



## **Inter Miami (USA) vs. Nashville SC (USA)**

Chase Stadium, Fort Lauderdale (USA)

Nashville SC and Inter Miami drew 2-2 in the first match at Geodis Park, Nashville, on March 7, 2024. The goals for Nashville SC were scored by Jacob Shaffelburg (x2), and for Inter Miami, Lionel Messi and Luis Suárez found the net.

The 2-2 draw against Inter Miami ended Nashville SC's streak of two consecutive victories and marked their first two goals conceded in the CCC. This was also the third draw for an MLS team with a (2-2) scoreline while playing at home. The first was DC United against CD Guadalajara from Liga MX in 1997, and Chicago Fire against DC United in 1999.

With the 2-2 draw away against Nashville SC, Inter Miami became the fourth MLS team to debut in the CCC with a draw. The others were New York Red Bulls in 2009 against W Connection from Trinidad and Tobago, Whitecaps in 2015, Orlando City in 2023. It's also the second club to achieve a 2-2 draw in its debut, previously done by New York Red Bulls against W Connection (TRI) in 2009.

Inter Miami is the first MLS club to debut in the CCC in the round of 16, achieving a 2-2 draw. The other was Orlando City (0-0) against Tigres UANL in 2023. Lionel Messi (ARG) of Inter Miami became the first World Cup Champion to score a goal in the CCC since 1962.

### **Series in the MLS:**

These two teams have faced each other 11 times in history, with Nashville SC securing 4 victories, 5 draws, and two defeats. They have met 8 times in the MLS, with the last encounter ending in a draw (0-0) on August 30, 2023, at DRV PNK Stadium in Fort Lauderdale.

Inter Miami did not lose in their 2 home matches in 2023 against Nashville (0-0 and 2-1). They defeated Nashville 2-1 at their stadium in the round of 16 of the U.S. Open Cup 2023: 2-1 (Franco Negri and Nicolás Stefanelli; Alex Muyl), at DRV PNK Stadium, Fort Lauderdale (May 23, 2023).

In the final of the Leagues Cup 2023 at Fairgrounds Stadium on August 19, Inter Miami defeated Nashville SC in penalties (10-9) after a 1-1 draw in regulation time. Lionel Messi scored for Inter Miami, and Fafà Picault for Nashville.



## Inter Miami (USA)

Lionel Messi and Luis Suárez, top scorers in the CONMEBOL qualifiers for the FIFA World Cup, accounted for 70% of the shots in Inter Miami's debut (7 out of 10).

**Top scorers in the 2024 CCC:** Lionel Messi (ARG) 1, Luis Suárez (URU) 1.

**Assists in the 2024 CCC:** Luis Suárez (URU) 1, Sergio Busquets (ESP) 1.

**Saves in the 2024 CCC:** 1. Goalkeeper: Drake Callender (USA) 1. (2 goals conceded - no clean sheets).

### Players to watch:

**Lionel Messi (ARG):** Scored a goal and had the most shots (5) against Nashville (1 goal, 3 shots on target, and 1 off target). Messi has scored two goals in three matches against Nashville.

**Luis Suárez (URU):** The Uruguayan scored a goal, provided an assist, and had two shots on target in his debut in the 2024 CCC.

**Sergio Busquets (ESP):** The World Cup champion with Spain in South Africa 2010, along with his teammate Julián Gressel, made 78 passes. Busquets provided an assist to Luis Suárez's goal.



## Nashville SC (USA)

For Nashville SC, it will be their second away match. In the first, they defeated Moca FC 3-0 with goals from Hany Mukhtar, Sam Surridge, and Tyler Boyd.

Nashville's last victory against Inter Miami was a 2-1 win on May 17, 2023, with goals from Fafà Picault and Lukas MacNaughton (Dixon Arroyo scored for Inter Miami) at Fairgrounds Stadium.

Nashville hasn't lost to Inter Miami in their last 2 visits in the MLS and secured a 5-1 victory in 2021.

Nashville remains unbeaten in the CCC with two wins and a draw, always scoring goals in the first 15 minutes of the match.

The American team has made 31 shots, scored 9 goals, provided 8 assists, and has a goal-scoring efficiency of 29% in the current 2024 CCC.

**Top scorers in the 2024 CCC:** Jacob Shaffelburg (CAN) 3, Forster Jago (GHA) 2, Hany Mukhtar (GER) 1, Sam Surridge (ENG) 1, Tyler Boyd (NZL) 1, McKinze Gaines (USA) 1.

**Assists in the 2024 CCC:** Hany Mukhtar (GER) 1, Sam Surridge (ENG) 1, Teal Bunbury (USA) 1, Jacob Shaffelburg (CAN) 1, Alex Muyl (USA) 1, Aníbal Godoy (PAN) 1, Sean Davis (USA) 1, Shaquell Moore (USA) 1.

**Saves in the 2024 CCC:** 6. Goalkeepers: Elliot Panicco (USA) 2, Joseph Willis (USA) 4. (2 goals conceded - 2 clean sheets).

**Opportunities to score goals** (31). Shots on target (10).

**Players to watch:**

**Jacob Shaffelburg (CAN):** Became the first player of the team to score a brace in the CCC and has scored all three goals for the team along with one assist.

**Shaquell Moore (USA):** Provided an assist to Jacob Shaffelburg against Inter Miami. The defender made 4 ball recoveries. In the last MLS match, he provided a goal assist in 2023 and scored one of the penalties in the shootout in the Leagues Cup 2023 final.

**Alex Muyl (USA):** Made three shots in the first match against Inter Miami and, along with his teammate Forster Ajago, is one of the players with the most shots for the team in the 2024 CCC with 6.