

Alianza FC vs. Philadelphia Union

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|  |  |  | **March 7** |  |  |
|  | **8 PM ET** |
| Alianza FC |  |  | **Estadio Cuscatlán** |  | Philadelphia Union |

It will be the first time they meet in the Concacaf Champions League.

To date, 28 games between El Salvador and the United teams have been playing in the SCCL ERA.

Of those games, 18 were victories for the North Americans, 7 for the Central Americans, and 3 were draws.

****Alianza FC ****

**PARTICIPATIONS IN THE SCCL**: 17th (1967, 1968, 1974, 1976, 1979\*, 1986, 1987, 1990, 1991, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1998, 2011/12, 2016/17, 2019, 2020, 2023). \*He withdrew from the competition preview to the tournament.

DEBUT: 1967 (Champion).

RECORD IN THE SCCL (includes former Concacaf Champions Cup): G: 61 W-22 D-15 L-22 (GF-99 GA-77)

HOME RECORD: G: 33 W-14 D-10 L-8 (GF-57 GA-38) 

LAST PARTICIPATION: 2020 (Round of 16).

BEST FINISH: Champion 1967.

SCCL ERA RECORD: G: 10 W-2 D-3 L-5 (GF-9 GA-12)

SCCL ERA SCORERS: Óscar Guerrero (COL) 4, Juan Carlos Portillo (SLV) 2. Alexander Larín (SLV) 1, Oswaldo Blanco (COL) 1, Felipe Ponce (MEX) 1.

**HAT-TRICKS IN THE SCCL ERA**: Óscar Guerrero (COL) vs. Antigua (Group F - 2016/17). In addition, Juan Carlos Portillo (SLV) vs. Tigres UANL (R16 - 2020) scored a brace.

**PLAYERS WITH THE MOST CAPS IN THE SCCL ERA**: Óscar Cerén (SLV) 8, Herbert Sosa (SLV) 8, Juan Carlos Portillo (SLV) 8, Isaac Portillo (SLV) 7, Mario Jacobo (SLV) 6, Alexander Larín (SLV) 5.

**HOW DID THEY CLASSIFY FOR THE 2023 SCCL?** Highest ranked among the teams that advanced to the quarterfinals of the 2022 Scotiabank Concacaf League (5th place).

**PARTICIPATIONS IN THE ROUND OF 16 (SCCL ERA**): 2019 (eliminated vs. Monterrey MEX) and 2020 (eliminated vs. Tigres UANL MEX).

RECORD IN R16 (SCCL ERA): G: 4 W-1 D-1 L-2.

**SCORERS IN THE ROUND OF 16 (SCCL ERA**): Juan Carlos Portillo (SLV) 2, Felipe Ponce (MEX) 1, Oswaldo Blanco (COL) 1.

RECORD IN AWAY MATCHES (SCCL ERA): G: 3 W-1 D-1 L-1.

It will be their 5th appearance in the SCCL since their format change in 2008/09; in their last appearance, they were knocked out 5-4 on aggregate in the Round of 16 by eventual champions Tigres UANL in 2020.

**TOP PLAYERS**

**Rodolfo Zelaya (SLV**) was one of the top scorers for Alianza FC in the 2022 SCL (2), along with Colombian Víctor Landazuri. Zelaya was the player with the most shots (10).

**Michell Mercado (SLV)** was the player with the most minutes on the pitch (318') and gave an assist in the SCL 2022.

**Alexander Larín (SLV)** The left-back defender played 33 international matches, including his appearances with CD FAS (2 games in 2012/13), Herediano (4 in 2014/15), Alianza FC (5 between 2016/17 and 2020) and FC Comunicaciones (4 in 2022) at SCCL.

Philadelphia Union 

PARTICIPATIONS IN THE SCCL: 2nd (2021, 2023). In 2021 he reached the semifinals

SCCL RECORD (includes Concacaf Champions Cup): G: 6 W-3 D-1 L-2 (GF-9 GA-5)

AWAY RECORD: G: 3 W-2 D-0 L-1 (GF-4 GA-2)

SCCL ERA RECORD: G: 6 W-3 D-1 L-2 (GF-9 GA-5)

SCCL ERA SCORERS: Kacper Przybylko (GER) 5, Jamiro Monteiro (NED), Anthony Fontana (USA) 2.

BRACES IN THE SCCL ERA: Jamiro Monteiro (NED) vs. Deportivo Saprissa CRC (R16 - 2021) and Kacper Przybylko (GER) vs. Atlanta United USA (QF - 2021).

**PLAYERS WITH THE MOST CAPS IN THE SCCL ERA**: Alejandro Bedoya (USA) 6, Andre Blake (JAM) 6, Jack Elliot (ENG) 6, Leon Flach (USA) 6, Kai Wagner (GER) 6, Jakob Glesnes (NOR) 6 , Olivier Mbaizo (CAM) 6, Kacper Przybylko (GER) 6, Jamiro Monteiro (NED) 5, José Martínez (VEN) 5, Anthony Fontana (USA) 4, Cory Burke (JAM) 4, Sergio Santos (BRA) 4.

**HOW DID THEY CLASSIFY FOR SCCL 2023?**: First place in the 2022 Eastern Conference of Major League Soccer. He was a finalist and runner-up in MLS 2022.

PARTICIPATIONS IN ROUND OF 16 (SCCL ERA): 2021 (eliminated Deportivo Saprissa CRC with a global score of 5-0).

RECORD IN R16 (SCCL ERA): G: 2 W-2 D-0 L-0.

QF QUALIFICATIONS (SCCL ERA): in 2021 (faced Club América eliminated them.

SCORERS IN R16 (SCCL ERA): Kacper Przybylko (GER) 2, Jamiro Monteiro (NED) 2, Anthony Fontana (USA) 1.

AWAY RECORD IN THE SCCL: G: 3 W-2 D-0 L-1.

He earned 100% of the points in the SCCL Round of 16 in 2021, faced Saprissa CRC, won the series two games, and conceded no goals: 0-1 (Kacper Przybylko) and 4-0 (Jamiro Monteiro x2, Kacper Przybylko, and Anthony Fontana).

**TOP PLAYERS**

**Andre Blake (JAM)** was on the overall saves podium in the 2021 edition (18 in total). He kept the fence undefeated in 3 of the six matches of that competition. In the last edition of the MLS (2022), he had the unbeaten fence of the tournament (15 out of 34 games), chosen as the goalkeeper of the year.

**Jakob Glesnes (NOR)** was voted Major League Soccer Defender of the Year 2022. He was a 2022 MLS Best XI member alongside Andre Blake, Kai Wagner, and Dániel Gazdag.

**Dániel Gazdag (HUN)** was the second leading scorer in Major League Soccer 2022 alongside Austin FC's Sebastián Driussi from Argentina with 22 goals, both behind Nashville SC's Hany Mukhtar (GER) (23).

**Kai Wagner (GER)** was the MLS assist leader in 2022 with 15.