

Tigres UANL vs Portland Thorns

It will be a clash between the two most powerful offenses of the group stage. Tigres UANL sealed their semifinal berth in undefeated fashion, finishing with the most points (10). They kept opposing defenses under constant pressure with 77 total shots, including 34 on target and 5 hitting the woodwork.

Portland Thorns will be a tough challenge for Tigres, after posting the best first-half performance in the group stage by taking the lead in all four matches and becoming the only team not to concede a goal before halftime.

Much like Tigres' attack, Portland Thorns boasts weapons that can unsettle any defense, scoring 13 goals during the group stage.

Isabella D'Aquila from Thorns (3 goals, 3 assists) and Ana Dias from Tigres UANL (4 goals, 2 assists) were the players with the highest direct goal involvement in the group stage, each contributing to 6 goals.



TIGRES UANL (MEX)

Tigres UANL competes in Liga MX Femenil, where they hold the record for the most league titles with 6 (Clausura 2018, Clausura 2019, Guardianes 2020, Guardianes 2021, Apertura 2022, Apertura 2023). Additionally, they have won 3 Campeón de Campeones Femenil titles (2020-21, 2022-23, 2023-24).

How they reached the semifinals: Tigres UANL won Group A in undefeated fashion with 10 points. The team set the tone early with a commanding 4-0 victory over local rivals Monterrey, with goals from Maricarmen Reyes, Jenni Hermoso, Thembi Kgatlana, and Cristina Ferral.

In their visit to Jamaica, they cruised to a 7-1 win over Frazsiers Whip, powered by a brace from Stephany Mayor and goals from Ana Dias, Ana Seïça, Thembi Kgatlana, and a penalty converted by Alison González.

Back at Estadio Universitario, Tigres earned a 3-1 win over LD Alajuelense with goals from Ana Dias, Maricarmen Reyes, and Anika Rodríguez.

In the decisive match for first place, they drew 4-4 away in Harrison, NY, with a brace from Ana Dias, a goal from Stephany Mayor, and a penalty strike from Jacqueline Ovalle.

Record in the CWCC

- GP: 4 | W: 3 | D: 1 | L: 0 | GF: 18 | GA: 6 | PTS: 10
- Qualified for the semifinals as undefeated leaders of Group A.
- Team with the most points in the group stage (10).
- Leaders in total shots (77), shots on target (34), and shots hitting the post (5).
- Second-best team in assists (14).

Key players:

- A crucial piece for Tigres UANL has been goalkeeper Cecilia Santiago, with 7 saves and one clean sheet. Three of her saves were on shots inside the area, with the rest coming from outside. Her teammate Ofelia Solís, who only played in the 7-1 win against Frazier's Whip, recorded one save.
- Ana Dias: Team and tournament top scorer (4 goals, 2 assists).
- Jacqueline Ovalle: Leader in assists (3) and shots off the post (2). She is followed by Ana Dias, Stephany Mayor, Joseline Montoya, and Anika Rodríguez, each with 2 assists.
- Stephany Mayor: Highest shooting efficiency (50%) and 3 goals scored.
- Belén Cruz: Most corner kicks taken (13).
- Maricarmen Reyes: Most fouls committed (9).



PORTLAND THORNS (USA)

Portland Thorns Football Club is based in Portland, Oregon. It was founded in 2012 and currently plays in the National Women's Soccer League (NWSL) of the United States. They have won the NWSL championship three times (2013, 2017, and 2022) and were runners-up in 2018. Additionally, they won the Fall Series (2020) and the NWSL Challenge Cup (2021).

How they reached the semifinals: Portland Thorns finished second in Group B with 9 points, tied with Club América but with a lower goal difference (+8).

Portland opened the group stage with a 3-1 victory over Club América, thanks to a brace from Concacaf legend Christine Sinclair and a goal from Reilyn Turner. Their chances of topping the group took a hit with a 3-2 away loss to San Diego Wave. Portland had taken an early lead with goals from Sophia Wilson and Reilyn Turner, but a hat-trick from María Guadalupe Sánchez turned the tide in favor of the home side.

The Thorns bounced back with a 2-1 home win over Santa Fe (PAN), with goals from Isabella D'Aquila and Payton Linnehan, keeping hopes alive. In their final group match, they delivered a dominant 6-0 away win over Vancouver Whitecaps, with Isabella D'Aquila once again leading the way with a brace. She was joined on the scoresheet by Payton Linnehan, Christine Spaanstra, Christine Sinclair, and Reyna Renée Reyes.

However, Club América's away win against San Diego Wave in the final group match denied Portland the top spot in the group.

Record in the CWCC

- GP: 4 | W: 3 | D: 0 | L: 0 | GF: 13 | GA: 5 | PTS: 9

- Qualified for the semifinals as second place in Group B with 13 goals scored.

- Best first-half performance, taking the lead in every match and not conceding before halftime.

Key players:

- With 10 saves, Shelby Hogan was a wall for Portland Thorns, helping the team concede just 5 goals during the group stage. Of her 10 saves, 7 came on shots inside the box. Hogan was transferred to Gotham FC during the offseason.

- Isabella D'Aquila: 3 goals and 3 assists (highest offensive impact alongside Ana Dias from Tigres UANL).

- Christine Sinclair: 3 goals from open play.

Other standout players:

- Olivia Moultrie and Marie Müller recorded 2 assists each, while Payton Linnehan and Alexa Christine Spaanstra each contributed one assist.