



2024 Concacaf Champions Cup

Club America (MEX) vs. Real Esteli (NCA)

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Estadio Ciudad de los Deportes, Ciudad de México, MEX

Real Estelí won the first match 2-1 with goals from Byron Bonilla and Marvin Fletes, While Julián Quiñones score for Club América at the Estadio Independencia, Estelí (6-FEB-2024).

- Real Estelí (NCA) with the Victory ended an incredible streak of 38 consecutive winless matches (8D-30L) for Nicaraguan clubs in the history of the Concacaf Champions Cup.
- Real Estelí broke Their own particular streak of 30 winless matches (8D-22L) in the Concacaf Champions Cup.
- Real Estelí became the first Nicaraguan club to achieve a victory against a Mexican club in the CCC.
- Real Estelí (NCA) became the 4th Nicaraguan club to secure a victory in the CCC. The others were: Flor de Caña FC against Alianza FC (SLV) in 1967, Santa Cecilia against Negocios Internacionales (SLV) in 1974, Diriangén FC against Eurokickers (PAN) in 1997, Diriangén FC against LD Alajuelense (CRC) in 1997.
- Club América (MEX) became the first Mexican club to lose a game in the Concacaf Champions Cup against a Nicaraguan club. The previous record was 3 victories and 1 draw.
- Julián Quiñones scored his 7th goal in the CCC. Additionally, he scored his 3rd goal with a different club (3 goals with Tigres UANL, 3 goals with Atlas FC, 1 goal with Club América).
- Club América is the 3rd Mexican club with the most defeats in the history of the competition, with 18.
 - o (1) CD Cruz Azul with 23 defeats
 - o (2) Club Santos Laguna with 20 defeats
 - o (3) Club América with 18 defeats
- It is the first time that Club América has lost a game by 2-1 in the first leg of a knockout phase in the history of the Concacaf Champions Cup.
- Club América has lost the first leg of a tie in the CCC on 5 occasions (excluding 2024), being eliminated in 2 of those instances (40%), against LD Alajuelense (CRC) in 2002 and against Toronto FC (CAN) in 2018, and advancing in 3 (60%) of them, against CDS Vida (HON) in 1985, against FAS (SLV) in 2002-2003, against Herediano (CRC) in 2014-2015.
- Club América suffered 2 consecutive defeats in the CCC for the 2nd time since the 2008-2009 edition, previously losing consecutively to Atlanta United (USA) and Los Angeles FC (USA) in 2020. If they lose the next game, they will equal their worst streak of consecutive defeats in the history of the CCC, which dates back more than 20 years.



Club América (MEX)

Appearances in the Concacaf Champions Cup (including all formats): 15 (1977, 1985, 1987, 1990, 1992, 2002, 2003, 2006, 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16, 2018, 2020, 2021, 2024).

Best Result: Champion (7) 1977, 1987, 1990, 1992, 2006, 2014/15, 2015/16. Runner-up 2021.

Record in the CCC (including all formats): GP-88 W-50 D-20 L-18 (GF-177 GA-81).

Record since the 2008/09 edition: GP-43 W-24 D-10 L-9 (GF-90 GA-37).

Top scorers: Oribe Peralta (MEX) 10, Darío Benedetto (ARG) 8, Carlos Darwin Quintero (COL) 6, Michael Arroyo (ECU) 6.

Players with the most appearances in the CCC: Paul Aguilar (MEX) 23, Osvaldo Martínez (PAR) 20, Rubens Sambueza (ARG) 19, Oribe Peralta (MEX) 18, Darwin Quintero (COL) 18.

Since 2008/09: Club América has scored goals in 36 matches and failed to score in only 7 of those games. They have kept 15 clean sheets and conceded goals in 28 matches. They have never drawn with a score of 0-0.

Record in the second leg of the KO Phase: GP-14 W-9 D-3 L-2

Biggest win (since 2008/09): Bayamón 1-10 Club América (Hosman Ramos; Luis Gabriel Rey x3, Gil Giovanni Burón, Gonzalo Díaz, Martín Zúñiga x3, Alfonso Sánchez x2) Group stage 2014/15.

Penalty shootouts: Drew 2-2 won (5-3) on penalties vs. Comunicaciones (GUA) - Round of 16 2020.

Hat-tricks: Darío Benedetto (4 goals vs. Herediano - Semifinals 2015), Darío Benedetto (vs. Montreal FC - Final 2015), Martín Zúñiga (vs. Bayamón - Group stage 2014/15) Luis Rey (vs. Bayamón - Group stage 2014/15).

Participations in the Round of 16: 2002 (vs. Alajuelense), 2003 (vs. CD FAS), 2018 (vs. Deportivo Saprissa), 2020 (vs. Comunicaciones), 2021 (vs. Olimpia).

Saves in the CCC 2024: 1. Goalkeepers: Luis Malagón MEX (1). (2 goals conceded)

Scoring opportunities (12). Shots on target (5).

Players to Watch:

Julián Quiñones (MEX). The Colombian-born Mexican player scored the only goal for Club América in Estelí and made 2 shots. Quiñones has scored 7 goals in 15 appearances in the CCC (including his participation as a player for Tigres UANL and Atlas).

Diego Valdés (CHI). Made 2 shots, all on target. The Chilean midfielder has 3 goals in 6 appearances in the CCC (scored 3 goals in 5 matches as a player for Santos Laguna in 2019).

Santiago Naveda (MEX). Led in passes with (77) in addition to a shot, and completed 91% of his passes against the Nicaraguan Team.



Real Estelí (NCA)

Appearances in the Concacaf Champions Cup (including all formats): 12 (1991, 1992, 1996, 1998, 2008/09, 2011/12, 2012/13, 2013/14, 2014/15, 2016/17, 2021, 2024).

Best Result: Round of 16 (1) 2021.

Record in the CCC (including all formats): GP-30 W-0 D-8 L-22 (GF-14 GA-63).

Record since the 2008/09 edition: GP-22 W-0 D-7 L-15 (GF-9 GA-35).

Top scorers in the CCC: Rudel Calero (NCA) 2.

Players with the most appearances in the CCC: Manuel Rosas (NCA) 20, Samuel Wilson (NCA) 19, Rudel Calero (NCA) 16, Franklin López (NCA) 16, Justo Lorente (NCA) 16, Elmer Mejía (HON) 16, Juan Ramón Barrera (NCA) 14, Félix Rodríguez (NCA) 14.

Since 2008/09: Real Estelí has scored goals in 10 matches and failed to do so in 13, with only one clean sheet and conceding goals in 22 matches. They have drawn once with a score of 0-0.

Record in the second leg of the KO Phase: GP-3 W-0 D-1 L-2

Participations in the Round of 16: 2021 (vs. Columbus Crew).

Assists in the CCC 2024: Byron Bonilla (NCA) 1.

Saves in the CCC 2024: 5. Goalkeepers: Douglas Forvis NCA (5). (1 goal conceded)

Scoring opportunities (5). Shots on target (1).

Players to Watch:

Byron Bonilla (NCA). Scored a penalty goal and provided an assist in the historic 2-1 victory against Club America. Bonilla has made 14 appearances and scored two goals in Concacaf club tournaments, including the Scotiabank Concacaf League and Concacaf Central American Cup.

Ebert Martínez (NCA). Was the unbreakable wall that Club America couldn't penetrate with 6 ball recoveries. Additionally, the defender made 26 passes (90% accuracy) and 6 clearances.

Douglas Forvis (NCA). Was one of the standout performers in the first leg of Round One against Club America with 5 saves and 4 clearances. The goalkeeper played 900 minutes in the Concacaf Central American Cup (10 matches) where he kept 5 clean sheets.