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|  | **8:30 PM ET** |
| **CRUZ AZUL** | **Mexico flag clipart - free download** |  | **AZTECA** |  | **FORGE FC** |
| ROUND OF 16 - WEEK 2 - **Concacaf Champions League 2022** | | | | | |

Aggregate score (1-0)

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| **FACTS** |

* With a goal from Venezuelan Romulo Otero, Cruz Azul beat Forge FC 1-0 at Tim Hortons Field, Hamilton (16-FEB-2022).
* **SERIES IN SCCL:**

**Matches Played: 1**

* WINS Cruz Azul: 1
* WINS forge FC: 0
* Draws: 0
* GOALS Cruz Azul: 1
* GOALS Forge FC: 0
* **Series between clubs in Mexico and Canada:**

**Mexican Clubs vs. Canadian Clubs:** GP-31 W-15 D-10 L-6. (59.1% effectiveness).

**Canadian Clubs vs. Mexican Clubs:** GP-31 W-6 D-10 L-15. (30.1% effectiveness).

* **DATA:**

**So far 21 matches have been played in the KO Phase of the SCCL between Mexican and Canadian teams** with 10 wins for the clubs of Mexico, 5 for Canadian Clubs and 6 draws.

1. **The only penalty shootout in SCCL between teams from both countries came in a final:** CD Guadalajara vs. Toronto FC in the 2018 final with victory and title for the Mexicans by (4-2) in the series after drawing (3-3) on aggregate.

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|  | **CRUZ AZUL (MEX)** |

* **GLOBAL RECORD (includes Concacaf Champions Cup):** GP-104 W-61 D-21 L-22 (GF-245 GA-87). 65.4% effectiveness.
* **RECORD IN THE SCCL ERA:** GP-64 W-38 D-11 L-15 (GF-133 GA-51). 65.1% effectiveness. **TOTAL APPEARANCES (includes former Concacaf Champions Cup**): 17th (1969, 1970, 1971, 1980, 1981, 1988, 1996, 1997, 1998, 2008/09, 2009/10, 2010/11, 2013/14, 2014/15, 2020, 2021 and 2022).
* **OVERALL, HOME RECORD IN SCCL:** GP-53 W-37 D-8 L-6 (GF-158 GA-36). 74.8% effectiveness.
* **TOP SCORERS IN THE HISTORY OF CONCACAF CLUB TOURNAMENTS:** Javier Orozco (MEX) 23 goals, Emanuel Villa (ARG) 11, Pablo Zeballos (PAR) 9.
* **73.3% of Cruz Azul's goals in SCCL ERA knockout** **series** **were scored by South American footballers (11 out of 15):** Walter Montoya x2, Lucas Passerini x2 (ARG), Pablo Ceppelini and Jonathan Rodríguez (URU), Yoshimar Yotún (PER), Juan Escobar (PAR), Rómulo Otero (VEN), Jonathan Borja and Bryan Angulo (ECU).

**HAT-TRICKS IN SCCL (Champions Era) (8):** Javier Orozco (MEX) x4, Jaime Lozano (MEX), Emanuel Villa (ARG), Mariano Pavone (ARG), Achille Edzimbi (CAM). In addition, Javier Orozco (MEX) scored a poker in the 2010/11 edition.

**BRACES IN SCCL (Champions Era) (10):** Edgar Andrade (MEX), Javier Orozco (MEX) x2, Nicolás Vigneri (URU), Pablo Zeballos (PAR), Maximiliano Biancucchi (ARG), Emanuel Villa (ARG) x2, Walter Montoya (ARG) and Bryan Angulo (ECU). **LAST BRACE:** Bryan Angulo (ECU) in the 3-1 win against Toronto FC in the first leg of the QF of the 2021 edition at Raymond James Stadium (27-APR-2021).

* **PENALTY SHOOTOUTS (Champions Era):** (1). **WON:** 1.  **LOST:** 0. Victory 4-2 vs. Puerto Rico Islanders (PUR) in the Semifinals of the 2008/09 edition.
* **TOP PLAYERS:**
* **Romulo Otero (VEN).** He scored a free-kick goal in the first leg. The Venezuelan striker made 9 corner kicks and completed 90% effectiveness in passes.
* **Luis Mendoza (MEX).** In his 19th SCCL match, the striker played his first game in the SCCL with Cruz Azul (previously, he had 18 appearances and 3 goals between Club América, Santos Laguna, Tijuana and Toluca).
* **Sebastián Jurado (MEX)**. The goalkeeper added 5 games in SCCL: 2020 (11 saves in 2 matches) and in 2021 (4 saves in 2 games ), in his previous participations.

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|  | **FORGE FC (CAN)** |

* **RECORD IN SCCL:** GP-1 W-0 D-0 L-1 (GF-0 GC-1). 0% effectiveness.  **PARTICIPATIONS:** 1st (2022).
* **Forge FC looks to score their first goal and add their first win in SCCL** **history.**
* **TOP SCORERS IN SCCL HISTORY:** 0
* **Lost (4-2) the only penalty shootout in the Scotiabank Concacaf League SCL vs. Arcahaie FC (HAI) at the 2020 SCL QF** after drawing 1-1 in regulation time in a single match at the Felix Sanchez Olympic Stadium (1/DEC/2020).
* **TOP PLAYERS:**
* **Triston Henry (CAN).** He made 1 save and 2 clearances vs Cruz Azul. The goalkeeper, who was key in qualifying for the 2022 SCCL, holds the record for most international matches played at Forge FC (17 games and 46 saves).
* **Kyle Bekker (CAN).** He was the player with the most goal situations in the premiere of Forge FC vs Cruz Azul. The captain took 2 shots and was the player with the most recovered balls (3).
* **David Choiniere (CAN).**  He scored goals in all 3 editions of the Concacaf League with Forge FC. He played 3 matches in the SCL 2019 (2 goals), 4 matches in SCL 2020 (1 goal) and 8 matches in SCL 2021 (1 goal). Together with Mo Babouli, they are the club's top scorers in international tournaments with (4).