

## Club América vs Gotham FC



### CLUB AMERICA (MEX)

Club América won Group B in undefeated fashion, scoring 14 goals along the way. Las Águilas led the group stage in accurate passes (1687), with Nancy Antonio (235) and Sabrina Enciso (184) leading the way in ball distribution.

Gotham FC also advanced unbeaten, finishing as the tournament's top-scoring team with 21 goals. A total of 12 different players found the back of the net for Gotham, with Yazmeen Ryan and Lynn Williams leading the scoring charts with 3 goals each.

Club América Femenil was founded on December 5, 2016, in Mexico City. They have won the Liga MX Femenil twice (Apertura 2018, Clausura 2023). Additionally, they secured 2nd place in the Apertura 2022 and 2023 and in the Campeón de Campeones tournament (2022/23).

**How they reached the semifinals:** Club América finished top of Group B with 9 points, tied with Portland Thorns but with a superior goal difference (+11).

Las Águilas kicked off Group B in dominant fashion with a 7-0 win over Vancouver Whitecaps, featuring goals from Sarah Luebbert, Nicolette Hernández, Kiana Palacios, Scarlett Camberos, Irene Guerrero, Aylin Avilez, and Alexia Zuazua.

In their second match, they fell 3-1 on the road to Portland Thorns, with Irene Guerrero scoring América's lone goal.

They bounced back at home with a 5-0 win over Santa Fe (PAN), powered by a brace from Kiana Palacios and additional goals from Karen Luna, Sarah Luebbert, and Rebekah Valdez.

In the group stage finale, América sealed first place with a 1-0 away victory over San Diego Wave, with Sarah Luebbert scoring the decisive goal.

### Record in the CWCC

- GP: 4 | W: 3 | D: 0 | L: 1 | GF: 14 | GA: 3 | PTS: 9

- Qualified for the semifinals as leaders of Group B with 14 goals scored.

- Team with the most accurate passes (1687) and most total passes (1929) in the group stage.

### Key players:

- A big part of Club América's defensive success came from goalkeeper Sandra Paños, who ranked second in total saves (8), with five saves on shots inside the box out of 11 attempts, recording three clean sheets.

- Sarah Luebbert (USA): Top scorer with 3 goals.
- Kiana Palacios (MEX): Scored 2 goals, recorded the most total shots (17) and had 7 off-target attempts.
- Irene Guerrero (ESP): Also contributed 2 goals.
- Nancy Antonio: Most accurate passes completed (235).
- Sabrina Enciso: Second in accurate passes (184) and leader in assists (3), followed by Karen Luna with 2 assists.



## GOTHAM (USA)

NJ/NY Gotham FC is based in Harrison, New Jersey. It was founded in 2006 as Jersey Sky Blue, later known as Sky Blue FC from 2008 to 2020.

They have been champions of the National Women's Soccer League (NWSL) twice, in 2009 and 2023. They were runners-up in the NWSL Challenge Cup in 2021, 2024. Champions the Women's Cup 2024.

**How they reached the semifinals:** Gotham FC finished second in Group A with 8 points.

They began the group stage with a 4-0 away win over LD Alajuelense, with goals from Esther González, Katherine Stengel, Jenna Nighswonger, and Delaine Sheehan.

Their second match ended in a 0-0 home draw against Monterrey.

On their second road trip, Gotham delivered a commanding 13-0 victory over Frazsiers Whip (JAM), with goals from Yazmeen Ryan (hat-trick), Miranda Freeman, Cecelia Kizer, Jenna Nighswonger, Taryn Torres (2), Lynn Williams (hat-trick), Jessica Da Silva, and an own goal by Nevillegail Able.

In the decisive battle for first place, they drew 4-4 with Tigres UANL, with goals from McCall Zerboni, Esther González, Delaine Sheehan, and Maitane López.

### Record in the CWCC

- GP: 4 | W: 2 | D: 2 | L: 0 | GF: 21 | GA: 4 | PTS: 8
- Also undefeated in the group stage, qualified as second place in Group A.
- Team with the most goals scored (21) and most assists (14) in the group stage.

- Twelve different players scored goals; top scorers were Yazmeen Ryan and Lynn Williams (3 goals each).

**Other standout players:**

- Gotham FC's goalkeeping duties were shared:

- Carissa Xenia Miller: 5 saves (2 inside the box) and one clean sheet.

- Ann-Katrin Berger (GER): 2 saves and one clean sheet.

- Lynn Williams (USA): 3 goals from open play.

- Yazmeen Ryan (USA): 3 goals and leader in assists (3), followed by Cecelia Kizer (USA) and Taryn Torres (USA) with 2 assists each.

- Esther González (ESP): Scored 2 goals, recorded the most shots on target (9), and won 2 fouls.

- Jenna Nighswonger (USA) and Delaine Sheehan (USA): Also contributed 2 goals each.

**Key stats:**

- Only team to score a direct free-kick goal (1).

- Goal Efficiency: 31.3%.