



Vancouver (CAN) vs. CF Monterrey (MEX)

Vancouver Whitecaps and CF Monterrey set for their first-ever showdown in the Concacaf Champions Cup.

CF Monterrey will compete in the Round of 16 for the fourth time, having successfully advanced in each of their previous appearances: in 2019 against Alianza FC (SLV), in 2021 against Atlético Pantoja (DOM), and in 2024 against FC Cincinnati (USA).

Vancouver Whitecaps will play in the Round of 16 for the second time. In their previous appearance, they advanced past Real España (HON). In the first leg (March 8, 2023) at BC Place (CAN), they secured a dominant 5-0 victory with goals from Tristan Blackmon, Ryan Raposo, an own goal by Devron García, Pedro Vite, and Brian White. In the second leg (March 15, 2023), the Honduran side won 3-2 with goals from Getsel Montes (x2) and Ramiro Rocca, while Brian White and Simon Becher scored for Vancouver Whitecaps.

The "Rayados" of Monterrey will face a third Canadian club in the tournament (after White Eagles and Forge FC) and, for the first time in history, will take on two Canadian teams in the same edition. In 1975, they eliminated White Eagles with a 3-1 aggregate score. In the first leg (July 5, 1975), they won 2-0 with goals from Alfredo Jiménez and José Sánchez. The second leg (July 13, 1975) ended in a 1-1 draw, with Mike Wareika scoring for the hosts and Rubén Corbo equalizing for Monterrey. In the first round of this year's tournament, Monterrey defeated Forge FC. In the first leg (February 5, 2025), they won 0-2 with goals from Nelson Deossa and Jordi Cortizo. In the return match (February 11, 2025), they secured a 3-0 victory, with Germán Berterame netting twice and Jordi Cortizo adding another.

Whitecaps will face a Mexican club for the third time in the history of the tournament but have yet to advance past a Liga MX opponent. They were eliminated by Tigres UANL in the 2016/17 semifinals. In the first leg (March 14, 2017), the Mexican side won 2-0 with goals from Kendall Waston (own goal) and Eduardo Vargas. The second leg (April 5, 2017) saw Tigres win 1-2, with André-Pierre Gignac and Damián Álvarez scoring for the visitors, while Brek Shea found the net for Vancouver. Their second elimination came against the same Tigres UANL in the first round of the 2024 edition. In the first leg (February 7, 2024), the teams drew 1-1, with Damir Kreilach scoring for the Canadians and André-Pierre Gignac for the "Aztecs." In the second leg (February 14, 2024), Tigres won 3-0 with goals from Julián Quiñones, Ozziel Herrera, and Juan Pablo Vigón.



Vancouver Whitecaps FC's Home Fortress and Historic Run in the Concacaf Champions Cup

Vancouver Whitecaps FC has won six of their last nine home matches in the Concacaf Champions Cup, recording five clean sheets in the process. Their last six goals conceded at home all came in the second half.

The Whitecaps have won just one of their last seven Champions Cup matches (D-1 L-5), with their last four tournament victories all coming at home. In their last 17 Champions Cup matches, they have trailed at halftime only once (vs. LAFC in the 2023 quarterfinals).

Their best tournament performance came in the 2016/17 edition when they reached the semifinals, only to be eliminated by eventual champions CF Pachuca. That year, they advanced directly to the quarterfinals from the group stage.

Concacaf Champions Cup Appearances (all formats included): 5 (2015/16, 2016/17, 2023, 2024, 2025).

Champions Cup Record (all formats included): GP-20 W-8 D-3 L-9 (GF-27 GA-27).

Top Scorers: Cristian Techera (URU) 5, Brian White (USA) 4, Alphonso Davies (CAN) 2, Erik Hurtado (USA) 2.

Most Appearances: Timothy Parker (USA) 11, Russell Teibert (CAN) 10, Kendall Weston (CRC) 8, Sebastian Berhalter (USA) 8, Pedro Vite Uca (ECU) 8, Brian White (USA) 8, Tristan Blackmon (USA) 8.

Since 2008/09:

- 14 games with goals scored.

- 6 matches without scoring.

- 6 clean sheets.

- 14 matches conceding goals.

- No matches ended 0-0.

Penalty Shootouts (since 2008/09): 0 Hat-tricks: 0

Round of 16 Record: GP-1 W-1 D-0 L-1 (GF-7 GA-3).

Round of 16 Top Scorers (since 2008/09): Brian White (USA) 2, Simon Becher (USA) 1, Pedro Vite (ECU) 1, Tristan Blackmon (USA) 1, Ryan Raposo (CAN) 1.

Champions Cup Record in 2025: GP-2 W-1 D-0 L-1 (GF-3 GA-2).

2025 Champions Cup Top Scorers: Brian White (USA) 2, Ryan Gauld (SCO) 1.

2025 Champions Cup Assists: Ali Ahmed (CAN) 1, Jayden Nelson (CAN) 1.

2025 Champions Cup Saves: 2 Goalkeepers: Yohei Takaoka (JPN) 2 (2 goals conceded - 1 clean sheet).

Types of Goals:

Open play (2), header (1).



Right-footed goals (2), left-footed goals (0).

Inside-the-box goals (3), outside-the-box goals (0).

Goal Opportunities: 18

Shots on Target: 6

Fastest Goal in 2025 Champions Cup:

Ryan Gauld (20' 44" vs. Deportivo Saprissa - Round One - First Leg).

Players to Watch:

Sebastian Berhalter (USA): Led all players in completed passes (134) in Round One 2025. He registered four shots, six corners, and six ball recoveries in the series against Deportivo Saprissa.

Brian White (USA): A magical night for Brian White! He scored a brace in the second leg against Deportivo Saprissa, ending his goal drought since March 15, 2023, when he found the net against Real España of Honduras in a 2-3 loss in San Pedro Sula.

His 47th-minute goal was the 385th header scored in tournament history since the 2008/09 season, the 19th for a Canadian club, and the fourth for Whitecaps. White became the second Vancouver player to score a Champions Cup brace, following Cristian Techera (URU). The striker is now just one goal away from tying Techera (5) as the all-time top scorer for Vancouver Whitecaps in the Champions Cup (4). He previously scored twice in 2023.

Ali Ahmed (CAN):

Took five shots, completed 45 passes (91% accuracy), and recorded two ball recoveries against Deportivo Saprissa. Additionally, he contributed one assist, one corner kick, and two shots in the first round.



CF Monterrey's Road to the Round of 16 in the Concacaf Champions Cup

CF Monterrey secured their spot in the Round of 16 after eliminating Forge FC with a dominant 5-0 aggregate victory. The five-time champion holds the record for the most knockout-stage wins (30) since the 2008/09 season, boasting the best win percentage (73%) in that span. Monterrey also leads all clubs in victories (46) since the format change in 2008/09.

Rayados have won 12 of their last 14 Champions Cup matches, with their only two losses coming in the 2024 semifinals against Columbus Crew. Across the 2024 and 2025 editions, they have won eight of 10 games, while also securing four victories in their 2021 title-winning campaign.

Concacaf Champions Cup Appearances (all formats included): 13 (1975, 1987, 1994, 2004, 2005, 2010/11, 2011/12, 2012/13, 2016/17, 2019, 2021, 2024, 2025).

Best Result: Champion (5) 2010/11, 2011/12, 2012/13, 2019, 2021.



Overall Champions Cup Record (all formats included): GP-83 W-53 D-18 L-12 (GF-162 GA-68).

Top Scorers: Humberto Suazo (CHI) 16, Aldo De Nigris (MEX) 16, Abraham Carreño (MEX) 9, Neri Cardozo (ARG) 7, Maximiliano Meza (ARG) 6.

Most Appearances: Aldo de Nigris (MEX) 30, Walter Ayoví (ECU) 30, Neri Cardozo (ARG) 28, Jonathan Orozco (MEX) 27, Jesús Zavala (MEX) 27.

Since 2008/09:

- 58 matches with goals scored.

- 5 matches without scoring.

- 32 clean sheets.

- 31 matches conceding goals.

- 2 matches ended 0-0.

Penalty Shootouts (since 2008/09): 0

Hat-tricks: 2 (Abraham Carreño vs. Herediano - Group Stage 2011/12, Ángel Reyna vs. Universitario - Group Stage 2012/13).

Round of 16 History: Participations: 4 (2019 vs. Alianza FC, 2021 vs. Atlético Pantoja, 2024 vs. FC Cincinnati, 2025 vs. Vancouver Whitecaps).

Record: GP-6 W-5 D-1 L-0 (GF-10 GA-2).

Round of 16 Top Scorers (since 2008/09): Vincent Janssen (NED) 2, Brandon Vázquez (USA) 2, Luis Romo (MEX) 1, Nicolás Sánchez (ARG) 1, Luis Sánchez (MEX) 1, José Alvarado (MEX) 1, Arturo González (MEX) 1, Jesús Gallardo (MEX) 1.

2025 Champions Cup Record: GP-2 W-2 D-0 L-0 (GF-5 GA-0).

2025 Champions Cup Top Scorers: Jordi Cortizo (MEX) 2, Germán Berterame (MEX) 2, Nelson Deossa (COL) 1.

2025 Champions Cup Assists: Óliver Torres (ESP) 2, Sergio Canales (ESP) 1, Roberto De La Rosa (MEX) 1.

2025 Champions Cup Saves: 8 Goalkeeper: Luis Cárdenas (MEX) 8 (0 goals conceded - 2 clean sheets).

Types of Goals:

Open play (3), header (1), free kick (1).

Right-footed goals (1), left-footed goals (3).

Inside-the-box goals (3), outside-the-box goals (2).

Goal Opportunities: 35

Shots on Target: 16



Fastest Goal in 2025 Champions Cup: Germán Berterame (18' 27" vs. Forge FC - Round One - Second Leg).

Players to Watch:

Germán Berterame (MEX): Scored a brace in Monterrey's 3-0 victory over Forge FC in the second leg of the Round One matchup. Played 61 minutes in the series against the Canadian club. The forward has netted four goals in his eight Champions Cup appearances.

Jordi Cortizo (MEX): Scored in both Round One matches. Played 70 minutes off the bench in the series against Forge. The midfielder has 11 Champions Cup appearances and two goals, split between Querétaro and Monterrey.

Nelson Deossa (COL): Scored Rayados' opening goal in the Round One series against Forge FC. The Colombian led the team in shots (7) under coach Martín Demichelis. Deossa was a Champions Cup winner with Pachuca in 2024, recording two goals and two assists in that campaign.