

****LAFC vs. Philadelphia Union

 **BMO STADIUM 10:PM EDT May 2, 2023**

They tied 1-1 in the first leg (Daniel Gazdag from the penalty spot for Philadelphia and Kellyn Acosta for LAFC, at Subaru Park, April 26th, 2023).

This was the 5th time two MLS teams tied 1-1 in the SCCL and the second consecutive time in a semifinal.

Philadelphia Union remained unbeaten in the SCCL against MLS rivals, with 1 win and 2 draws, and extended their winless streak to two games.

Los Angeles FC remained unbeaten against Philadelphia Union with 1 win and 5 draws, scoring 13 goals and conceding 10.

**MLS matchups in SCCL semifinals:**

Seattle Sounders 3-1 New York City (Albert Rusnák, Jordan Morris, and Nicolás Lodeiro; Thiago Andrade), first leg of the 2022 SF.

New York City 1-1 Seattle Sounders (Santiago Rodríguez; Raúl Ruidíaz), second leg of the 2022 SF.

Philadelphia Union 1-1 Los Angeles FC (Daniel Gazdag; Kellyn Acosta), first leg of the 2023 SF.

 **MLS matches:**

Los Angeles FC 4-1 Philadelphia Union (Adama Diomandé x3 and Latif Blessing; Fafa Picault), at Banc of California Stadium in Los Angeles (June 30th, 2018).

Philadelphia Union 1-1 Los Angeles FC (Kacper Przybylko; Carlos Vela), at Talen Energy Stadium in Chester (September 14th, 2019).

Los Angeles FC 3-3 Philadelphia Union (Carlos Vela, Diego Rossi, and Eddie Segura; Sergio Santos, Jacob Glesnes, and Brenden Aaronson), at Banc of California Stadium in Los Angeles (March 8th, 2020).

Los Angeles FC 2-2 Philadelphia Union (Kwadwo Opoku and Franco Escobar; Dániel Gazdag and Julián Carranza), at Banc of California Stadium in Los Angeles (May 7th, 2022).

Los Angeles FC 3-3 (3-0 on penalties) Philadelphia Union (Kellyn Acosta, Jesús Murillo, and Gareth Bale; Dániel Gazdag and Jack Elliott x2), in the final of the 2022 MLS CUP, at Banc of California Stadium in Los Angeles (November 5th, 2022).

****Los Angeles FC 

**SCCL RECORD:** G: 10 W-6 D-1 L-3 (GF-20 GA-9) / 63%

**HOME RECORD:** G-3 W-2 D-1 GF-7GA-2 67%

**BEST FINISH:** Runner-Up 2020.

**TOP SCORERS SCCL ERA:** Carlos Vela (MEX) 8, Dénis Bouanga (FRA) 5, Diego Rossi (URU) 2, Opoku Kwadwo (GHA) 2, Latif Blessing (GHA) 1, José Cifuentes (ECU) 1, Kellyn Acosta (USA) 1.

**SCCL ERA HAT-TRICKS:** Denis Bouanga (FRA) vs. Alajuelense (R16 de 2023). Carlos Vela (MEX) y Denis Bouanga (FRA). The Mexican forward score a hat-trick on three occasions (vs. Club León in R16, vs. Club América in SF 2020, and vs. Vancouver Whitecaps FC in QF 2023), While the Frenchman scores one in the match against Vancouver Whitecaps (QF 2023).

**MOST CAPPED PLAYERS IN SCCL ERA:** Carlos Vela (MEX) 10, Diego Palacios (ECU) 10, Jesús Murillo (COL) 8, José Cifuentes (ECU) 7, Opoku Kwadwo (GHA) 7, Eddie Segura (COL) 5, Kenneth Vermeer (SUR) 5, Tristan Blackmon (USA) 5, Diego Rossi (URU) 5, Mark-Anthony Kaye (CAN) 5, Latif Blessing (GHA) 5, Stipe Biuk (CRO) 5, Timothy Tillman (GER) 5, Kellyn Acosta (USA) 5, Denis Bouanga (FRA) 5.

**SCCL 2023 TOP SCORERS:** Denis Bouanga (FRA) 5, Carlos Vela (MEX) 3, Opoku Kwadwo (GHA) 1, José Cifuentes (ECU) 1, Kellin Acosta (USA) 1.

**SCCL 2023 ASSISTS LEADER:** Ryan Hollingshead (USA) 2, Denis Bouanga (FRA) 2, Ilie Sánchez (ESP) 2, Opoku Kwadwo (GHA) 1, Carlos Vela (MEX) 1, Timothy Tillman (GER) 1.

**SCCL 2023 SAVES:** (24). John McCarthy (USA) 24.

\* In the penalty shootout of the 2022 MLS CUP final, John McCarthy (former Philadelphia Union player) was the hero. He came on for the sent-off Maxime Crépeau and saved all 3 penalty kicks from Philadelphia to help LAFC win the title.

**SF RECORD (SCCL ERA):** G-2 W-1 D-1

**SCORERS IN SF (SCCL ERA):** Carlos Vela (MEX) 2, Latif Blessing (GHA) 1, Kellyn Acosta (USA). Líder en asistencias: Eddie Segura (COL) 1, Denis Bouanga (FRA) 1.

**AWAY RECORD (SCCL ERA):** G- 3 W-2 L-1

LAFC is the team with the most goals scored (11), passes (2,128), balls recovered (77), and assists (9) in the 2023 SCCL.

**LAFC won 6 out of their 10 matches in the SCCL (in 5 of them, they scored 3 goals): 3-0 vs. León (R16 2020), 2-1 vs. Cruz Azul (QF 2020), 3-1 vs. Club América (SF 2020), 0-3 vs. Alajuelense (R16 2023), and 0-3 and 3-0 vs. Vancouver Whitecaps (QF 2023).**

**TOP PLAYERS**

**Denis Bouanga (FRA):** He has been involved in 64% of LAFC's goals (5 goals and 2 assists) and is the team's top scorer in the 2023 SCCL. He also ranks second among players with the most shots (19). All 5 of his goals were scored in the second half.

**Ilie Sánchez (ESP):** He has faced Philadelphia Union 7 times in MLS and SCCL matches and scored a goal in 2019 as a player for Sporting Kansas City. Sánchez leads the team in recoveries with 14. He scored the decisive penalty kick that won the MLS Cup title for LAFC in 2022.

**Carlos Vela (MEX):** He has been involved in 50% of LAFC's goals (8 goals and 2 assists in 10 matches). Along with Diego Palacios (ECU), he has played in all of LAFC's SCCL matches. Vela has played against Philadelphia Union 5 times and has never lost (1 win and 4 draws). He scored 2 goals and 1 assist in those matches.

**Aaron Long (USA):** He has played in 19 SCCL matches (15 as a player for New York Red Bulls in the 2016/17, 2018, and 2019 editions). In the first leg, he led the team in recoveries with 4.

**Kellyn Acosta (USA):** He scored his 4th goal in the SCCL and became the second American player to score 2 goals in semifinals after Roy Lassiter (DC United 1998) and Brian Ching (Houston Dynamo 2007). Acosta is the first American player to score a goal in semifinals with two different teams in the SCCL, having previously done so with FC Dallas in 2017 and now with LAFC in 2022. He has played in 12 SCCL matches and scored 3 goals in 7 matches as a player for FC Dallas in 2016-17.

Philadelphia Union 

**SCCL RECORD:** G: 11 W-5 PE-4 PP-2 (GF-17 GC-8) / 58%

**AWAY RECORD:** G: 5 W-2 D-2 L-1 (GF-6 GA-4). 53%

**BEST FINISH:** Semifinals 2021 y 2022.

**SCCL ERA TOP SCORERS:** Kacper Przybylko (GER) 5, Daniel Gazdag (HUN) 3, Jamiro Monteiro (NED) 2, Anthony Fontana (USA) 2, Julián Carranza (ARG) 2, Andrés Perea (USA) 2.

**SCCL ERA BRACES:**  Jamiro Monteiro (NED) vs. Deportivo Saprissa CRC (R16 - 2021), Kacper Przybylko (GER) vs. Atlanta United USA (QF - 2021), Andrés Perea (USA) vs. Alianza FC SLV (R16 2023) y Julián Carranza (ARG) vs. Atlas (QF 2023).

**MOST CAPPED PLAYERS IN SCCL ERA:** Alejandro Bedoya (USA) 11, Kai Wagner (GER) 10, Jakob Glesnes (NOR) 10, Andre Blake (JAM) 10, José Martínez (VEN) 10, Jack Elliot (ENG) 9, Leon Flach (USA) 9, Olivier Mbaizo (CAM) 9, Jack McGlynn (USA) 8, Quinn Sullivan (USA) 8.

**SCCL 2023 TOP SCORERS:** Daniel Gazdag (HUN) 3, Andrés Perea (USA) 2, Julián Carranza (ARG) 2, Damion Lowe (JAM) 1.

**SCCL 2023 ASSISTS LEADER:** Kai Wagner (GER) 1, Mikael Uhre (DEN) 1, Quinn Sullivan (USA) 1, Jack McGlynn (USA) 1.

**SCCL 2023 SAVES:** (13). Andre Blake (JAM) 12, Joseph Bendik (USA) 1.

**SF RECORD IN (SCCL ERA):** G- 3 W-0 L-2

**SCORERS IN SF (SCCL ERA):** Daniel Gazdag (HUN) 1.

**AWAY RECORD (SCCL ERA):** G: 5 W-2 D-2 L-1.

**Philadelphia Union is the team with the most penalties in their favor in the 2023 SCCL (3), all of them scored by Daniel Gazdag.**

**Whenever they won in the SCCL, they did not concede any goals: 4-0 and 0-1 vs. Saprissa CRC (R16 2021), 0-3 vs. Atlanta United USA (QF 2021), 4-0 vs. Alianza FC SLV (R16 2023), and 1-0 vs. Atlas (QF 2023).**

**TOP PLAYERS**

**Daniel Gazdag (HUN):** He is the top scorer for the team in the 2023 SCCL with 3 goals. All of his goals were scored from penalty kicks, and he became the only player of the club to score in semifinals. The Hungarian has faced Los Angeles FC three times and has scored in each match while also contributing 1 assist (twice in the 2022 MLS and once in the 2023 SCCL).

**Julián Carranza (ARG):** He had 3 shots in the first leg and was the player with the most shots (7) in the QF against Atlas. The Argentine leads the team in shots (15) and fouls suffered (11). He has scored 1 goal in 3 matches against LAFC.

**Jack McGlynn (USA):** He has played the most minutes (436') and made the most passes (202) for Philadelphia Union in the 2023 SCCL, with 1 assist.

**José Martínez (VEN):** He leads the team in balls recovered (13) in the 2023 SCCL.

**Kai Wagner (GER):** He was the player with the most accurate passes in the first leg. Meanwhile, Jakob Glesnes (NOR) had 3 balls recovered.