

Diriangén (NCA) vs. Motagua (HON)

GROUP A

Estadio Cacique Diriangén, Diriamba

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They will face each other for the first time in the Central American Cup and in their history.

Diriangén FC (NCA) has faced three Honduran rivals (CD Olimpia, Real España, and CD Marathón) in various official tournaments. The last encounter between "Cacique" and Honduran clubs was in the inaugural edition of the Central American Cup (2023) when they drew 0-0 against Real España in Group C on August 24, 2023.

FC Motagua (HON) is unbeaten against Nicaraguan rivals in official matches (5W-2D-0L).

The last time FC Motagua faced a Nicaraguan team was when they were eliminated by Real Estelí (4-2) on penalties after a 2-2 draw in regulation time in the Play-in to qualify for the Scotiabank Concacaf Champions League at the National Chelato Uclés Stadium on December 9, 2020.



Cacique Diriangen FC (NCA)

Diriangén will return to the Central American Cup, this time as the champion of the Apertura 2023 and Clausura 2024 tournaments in Nicaragua.

The Nicaraguan team will seek to improve its performance in the group stage of 2023, where it failed to win any of its 4 matches and was the team with the fewest goals scored (1).

Its last international victory was against Comunicaciones in the Round of 16 of the Scotiabank Concacaf League 2022: 1-0 (Ramiro Peters).

It has been 345 minutes since Luis Copete of Diriangén last scored a goal (vs. Herediano) in the tournament (he has not scored in his last 3 matches).

Qualification: Champion of the Apertura 2023 and Clausura 2024 tournaments of the Nicaraguan Primera División.

Concacaf Central American Cup Appearances: 2 (2023 and 2024).

CCAC Record: GP-4 W-0 D-2 L-2 (1 GF - 3 GA).

Top Scorer in CCAC: Luis Copete (NCA) 1.

Assists in CCAC: Matías Galvaliz (ARG) 1.

Players with Most Appearances in CCAC: Leonel Buter, Matías Galvaliz, Jason Coronel, Erick Téllez, Melvin Hernández, Francisco Flores, Alfonso Quesada (4 Matches), Luis Copete, Jason Ingram, Jonathan Moncada, Jonathan Zapata, Renzo Carballo, Luis Coronel, Jereck Cáceres, Tomás Álvarez (3 Matches).

Most Saves in CCAC: Alfonso Quesada (CRC) 13.

Players to Watch:

Matías Galvaliz (ARG). The former Motagua player appeared in all 4 matches for Diriangén in the 2023 edition, standing out as the player with the most passes (118 and 1 assist). He has a total of 29 international appearances (3 goals and 7 assists).

Jason Coronel (NCA). The Managua-born player played all 4 matches for the team in the 2023 edition. He also played with Cacique Diriangén in their 3 matches in the Scotiabank Concacaf League (2018, 2021, and 2022).



FC Motagua (HON)

Motagua will play in the Concacaf Central American Cup for the second consecutive time. In the inaugural edition, it reached the quarterfinals where it was eliminated by Club Independiente of Panama with an aggregate score of 3-1. The team also played the Play-In for the Concacaf Champions Cup but was eliminated by Saprissa. It had the highest number of fouls against it (113) in the 2023 edition.

FC Motagua has 17 appearances in the Concacaf Champions Cup, with the most recent being in 2022. FC Motagua holds the record for finishing as runner-up in the Scotiabank Concacaf League three times in the editions from 2018 to 2022.

Qualification: Second place in the aggregate table of the Honduran Primera División Championship 2023/24.

Concacaf Central American Cup Appearances: 2 (2023 and 2024).

Best Result in CCAC: Quarterfinals 2023.

CCAC Record: GP-8 W-3 D-2 L-3 (12 GF - 14 GA). *Includes Play-In matches.

Top Scorers in CCAC: Agustín Auzmendi (ARG) 7, Yeison Mejía (HON) 3, Iván López (HON) 1, Carlos Mejía (HON) 1.

Assists in CCAC: Walter Martínez (HON) 2, Yeison Mejía (HON) 1, Riky Zapata (HON) 1, Kevin Álvarez (HON) 1, Iván López (HON) 1, Raúl Santos (HON) 1, Lucas Campana (ARG) 1, Marcelo Pereira (HON) 1.

Players with Most Appearances in CCAC: Raúl Santos, Yeison Mejía, Walter Martínez, Juan Delgado, Agustín Auzmendi, Carlos Argueta (8 Matches), Jonathan Rougier (7 Matches), Iván López, Riky Zapata, Carlos Mejía, Edwin Maldonado (6 Matches).

Most Saves in CCAC: Jonathan Rougier (ARG) 17, Enrique Facussé (HON) 1.

Players to Watch:

Jonathan Rougier (ARG). Did not concede goals in 3 of the 7 matches of the 2023 CCAC edition and finished the tournament with 17 saves. The Argentine naturalized Honduran is the goalkeeper with the most saves (82) and clean sheets (17) in the history of the Scotiabank Concacaf League.

Agustín Auzmendi (ARG). Is the top scorer of the Central American Cup with 7 goals in 8 matches. He was the top scorer for Motagua in the 2023/24 Honduran Primera División season with 26 goals in 41 appearances. Since his arrival in Honduran football, he has scored 49 goals in 76 appearances.