CRC), and Andy Rojas (CRC), each with 1 goal.

Assists in the CCC 2024 were made by Orlando Galo (CRC) with 2, Joshua Canales (HON) with 1, and Aaron Murillo (CRC) with 1.

There were 8 saves made in the CCC 2024, all by goalkeeper Aarón Cruz (CRC), who conceded 4 goals and kept no clean sheets.

Goals were scored through open play (3) and one header.

Opportunities to score amounted to 14, with 7 shots on target.

Players to watch

Joshua Canales (HON) Scored the goal that secured qualification after coming on as a substitute in the second leg against Toluca and provided an assist.

Orlando Galo (CRC) provided two assists in each leg of the series against Toluca.

Elías Aguilar (CRC) had 4 shots in the series against Toluca. The Heredia-born midfielder has scored three goals in 29 club tournament appearances in Concacaf.



SV Robinhood (SUR)



The historic SV Robinhood qualified for the 2024 Concacaf Champions League as one of the finalists in the Concacaf Caribbean Cup 2023.

SV Robinhood has been the runner-up on 5 occasions in the Concacaf Champions League, and this will be their first appearance since 1994.

It will be the first match for a Surinamese team since the format change in 2008/09.

SV Robinhood faced Saprissa in the Final Round of the Concacaf Champions League in 1993, losing 1-9 (Steven Rogers; Hernán Medford x4, Evaristo Coronado x2, Rolando Fonseca x2, and Roy Myers), at the Doroteo Guamuch Flores Stadium, Guatemala City (5-DEC-1993).

SV Robinhood has not been able to score a goal in the tournament for 30 years and 15 days. Gerson Klinker was the last to achieve it against Leo Víctor in 1994.

Debut: 1972 (Runner-up).

Last participation: 1994 (First Round - Position # 14).

Participations in the Concacaf Champions League (All formats since 1962): 18 (1972, 1973, 1974, 1976, 1977, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1986, 1988, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 2024).

Best Result: Runner-up (5) 1972, 1976, 1977, 1982, 1983.

Record in the Concacaf Champions League (All formats since 1962): GP 94, W- 38, D- 25, L- 31 (GF-139 GA 112).

Players to Watch:

Jonathan Fonkel (SUR). He was the goalkeeper with the most saves (33) and 27 clearances in the Concacaf Caribbean Cup 2023 and finished the tournament with 5 clean sheets. He saved two penalty shots in the semifinals against Moca FC and was elected the tournament's Young Player of the Tournament.

Jamilhio Rigters (SUR). He scored 3 goals and provided 2 assists in the Concacaf Caribbean Cup 2023.

Franklin Singodikromo (SUR). In the second leg of the final against Cavalier FC in the Concacaf Caribbean Cup 2023, he scored a goal and provided an assist, earning him the Player of the Match award. He has scored 2 goals in 6 international appearances.

Dimitrio Andro (SUR) Scored a decisive goal in the first leg of the final against Cavalier FC and had six ball recoveries in six matches. He was elected to the Tournament's Best XI.