**Play-In | First Leg**

# Cartaginés (CRC) vs. Comunicaciones (GUA)

Estadio José Rafael Fello Meza, Cartago

**All-Time series:**  Cartaginés vs. Comunicaciones: GP-6 W-2 D-2 L-2 (GF-7 GA-5)

**All-Time series in SCCL/SCL:**

Comunicaciones 2-0 Cartaginés (José Méndez, Carlos Vásquez), First-leg second round Concacaf Champions Cup 1994, Estadio Cementos Progreso, Guatemala (26-1-1994).

Cartaginés 4-0 Comunicaciones (Bernald Mullins x2, Francisco Acuña x2), second-leg second round Concacaf Champions Cup 1994, Estadio José Rafael Fello Meza, Cartago (2-2-1994).

Furthermore, they were rivals in the UNCAF Interclub Cup in 1975/76 and 1977/78.

** CS Cartaginés (CRC)**

**Record in the Concacaf Central Cup:** GP-6 W-2 D-1 L-3 (GF-9 GA-9).

**Top Scorers**: Marcel Hernández (CUB) 3, Allen Guevara (CRC) 2, Douglas López (CRC) 1, Jeikel Venegas (CRC) 1, Jostin Daly (CRC) 1, Jossimar Pemberton (CRC) 1.

**Assists**: Jossimar Pemberton (CRC) 1.

**Record in the Quarter-finals**: GP-2 W-0 D-0 L-2 (GF-1 GA-6)

**Saves**: 29. Guardametas: Kevin Briceño (CRC) 17, Darryl Parker (CRC) 12.

**Biggest Victory**: 5-0 vs. Jocoro (Marcel Hernández, Jeikel Venegas, Allen Guevara x2 y Jostin Daly), Estadio José Rafael Fello Meza, Cartago (22-8-2023).

**Players to Watch**:

**Marcel Hernández (CUB).** He is the top scorer for CS Cartaginés (3) in the 2023 CCAC. He scored goals in the group stage (against Jocoro and Universitario) and in the quarter-finals (against Alajuelense).

**Jostin Daly (CRC).** He leads in shots taken with (13) for Cartaginés in the 2023 CCAC. He scored 1 goal against Jocoro in Group A. He has played in all the matches in the 2023 CCAC.

**Aubrey David (TRI).** He is the leader in balls recovered (11) for Cartaginés in 6 appearances in the 2023 CCAC. The experienced defender has 52 international club appearances in Concacaf and has scored one goal.

**Christian Martínez (CRC).** He is the player with the most passes (258) for Cartaginés with a 93% success rate and the most passes in the quarter-finals (130).

** Comunicaciones (GUA)**

# Record in the Central American Cup: GP-6 W-3 D-1 L-2 (GF-11 GA-7)

# Top Scorers: José Corena (COL) 3, Erik González (GUA) 2, Jorge Aparicio (GUA) 2, Jorman Aguilar (PAN) 2, Antonio López (MEX) 1, Lynner García (GUA) 1.

# Assists: Antonio López (MEX) 4, José Contreras (GUA) 1, Jorman Aguilar (PAN) 1, Jorge Aparicio (GUA) 1, Anderson Ortiz (GUA) 1, José Corena (COL) 1.

# Record in the quarter-finals: GP-2 W-0 D-1 L-1 (GF-2 GA-3)

# Saves: 18. Goalkeepers: Fredy Pérez (GUA) 16, Arnold Barrios (GUA) 2.

# Biggest Victory: 1-4 vs. Águila (Carlos Salazar; Jorge Aparicio, José Corena x2, and Lynner García), Cuscatlán Stadium, San Salvador (August 23, 2023).

# Players to Watch:

# José Corena (COL). He is Comunicaciones' top scorer (3) in the 2023 CCAC. The Colombian scored goals in the group stage (against CD Águila) and in the quarter-finals (against Herediano). He was one of the players with the most successful passes for Comunicaciones in the quarter-finals (73).

# Juan Anangonó (ECU). He is the player with the most shots (13) in the 2023 CCAC but has yet to score a goal. The Ecuadorian forward has 20 international club appearances in Concacaf club tournaments (6 goals scored).

# Antonio López (MEX). He scored one goal in the group stage and had 4 assists with 107 successful passes in 6 appearances. Along with Franklin Flores (Real España), he leads in assists with (4).

# Fredy Pérez (GUA). He kept a clean sheet against Diriangén (group stage) and Herediano (quarter-finals). The goalkeeper has 16 saves in the current 2023 CCAC. Pérez didn't concede goals in 3 of his 8 international matches.