



Port Loyola (BLZ) vs. Antigua GFC (GUA)

GROUP C

FFB Stadium, Belmopán

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It will be a duel between two debutants in the second edition of the tournament.

Antigua GFC has a history in the Concacaf Champions Cup when it was eliminated in the group stage in the 2017 edition.

The last time teams from Belize and Guatemala faced each other in Concacaf club tournaments was on March 25, 1998, in the Concacaf Champions Cup when Verdes FC (BLZ) defeated Aurora FC (GUA) 2-3 at the Colonel Guillermo Reyes Stadium in Guatemala City.



Port Layola FC (BLZ)

Port Layola FC will make its debut in a Concacaf club tournament thanks to winning the championship with the highest number of points accumulated between the Apertura and Clausura tournaments. It will aim to become the first team from its league to win a Central American Cup match, following Verdes FC's four losses in the inaugural edition.

It will be the second team from the Belize Premier League to participate in the tournament, after Verdes FC's participation in the 2023 edition.

Port Layola FC tied on aggregate in the final against Verdes FC, and then won in the penalty shootout to claim their first Premier League of Belize title.

Qualification: Winner of the 2023/24 Belize Premier League Champion of Champions.

Concacaf Central American Cup Appearances: 1 (2024).

Players to Watch:

Leocadio Briceño (BLZ). Scored the equalizing goal in the final against Verdes FC of the Belize Premier League 2023/24, forcing the penalty shootout which they eventually won to achieve the title.

Charles Tillett (BLZ). Was part of the squad that played in the Scotiabank Concacaf League 2021 and 2022 with Verdes FC. Played in the FIFA World Cup qualifiers for 2022 and 2026, and in the Concacaf Nations League 2019/20, 2022/23, and 2023/24.



Antigua (GUA)

Antigua will make its debut in the Central American Cup and will become the fourth Guatemalan team to participate in the tournament. Antigua qualified due to its position in the aggregate points table of the regular season of the Guatemalan National League.

Previously, it played in the group stage of the Scotiabank Concacaf Champions League 2016/17 and qualified twice for the Scotiabank Concacaf League (2019 and 2020).

Antigua has not been able to win in its three appearances in Concacaf club tournaments (5-D 3-L), where it faced teams from El Salvador, the United States, Panama, Canada, and Honduras. Manfred Russell, Mauro Portillo, Nicolás Martínez, and Edgar Pacheco scored the 4 goals for Antigua in its previous international appearances.

Qualification: Best position in the aggregate table of the Guatemalan National League 2023/24.

Concacaf Central American Cup Appearances: 1 (2024).

Players to Watch:

Dewinder Bradley (GUA). Was the top scorer in the last season in Guatemala (8 goals in Apertura 2023 and 4 in Clausura 2024). Was part of the Comunicaciones roster that played in the Scotiabank Concacaf League 2020.

Braulio Linares (GUA). Was the starting goalkeeper for Antigua in the last semester of the Guatemalan National League, helping achieve the second-best defensive record in Clausura 2024 (12 goals conceded).