2024 CONCACAF Champions Cup

# Forge FC (CAN) vs. Guadalajara (MEX)

Wednesday, February 7, 2024

Tim Hortons Field, Hamilton, CAN

**All-Time series:** They will face each other for the first time.

**Forge FC (CAN)**

Forge FC have qualified for the 2024 Champions Cup by virtue of being CPL Champions or finishing as CPL runners-up and with the second-best regular season record. It is Forge’s second appearance in the Champions Cup and their first since 2022.

**Appearances in the Concacaf Champions Cup:** 2 (2022, 2024).

**Debut:** 2022 (Round of 16).

**Last participation:** 2022 (Round of 16).

**Record in the Champions Cup (including SCCL ERA):** GP-2 W-0 D-0 L-2 (GF-1 GA-4)

**Best Result:** Round of 16 2022.

**Record in the SCCL ERA:** GP-2 W-0 D-0 L-2 (GF-1 GA-4)

**Best Result in the SCCL ERA:** Round of 16 2022.

**Top scorers in the SCCL ERA:** David Choiniere (CAN) 1.

**Players with the most appearances in the SCCL ERA:** Alessandro Hojabrpour (CAN) 2, Triston Henry (CAN) 2, David Choiniere (CAN) 2, Terran Campbell (CAN) 2, Kyle Bekker (CAN) 2, Emery Welshman (GUY) 2, Christopher Nanco (CAN) 2, Aboubacar Sissoko (MLI) 2, Alexander Achinioti-Jönsson (SUE) 2, Garven-Michee Metusala (HAI) 2, Ashtone Morgan (CAN) 2, Woobens Pacius (CAN) 2, Dominic Samuel (CAN) 2.

**In the SCCL ERA:** Could only score one goal in a match, kept no clean sheets, conceded goals in 2 encounters.

**Players to Watch:**

**David Choinière.** Scored the only goal for Forge FC in the SCCL (vs. Cruz Azul in the 2022 round of 16). He scored 2 goals in 3 matches in the Scotiabank Concacaf League 2019, 1 goal in 4 games in the SCCL 2020, and 1 goal in 8 matches in the SCL 2021.

**Tristan Borges.** Has 12 international appearances and scored a goal vs. FAS in the Scotiabank Concacaf League 2021. Played minutes in both matches of the SCCL 2022 vs. Cruz Azul.

**Tristan Henry.** Participated in all 18 international matches with Forge FC (including the Scotiabank Concacaf Champions League and Scotiabank Concacaf League). Made 6 saves in 2 SCCL matches (2022) and 45 saves in 16 appearances in the SCL (2019, 2020, and 2021).

**Guadalajara (MEX)**

Chivas return to the CONCACAF Champions Cup for the first time since their last title conquest in 2018 after qualifying as 2023 Liga MX Clausura runners-up. The Guadalajara-based club were also the very first CONCACAF club Champions in 1962, while finishing as runners-up in 1963 and 2007.

**Appearances in the Concacaf Champions Cup:** 9 (1962, 1963, 1984, 1985, 1997, 2007, 2012/13, 2018, 2024).

**Debut:** 1962 (Winner).

**Last participation:** 2018 (Winner).

**Record in the Champions Cup (including SCCL ERA):** GP-35 W-20 D-9 L-6 (GF-64 GA-25).

**Best Result:** Winner (2) 1962, 2018. Runners-up 1963, 1984, 2007.

**Record in the SCCL ERA:** GP-12 W-7 D-2 L-3 (GF-21 GA-7)

**Best Result in the SCCL ERA:** Winner (1) 2018.

**Top scorers in the SCCL ERA:** Marco Fabián (MEX) 3, Alan Pulido (MEX) 2, Juan José Macías (MEX) 2, Oswaldo Alanís (MEX) 2, José de Jesús Godínez (MEX) 2.

**Players with the most appearances in the SCCL ERA:** Orbelín Pineda (MEX) 8, Rodolfo Pizarro (MEX) 8, Michael Pérez (MEX) 8, Carlos Cisneros (MEX) 8, Oswaldo Alanís (MEX) 8.

**In the SCCL ERA:** Scored goals in 9 games, only couldn't score in 3 matches, kept 6 clean sheets, conceded goals in 6 encounters, and had 1 draw with a 0-0 scoreline.

**Players to Watch:**

**Roberto Alvarado (MEX).** Scored 6 goals in 15 appearances in the 2023 Liga MX Apertura. Was a champion with Pachuca in the Scotiabank Concacaf Champions League 2016/17. Additionally, he played in the 2020 and 2021 editions of the SCCL with Cruz Azul.

**Cristian Calderón (MEX).** Was one of the defenders with the most assists (4) in the 2023 Liga MX Apertura.

**José Juan Macías (MEX).** Was a champion of the Scotiabank Concacaf Champions League in 2018 with CD Guadalajara. Played 6 matches and score 2 goals (vs. Cibao FC).