



Moca FC (DOM) vs. AC Port of Spain (TRI)

Group B, Moca 85, Moca, Tuesday August 27, 2024

This will be the second time they face each other in the Caribbean Cup.

The first time was in the 2023 edition, in Group A on August 25, with a 1-0 victory for Cibao FC scored by Manuel Vidal. That match marked the debut for both teams in the tournament.

Moca FC has only faced Trinidadian clubs twice in the Caribbean Cup:

- 1-0 against Port Spain

- 2-0 against Defence Force on October 4, 2023, with goals from Gustavo Ascona (64') and Ronaldo de Peña (90+4').



MOCA FC (DOM)

For Moca Football Club, this is their second appearance in the CCC (Concacaf Caribbean Cup), under the guidance of Mexican coach Hiram Apaiz. They started their second season with a 0-0 draw against Cibao FC. Moca FC has not won in their last two matches (1-1 vs. Harbour View in 2023 and 0-0 vs. Cibao FC in 2024).

Out of the last four goals scored, two were headers and one was a penalty. Moca FC also scored the most headers in 2023 with 3 (Manuel Vidal, Gustavo Ascona, and José Francisco).

Moca FC kept clean sheets in 5 of the previous 9 matches and has not lost at home, recording three wins and one draw, without conceding in those three victories (1-0 vs. AC Port of Spain, 3-0 vs. Golden Lion, and 1-0 vs. Robinhood).

Best result in the Concacaf Caribbean Cup: 3rd place (2023).

Record in the CCC: 9 games played, 5 wins, 2 draws, 2 losses (GF-10, GA-6).

Top scorers in the CCC: Gustavo Ascona (ARG) 4, Víctor Sánchez (DOM) 2, Manuel Vidal (DOM) 1, Ronaldo De La Peña (DOM), José Francisco (DOM), Sebastián Valencia (COL).

Assists in the CCC: Alejandro Carrera (VEN) 2, José Francisco (DOM) 1.

Saves in the CCC: Miguel Báez (DOM) 29 (4 in the current edition).

Highest-scoring victory: 3-0 vs. Golden Lion (Gustavo Ascona and Víctor Sánchez x2), Group A, Estadio Moca 85, Moca (26-SEP-2023).

Players to watch:

- **Gustavo Ascona (ARG):** Took two shots in the first game. In the 2023 edition, he was one of the standout players, scoring 4 goals (vs. Golden Lion, Defence Force, Robinhood, and Harbour View), with 2 from open play, 1 from a penalty, and 1 header.

- **Carlos Rossell (DOM):** Made 91 passes in the first game. Rossell has played in 8 matches in the Concacaf Caribbean Cup, and also participated in three editions of the Concacaf Champions Cup (2019 and 2021 with Atlético Pantoja, and 2024 with Moca FC).

- **Eduardo Montenegro (COL):** Recovered three balls. The midfielder completed 70% of his passes. Played in both matches of the 2024 Concacaf Champions Cup against Nashville.



AC PORT OF SPAIN (TRI)

AC Port of Spain started their second participation in the 2024 season with a 1-1 draw against Ouanaminthe on August 22. This was the second consecutive draw with the same score (1-1); the previous one was against Defence Force in 2023.

In 2023, they did not advance from the group stage, where they finished last in Group A against Cavalier, Moca, Defence Force, and Golden Lion.

For AC Port of Spain, this will be the fourth away game, where they managed to draw one (1-1 vs. Ouanaminthe) and lost two.

Record in the CCC: 5 games played, 0 wins, 2 draws, 3 losses (GF-5, GA-8).

Top scorers in the CCC: Duane Muckette (TRI) 1, Radanfah Abu Bakr (TRI), Michel Poon-Angeron (TRI), Shackiel Smek Henry (TRI).

Assists in the CCC: John Paul Rochford (TRI) 2, Duane Muckette (TRI) 1.

Saves in the CCC: Marvin Phillip (TRI) 6, Denzil Smith (TRI) 4 (4 in the 2024 edition), Jadel Poon-Lewis (TRI) 3.

Goal scorers in the 2024 edition: Shackiel Smek Henry (TRI) 1.

Goal scoring opportunities (4). Shots on goal (0).

Players to watch:

- **Shackiel Smek Henry (TRI)**: Scored the goal in the 1-1 draw vs. Ouanaminthe. Additionally, the forward was the player with the most shots, 3 (1 goal and 2 off target).

- **Duane Muckette (TRI)**: Scored the first goal for AC Port Of Spain in the history of the Concacaf Caribbean Cup (vs. Cavalier) in 2023. He has played in 5 matches between 2023 and 2024. The team captain achieved 83% passing accuracy against Ouanaminthe (33 of those passes were successful).

- **Denzil Smith (TRI)**: His outstanding performance with 4 saves helped secure the draw against Ouanaminthe. Smith has played in 7 matches of the 2023/24 Concacaf Nations League with the Trinidad and Tobago national team and was selected for the U-20 Concacaf Championships in 2017 and 2018.