

## Alianza FC (SLV) vs. LA Firpo (SLV)

## **GROUP B**

Estadio Cuscatlán, San Salvador 13-AGO

The historic Salvadoran teams will face each other for the first time in the Central American Cup.

In the past, they met twice in the second round of Central America for the 1990 Concacaf Champions Cup, resulting in a draw and a win for Firpo.

On May 20, 1990, Luis Ángel Firpo won 1-0 with a goal from the legendary Salvadoran footballer Mauricio Cienfuegos.

In the Salvadoran League, they have faced each other 213 times, with Alianza FC leading the series with 86 victories, 65 draws, and 62 losses.

Alianza FC won the two most recent matches: 3-1 (Ronald Padilla; Sebastián Julio and Rodolfo Zelaya x2) and 1-0 (Óscar Rodríguez), on matchdays 4 and 15 of the 2023/24 Clausura Tournament. They drew in the two matches of the 2023/24 Apertura Tournament (1-1 and 0-0).

Alianza FC has not lost in the last 11 matches in the Salvadoran First Division against LA Firpo (7 wins, 4 draws). The last victory for Luis Ángel Firpo was on matchday 15 of the 2021/22 Apertura: 2-1 (Luis Canales and Jomal Williams; Marvin Monterroza).



Alianza FC lost 1-0 to Comunicaciones (Alejandro Henríquez own goal) at the Estadio Cementos Progreso in Guatemala City.

Their last home win was a 5-1 victory over Verdes FC in the Scotiabank Concacaf League: (Víctor Landázuri, Rodolfo Zelaya, Marvin Monterroza, Elías Rívas, and Emerson Mauricio; Krisean López).

Alianza FC has gone 5 international matches without scoring in Concacaf club tournaments (between 2022, 2023, and 2024).

Saves in the CCAC: Mario González (SLV) 2.

Goal-scoring situations (10). Shots on target (3).

## Players to watch:

**Marvin Monterroza (SLV**). He led in shots (6) and passes (54) against Comunicaciones. He has played in 31 international club matches for Isidro Metapán and Alianza FC, scoring 4 goals.

**Mario González (SLV)**. The goalkeeper made 2 saves and 2 clearances in the loss against Comunicaciones. To date, he has 7 appearances in club tournaments and 2 clean sheets.

**Emerson Mauricio (SLV)**. He made 2 shots and completed 90% of his passes against Comunicaciones FC. He scored 18 goals in 40 appearances in the last Salvadoran football season, which were key to winning the Clausura Tournament 2024.



Luis Ángel Firpo will play their third match and is in search of their first win.

LA Firpo will play their first away game. They drew 1-1 against Comunicaciones and lost 4-3 to Alajuelense. They average 17 shots per match and have scored an average of 2 goals per game.

Their last victory in a Concacaf club tournament was a 4-1 win against CD Victoria from Honduras in the 2013/14 Scotiabank Concacaf League (Group 7 - Matchday 6): (Darixon Vuelto for CD Victoria; Xavier García, Anel Canales x2, and Medardo Guevara).

**Top scorers in the CCAC 2024**: Gustavo Souza (BRA) 2, Diego Flores (SLV) 1, Styven Vásquez (SLV) 2.

Assists in the CCAC: Mauricio Cerritos (SLV) 2, Styven Vásquez (SLV).

Saves in the CCAC: Wilberth Hernández (SLV) 7.

Goal details: From play (4),

**Goal-scoring situations** (34). Shots on target (18).

## Players to watch:

**Gustavo Souza** (BRA). He scored goals in both of LA Firpo's matches (vs. Comunicaciones and LD Alajuelense). He has made 8 shots with an accuracy of (25%).

**Styven Vásquez (SLV**). He was involved in all three goals against LDA Alajuelense (2 goals and 1 assist). He has made 11 shots in his 2 appearances (5 on target).

**Mauricio Cerritos (SLV**). Provided assists in both appearances for LA Firpo. He completed 89 passes in 193 minutes played in the tournament.