

## #49 FC Motagua (HON) vs. CD Águila (SLV)

Estadio Nacional Chelato Uclés, Tegucigalpa, HON Tuesday, October 22, 2024

It will be an unprecedented match; they will face each other for the first time in an international tournament.



## FC Motagua (HON)

**FC Motagua Football Club** has only won 2 of its last 11 games in the CCAC (3-2 vs. San Francisco and 4-1 vs. Tauro FC, in Group A of 2024); despite this, it has the best shooting effectiveness percentage (19%) in the current edition.

FC Motagua has drawn 3 times consecutively against CS Herediano (1-1 in Group A, 2-2, and 0-0 in the quarterfinals). Additionally, it remains unbeaten in 5 matches (W-2 D-3), and when playing at home, it is undefeated (W-4 D-3); its 4 defeats were all away games.

FC Motagua played in the Play-In of the 2023 edition, where it was defeated by Deportivo Saprissa with a 6-2 aggregate score (they tied 2-2 in Tegucigalpa).

CCAC Participation: 2 (2023 and 2024).

Best result: Quarterfinals in 2023 and 2024.

Record: GP-14 W-5 D-5 L-4 (GF-23 GA-22). \*Includes Play-In matches.

**Top scorers:** Agustín Auzmendi (ARG) 9, Yeison Mejía (HON) 5, Román Rubilio Castillo (HON) 3, Rodrigo Auzmendi (ARG) 2.

**Assists:** Rodrigo Gómez (ARG) 4, Jorge Serrano (PAN) 3, Walter Martínez (HON) 2, Yeison Mejía (HON) 1, Riky Zapata (HON), Kevin Álvarez (HON), Iván López (HON), Raúl Santos (HON), Lucas Campana (ARG), Carlos Mejía (HON), Marcelo Pereira (HON), Rodrigo Auzmendi (ARG).

Players with the most appearances: Raúl Marcelo Santos, Yeison Mejía, Agustín Auzmendi, Carlos Argueta (14 matches), Jonathan Rougier (12 matches), Walter Martínez, Carlos Mejía (10 matches), Luis Vega, Denis Meléndez (9 matches), Juan Delgado (8 matches), Riky Zapata (7 matches).

**Saves:** Jonathan Rougier (ARG) 27 (9 in the 2024 edition), Marlon Licona (HON) 3 (all in the 2024 edition), Enrique Facussé (HON) 1.

**Top scorers in the 2024 edition:** Román Rubilio Castillo (HON) 3, Agustín Auzmendi (ARG) 2, Rodrigo Auzmendi (ARG) 2, Yeison Mejía (HON) 2, Luis Vega (HON) 1, Raúl Marcelo Santos (HON).

**Assists:** Rodrigo Gómez (ARG) 4, Jorge Serrano (PAN) 3, Carlos Mejía (HON) 1, Rodrigo Auzmendi (ARG).

How the goals were scored in CCAC 2024: Play (7), Header (3), Penalty (1).

Goal opportunities: 57. Shots on goal: 20.

**Youngest scorer in the CCAC:** Luis Vega (HON) - 22 years and 153 days (vs. Diriangén - Group A 2024).

**Oldest scorer in the CCAC:** Román Rubilio Castillo (HON) - 32 years, 9 months, and 28 days (vs. Herediano – Quarterfinal 1st leg - 2024).

Fastest goal in the CCAC: Román Rubilio Castillo (HON) vs. Herediano (Quarterfinal - Leg 1 - 2024): 2 minutes.

Hat-trick: Agustín Auzmendi (ARG) vs. Verdes FC (Group D - 2023).

Play-In scorers: Agustín Auzmendi (ARG) 2.

Players to watch:

**Agustín Auzmendi (ARG):** He is the top scorer in the Central American Cup with 9 goals in 14 matches, including the two he scored in the Play-In against Saprissa in 2023. In 2024, he has made 9 shots and 34 attempts between 2023-24.

**Román Rubilio Castillo (HON):** The team captain leads in shots (13) and goals scored (3) in the 2024 edition. The forward has scored 8 goals in 21 appearances in Concacaf club tournaments.

**Carlos Argueta (HON):** He has appeared in 14 matches in the CCAC. The right-back is the team leader in passes (226) for the Honduran team.



## CD Águila (SLV)

Club Deportivo Águila won 3 of its last 5 games but has not been able to win in knockout matches (1-D-L-1).

In five away games in the CCAC, it only won once, 3-0 against CAI from Panama (Ronald Rodríguez, Blas Sosa, and Darwin Cerén), in Group C of 2024. The rest were 3 losses and 1 draw.

CD Águila managed to keep a clean sheet in 4 of the 6 matches in the 2024 edition (0-0 vs. Antigua GFC, 2-0 vs. Olimpia, 0-3 vs. CAI in Group C, and 0-0 vs. Real Estelí in the quarterfinals). The Salvadoran team ranks first in recovered balls with (108).

Of the 7 goals scored, 6 were in the second half.

CCAC Participation: 2 (2023 and 2024).

Best result: Ouarterfinals 2024.

**Record:** GP-10 W-4 D-2 L-4 (GF-13 GA-12).

**Top scorers:** Carlos Salazar (COL) 3, Blas Sosa (ARG) 2, Dionatan Machado (BRA) 2, Darwin Cerén (SLV) 2, Herberth Díaz (SLV), Melvin Cartagena (SLV), Dixon Rivas (SLV), Ronald Rodríguez (SLV).

Assists: Santos Ortiz (SLV) 5, Julio Ramírez (ARG) 1, Herberth Díaz (SLV), Carlos Salazar (COL), Dionatan Machado (BRA), Alexander Larín (SLV).

Players with the most appearances: Julio Sibrián, Darwin Cerén (10 matches), Melvin Cartagena, Ronald Rodríguez, Dixon Rivas (9 matches), Santos Ortiz, Herberth Díaz (8 matches), Kevin Reyes, Blas Sosa, Alexander Larín, Carlos Salazar, Walter Pineda (6 matches).

**Saves:** Benji Villalobos (SLV) 16 (16 in the current edition), Rafael García (URU) 7 (3 in the current competition).

In the CCAC, CD Águila scored goals in six matches and failed to score in 4. They achieved 5 clean sheets, conceded goals in 5 games, and drew twice 0-0 (vs. Antigua GFC - Round 2 of 2024; vs. Real Estelí - QF Leg 2 2024).

**Top scorers in the 2024 CCAC:** Carlos Salazar (COL) 2, Blas Sosa (ARG) 2, Dionatan Machado (BRA) 2, Herberth Díaz (SLV) 1, Melvin Cartagena (SLV), Dixon Rivas (SLV), Darwin Cerén (SLV), Ronald Rodríguez (SLV).

**Assists:** Santos Ortiz (SLV) 5, Carlos Salazar (COL) 1, Julio Ramírez (ARG), Dionatan Machado (BRA), Alexander Larín (SLV).

How the goals were scored in the 2024 CCAC: Play (8), Header (3).

Goal opportunities: 81. Shots on goal: 30.

**Youngest scorer in the CCAC:** Herberth Díaz (SLV) - 23 years and 238 days (vs. Port Layola - Group C 2024).

Oldest scorer in the CCAC: Darwin Cerén (SLV) - 34 years and 241 days (vs. CAI - Group C 2024).

**Fastest goal in the CCAC:** Blas Sosa (ARG) vs. Real Estelí (Quarterfinal - Leg 1 - 2024): 3 minutes.

## Players to watch:

**Blas Sosa (ARG):** Scored goals in 2 of CD Águila's last 3 matches. He is also the only player to score in both the group stage and knockout stage (against CAI in Group C and against Real Estelí in the quarterfinals).

**Santos Ortiz (SLV):** He is the assists leader in the 2024 CCAC with (5). Additionally, he has been the most fouled player. He has 15 international club appearances.

**Darwin Cerén (SLV):** A ball-winning machine in midfield, recovering 15 balls alongside teammate Melvin Cartagena. Additionally, he leads in shots (13) and passes (269) for the Salvadoran team.