



## Nashville SC (USA) vs. Moca FC (DOM)

GEODIS Park, Nashville, USA

Nashville SC won 3-0 the first match with goals from Hany Mukhtar, Sam Surridge, and Tyler Boyd, at Cibao Stadium, Santiago (22-FEB-2024).

The defeat against Nashville was the 8th consecutive one for clubs from the Dominican Republic in the CCC, the worst streak of consecutive defeats. Dominican teams lost 9 out of their last 14 matches in the CCC (9P-1W-4D).

It was the 3rd consecutive loss for clubs from the Dominican Republic against MLS rivals in the history of the tournament.

With Nashville SC's victory (USA), it's the 2nd time that MLS clubs have accumulated 4 consecutive away victories in the history of the CCC, marking their best winning streak. This hadn't happened since Atlanta United won against LD Alajuelense (CRC), Philadelphia Union against Saprissa (CRC), Columbus Crew against Real Estelí FC (NCA), and Philadelphia Union against Atlanta United (USA), all in 2021. The new streak includes Philadelphia Union against Saprissa (CRC), New England Revolution against C.A.I. (PAN), Orlando City SC against Cavalry (CAN), and Nashville SC against Moca FC (DOM).

With Nashville SC's 3-0 victory (USA) and Orlando City SC's 3-0 victory (USA), it's the 2nd time that two MLS clubs have won consecutive away games (any round) by that scoreline. Previously, it happened when Los Angeles FC won 3-0 against LD Alajuelense (CRC) and Whitecaps (CAN) in 2023.



### Nashville SC (USA)

Nashville SC has 1 victory in their last 7 official matches at their stadium: 3-2 against New England Revolution on October 14, 2023, for the 2023 MLS Season.

They ended the 2023 season with 2 consecutive home defeats and failing to score a goal, 0-1 against New York Red Bulls and 0-1 against Orlando City in the First Round of the 2023 MLS Cup.

MLS teams have won all 3 matches since 2008/09 against rivals from the Dominican Republic. Prior to Nashville's victory in the first leg, New York Red Bulls won both games against Atlético Pantoja (0-2 and 3-0) in the 2019 Round of 16.

Goals in CCC 2024: Hany Mukhtar (GER) 1, Sam Surridge (ENG) 1, and Tyler Boyd (NZL) 1.

Assists in CCC 2024: Hany Mukhtar (GER) 1, Sam Surridge (ENG) 1, Teal Bunbury (USA) 1.

Saves in CCC 2024: 1. Goalkeeper: Joseph Willis (USA) 1. (0 goals conceded - 1 clean sheet).

How the goals were scored: From open play (3).

Goal-scoring opportunities (6). Shots on target (1).

### Players to watch:

**Hany Mukhtar (GER).** The team captain scored a goal, provided an assist, and had two shots in the first match. Mukhtar became the 7th German player to score in the CCC, all of them defending clubs from the United States.

**Sam Surridge (ENG).** Scored a goal, provided an assist, had a shot, and attempted 17 shots in the victory against Moca FC. Surridge became the 9th English player to score in the CCC since 1996.

**Tyler Boyd (NZL)** Scored his 1st goal in the CCC and is the 2nd player of New Zealand nationality to score in the CCC; the first was Duncan Oughton of Columbus Crew (USA) against Joe Public (TTO) in 2010. Both goals were scored in the 2nd half (90' and 75' respectively).

**Aníbal Godoy (PAN).** The Panamanian midfielder completed 65 passes with an 89% success rate and made 3 ball recoveries.



## Moca FC (DOM)

It will be the fourth match of a team from the Dominican Republic on American soil since the format change in 2008/09: 3 defeats in the Round of 16 (5-0 by Cibao FC against Guadalajara in 2018, 3-0 and 3-1 by Atlético Pantoja against New York Red Bulls in 2019 and Monterrey in 2021).

They will seek to win in the second leg of a knockout phase. They couldn't win in the 2023 Concacaf Caribbean Cup in the Semifinals (1-0 against Robinhood) and in the Third-place match (1-1 against Harbour View).

Atlético Pantoja in the 2019 Round of 16 was the last team from the Dominican Republic to play away from home in the United States in the CCC and lost 3-0 at Red Bull Arena in Harrison (goals by Sean Davis, Daniel Royer, and Andreas Ivan).

Saves in CCC 2024: 1. Goalkeeper: Pascual Ramírez (DOM) 1. (3 goals conceded - 0 clean sheets).

Goal-scoring opportunities (3). Shots on target (1).

**Players to Watch:**

**Juan Ángeles (DOM).** Made (2) shots against Nashville SC. The 23-year-old forward played in 5 matches and scored 3 goals with the Dominican Republic U-20 team in the 2018 U-20 Championship and has also played for the senior national team.

**Gustavo Ascona (ARG).** Scored 4 goals in 9 matches and was the team's player with the most shots with (15) in the 2023 Concacaf Caribbean Cup against Golden Lion, Defence Force, Robinhood, and Harbour View.

**Pascual Ramírez (DOM).** Made 1 save and 2 clearances in the debut in CCC 2024. The goalkeeper played an international match again after having done so with Atlético Pantoja in 2019 against New York Red Bulls.