



Houston Dynamo (USA) vs. St. Louis City (USA)

Shell Energy Stadium, Houston, USA

It was the 13th occasion in the CCC that MLS clubs faced each other, and only the 4th time the home team won the match (whether it be the first leg, second leg, or group stage). 54% of the games ended in draws.

Series: St. Louis City SC wins the series: GP-3 GW-2 GD-1 GL-0 (GF-6 GA-2).

Results:

St. Louis City SC 3-0 Houston Dynamo (Eduard Löwen, Tomáš Ostrák, Nicholas Gioacchini), CITYPARK, St. Louis (JUN 3, 2023).

Houston Dynamo 1-1 St. Louis City SC (Corey Baird; João Klauss), Shell Energy Stadium, Houston (SEP 16, 2023).

St. Louis City SC 2-1 Houston Dynamo (Tim Parker and Hosei Kijima; Sebastian Kowalczyk), First Round Concacaf Champions Cup 2024, CITYPARK, Missouri (FEB 20, 2024).



Houston Dynamo (USA)

Houston Dynamo (USA) lost for the 3rd time the first leg of a two-legged tie in the tournament's history; they were eliminated once (against Tigres UANL in 2019) and qualified once (against Puntarenas in 2007).

Houston Dynamo has been able to win in 4 of their last 5 home games in the CCC: 1-0 vs. Santos Laguna (QF 2012/13), 2-1 vs. Árabe Unido, 2-0 vs. W Connection (Group A 2013/14), and 2-1 vs. Guastatoya (Round of 16 2019).

Houston Dynamo kept a clean sheet in the first half in their last 3 appearances at their stadium in the CCC. Their last 3 goals conceded at home were after the 70th minute of play.



They will face, for the first time at home, an MLS rival in the CCC.

They lost 3 matches in Their 18 home games, all against Mexican rivals: 1-3 vs. Pumas UNAM (Group B 2008/09), 0-1 vs. Pachuca (Group A 2009/10), and 0-2 vs. Tigres UANL (QF 2019).

The last time Houston Dynamo lost in the first leg of a series in the CCC, they were subsequently eliminated (0-2 and 1-0 vs. Tigres UANL in the Quarterfinals in 2019).

Participations in the CCC (Since 1962): 8 (2007, 2008, 2008/09, 2009/10, 2012/13, 2019, 2024).

Best Result: Semifinals (2) 2007, 2008, Quarterfinals 2008/09, 2012/13, 2019

Record in the CCC (Since 1962): GP-37 GW-14 GD-10 GL-13 (GF-46 GA-45).

Top Scorers in the CCC: Cam Weaver (USA) 4, Craig Waibel (USA) 3, Kaianu Kamara (SLE) 3, Stuart Holden (ESC) 3, Robert Boswell (USA) 3, Brian Ching (USA) 3.

Players with the most appearances in the CCC: Robert Boswell (USA) 19, Brian Ching (USA) 15, Corey Ashe (USA) 13, Wade Barrett (USA) 12, Geoff Cameron (USA) 12, Ricardo Clark (USA) 12, Brad Davis (USA) 12.

Record in second leg matches in the KO Phase (since 2008/09): GP-4 GW-1 GD-0 GL-3 (GF-2 GA-8).

Wins with the most goals (since 2008/09): 5-1 vs. Árabe Unido (Eddie Robinson, Cam Weaver, Corey Ashe, and Stuart Holden x2), Group A - 2009/10; 4-0 vs. CD FAS (Giles Barnes, Robert Boswell, Cam Weaver, and Calen Carr), Group C - 2012/13.

Penalty shootouts: 0

Participations in the Round of 16: 2019 (vs. Guastatoya).

Goals in CCC 2024: Sebastian Kowalczyk (POL) 1.

Assists in CCC 2024: Ibrahim Aliyu (NIG) 1.

Saves in CCC 2024: 5. Goalkeeper: Steven Clark (USA) 5. (2 goals conceded)

How the goals were scored: From play (1).

Situations to score goals (6). Shots on target (1).

Players to follow:

Sebastian Kowalczyk (POL). Scored the only goal against St. Louis City. He had 57 successful passes, 2 corner kicks, and 2 balls recovered. Kowalczyk (POL) became the 4th player born in Poland to score a goal in the history of the CCC since 1983. The previous ones were **Grzegorz Lato** with Atlante FC (MEX) in 1983, Roman Kosecki with Chicago Fire (USA) in 1999, and Adam Buksa with New England Revolution (USA) in 2022. This was Kowalczyk's first goal in the CCC.

Adalberto Carrasquilla (PAN). Had the highest number of balls recovered (8). The Golden Ball of the Gold Cup 2023 played a Concacaf Champions Cup match again after his previous participation with Tauro FC in 2018.

Micael Dos Santos (BRA). Was the player who made the most shots against St. Louis City in the debut of the Concacaf Champions Cup 2024 (2). The 23-year-old Brazilian defender made his debut in the Concacaf's top competition.



St. Louis City (USA)

It took 8 years, 6 months, and 14 days for Tim Parker to score a goal again in the CCC. His first goal had been with Vancouver Whitecaps in the 1-1 draw against Seattle Sounders in Group F 2015/16.

St. Louis will play their first away game in the CCC. They lost their last 2 away games in Major League Soccer: 3-0 vs. Vancouver Whitecaps and 2-1 vs. Sporting Kansas City, on October 4th and November 5th, 2023.

They started with losses in their last 4 away games in the MLS 2023, from which they achieved 1 victory (1-2 vs. Minnesota United), 1 draw (1-1 vs. Houston Dynamo), and 2 losses (3-0 vs. Vancouver Whitecaps and 2-1 vs. Sporting Kansas City).

Goals in CCC 2024: Tim Parker (USA) 1, Husei Kijima (JPN) 1.

Assists in CCC 2024: Indiana Vassilev (USA) 1.

Saves in CCC 2024: 0. Goalkeepers: Roman Bürki (SUI) 0. (1 goal conceded).

How the goals were scored: From play (1), with a header (1).

Players to Follow:

Tim Parker (USA). Scored the first goal in the victory (2-1) against Houston Dynamo. The defender reached 20 appearances in the CCC. He had previously played with Vancouver Whitecaps (2015/16 and 2016/17) and New York Red Bulls (2018 and 2019).

João Klauss (BRA). Made (4) shots, one of them on target and three off target, against Houston Dynamo.

Roman Bürki (SUI). Made his CCC debut. The experienced team captain contributed 5 out of the 7 clearances. The goalkeeper has played in 36 UEFA Champions League matches and 10 in the UEFA Europa League.

Husei Kijima (JPN) from St. Louis City scored his 1st goal in the CCC and became the 1st Japanese player to score a goal in the entire history of the CCC. Kijima scored the 605th goal in the history of the CCC for an MLS team since 1997 and the 480th since the change in format in 2008.