

****LAFC vs. Whitecaps FC

Los Angeles FC defeated Vancouver Whitecaps 3-0 with goals from Denis Bouanga x2 and Opoku Kwadwo in the first leg at BC Place Stadium in Vancouver (April 5th, 2023).

LAFC and Vancouver have faced each other 11 times in the MLS, with four wins for each team and three draws. LAFC has scored 24 goals and conceded 13. The last time Vancouver defeated LAFC was in 2022 with a 1-0 goal from Andrés Cubas.

Teams from the United States and Canada have faced each other 19 times in the SCCL since 2008/09, with 8 victories for Canadian clubs, 5 for American ones, and 6 draws.

****Los Angeles FC 

**SCCL RECORD:** G: 8 W-5 D-0 L-3 (GF-16 GA-8) / 62.5%

**HOME RECORD:** G-2 W-1 D-0 L-1 GF-4 GA-2

**BEST RESULT:** Runner-up 2020

**SCCL ERA TOP SCORERS:** Carlos Vela (MEX) 6, Denis Bouanga (FRA) 5, Diego Rossi (URU) 2, Opoku Kwadwo (GHA) 2, Latif Blessing (GHA) 1

**SCCL ERA HAT-TRICKS:** Denis Bouanga (FRA) vs. Alajuelense (R16 2023**)**

**SCCL ERA BRACES:** Carlos Vela (MEX) and Denis Bouanga (FRA) - Vela scored two goals vs. Club León in R16 and vs. Club América in SF 2020, while Bouanga scored two vs. Vancouver Whitecaps (QF 2023).

**MOST APPEARANCES IN SCCL ERA:** Carlos Vela (MEX) 8, Diego Palacios (ECU) 8, Jesús Murillo (COL) 6, Eddie Segura (COL) 5, Kenneth Vermeer (SUR) 5, Tristan Blackmon (USA) 5, Diego Rossi (URU) 5, Mark-Anthony Kaye (CAN) 5, José Cifuentes (ECU) 5, Latif Blessing (GHA) 5, Opoku Kwadwo (GHA) 5.

**SCCL 2023 TOP SCORERS:** Denis Bouanga (FRA) 5, Opoku Kwadwo (GHA) 1, Carlos Vela (MEX) 1.

**SCCL 2023 ASSISTS LEADER:** Ryan Hollingshead (USA) 2, Opoku Kwadwo (GHA) 1, Carlos Vela (MEX) 1, Ilie Sánchez (ESP) 1, Timothy Tillman (GER) 1.

**SCCL 2023 SAVES: (13)** John McCarthy (USA) 13.

**SCCL ERA QF TOP SCORERS: Opoku Kwadwo (GHA) 2, Denis Bouanga (FRA) 2, Carlos Vela (MEX) 1.**

**SCCL ERA RECORD IN SECOND LEGS:** G-2 W-1 D-1

Los Angeles FC has won 5 of their last 7 SCCL matches: 3-0 vs. León (R16 2020), 2-1 vs. Cruz Azul (QF 2020), 3-1 vs. Club América (SF 2020), 0-3 vs. Alajuelense (R16 2023) and 0-3 vs. Vancouver Whitecaps (QF 2023). Their last 2 losses were in the 2020 final (2-1 vs. Tigres UANL) and in the R16 of 2023 (1-2 vs. Alajuelense).

**LAFC will be looking to become the first USA team to eliminate a Canadian team in the SCCL since 2008/09. In the 3-knockout series in the SCCL ERA between USA and CAN clubs, the Canadian teams always advanced: Toronto FC eliminated LA Galaxy (QF 2011/12), Vancouver eliminated New York Red Bulls (QF 2016/17) and Toronto FC eliminated Colorado Rapids (R16 2018).**

100% of LAFC's goals in the history of the SCCL (16) were scored by forwards (10 with left foot and 6 with right foot).

**TOP PLAYERS**

**Denis Bouanga (FRA)** With five goals, he is the top scorer in the 2023 SCCL. The French forward participated in all three goals against Vancouver (2 goals from 3 shots and 1 assist) in the first leg. He shares the lead in shots (12) with Sebastián Driussi of Austin FC. Bouanga debuted in the SCCL by scoring a hat-trick against Alajuelense in the first leg of the round of 16.

**Ilie Sánchez (ESP)** He was the leader in passes (82 correct and 3 incorrect) and ball recoveries (5) in the first leg. The Spanish midfielder is the player with the most passes (198) and one of the players with the most ball recoveries (10).

**Carlos Vela (MEX)** was involved in 50% of LAFC's goals in the SCCL (8 out of 16). The Mexican scored 6 goals and had 2 assists in 8 games and, along with Diego Palacios (ECU), played in all of LAFC's SCCL matches. Vela also scored 5 goals and had 4 assists in 9 matches against Whitecaps FC in the MLS.

**Opoku Kwadwo (GHA)** He scored a goal in the first leg. The Ghanaian-born player is one of the top scorers for Los Angeles FC in the quarterfinals (2) of the SCCL (he had also scored against Cruz Azul in the QF 2020).

Vancouver Whitecaps FC 

**SCCL RECORD:** G: 15 W-7 D-2 L-6 (GF-23 GA-18) / 51.1%

**AWAY RECORD:** G: 7 W-2 D-1 L-4 (GF-6 GA-11) / 33.3%

**BEST PERFORMANCE:** Semifinals 2016/17

**SCCL ERA TOP SCORERS:** Cristian Techera (URU) 5, Alphonso Davies (CAN) 2, Erik Hurtado (USA) 2, Brian White (USA) 2

**SCCL ERA BRACES:** Cristian Techera (URU) vs. Sporting Kansas City USA and Central FC TRI (Group C of the 2016/17 edition)

**SCCL ERA MOST APPEARANCES:** Timothy Parker (USA) 11, Russell Teibert (CAN) 9, Kendall Waston (CRC) 8, Matías Laba (ARG) 7, Alphonso Davies (CAN) 7, Paolo Tornaghi (ITA) 6, Cristian Techera (URU) 6, Nicolás Mezquida (URU) 6, Andrew Jacobson (USA) 6

**SCCL 2023 TOP SCORERS:** Brian White (USA) 2, Simon Becher (USA) 1, Pedro Vite (ECU) 1, Tristan Blackmon (USA) 1, Ryan Raposo (CAN) 1

**SCCL 2023 ASSISTS LEADER:** Ryan Gauld (CAN) 2, Julian Gressel (GER) 1, Ryan Raposo (CAN) 1, Javain Brown (JAM) 1, Sebastian Berhalter (USA) 1

**SCCL 2023 SAVES: (11).** Thomas Hasal (CAN) 6, Yohei Takaoka (JAP) 5

**SCCL ERA QF RECORD:** G-3 W-1 D-1 L-1

**In 2016/17, Vancouver faced New York Red Bulls in the quarterfinals and advanced to the semifinals, where they were eliminated by Tigres UANL.**

**SCCL ERA QF TOP SCORERS:** Alphonso Davies (CAN) 1, Kekuta Manneh (GAM), Fredy Montero (COL) 1

**SCCL ERA SECOND LEG RECORD:** G-3 W-1 D-1 L-1

**Vancouver did not lose in the first half of their last 12 SCCL matches (in 8 they went into halftime winning and in 4 they were tied). Of those matches, they won 6, lost 5, and drew 1. Against Los Angeles FC in the 2023 QF, they conceded all 3 goals in the second half.**

**TOP PLAYERS**

**Brian White (USA)** has scored goals in 2 out of the 3 games of the 2023 SCCL against Real España as a substitute. White is the player with the most shots on goal (9). The forward was Vancouver's top scorer in the 2022 Canadian Championship with 3 goals. He has scored and had an assist when facing LAFC in 6 MLS games.

**Cristián Dájome (COL).** He has made 6 shots in 219 minutes played in the 2023 SCCL: 2 on target, 3 off target, and 1 on the post. The Colombian scored 2 goals and provided 1 assist in 8 matches against Los Angeles FC between the 2020 and 2022 MLS seasons.

**Andrés Cubas (PAR)** had 2 balls recovered and was the player with the most correct passes with (48) against LAFC. He is the Vancouver player with the most passes (125) in the 2023 SCCL.