



CD Águila (SLV) vs. Real Estelí FC (NCA)

Estadio Cuscatlán, San Salvador, SLV, Wednesday, October 2, 2024
20:00 (18:00) *EDT (Local Time)

They will face each other for the fourth time in their history. In addition to having met in the Concacaf Central American Cup, they were rivals in the round of 16 of the inaugural editions of the Scotiabank Concacaf League in 2017, where CD Águila won in the penalty shootout (4-3) after a 1-1 draw in the aggregate score.

Real Estelí won 2-1 against CD Águila in the first leg of the quarterfinals on September 25, 2024, at the Estadio Independencia in Estelí with goals from Juan Vieyra and Byron Bonilla; CD Águila scored through Blas Sosa.

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CD Águila 1-0 Real Estelí FC (Víctor García), first leg round of 16, Estadio Cuscatlán, San Salvador (August 2, 2017).

Real Estelí FC 1-0 (3-4) CD Águila (Nahúm Peralta), second leg round of 16 - Estadio Independencia, Estelí (August 8, 2017)."

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- Real Estelí FC achieved their 7th victory in 8 home games in the competition, triumphing once again in a quarter-final match, previously having beaten Saprissa (CRC) on September 27, 2023.
- It is the 2nd victory in as many matches for Real Estelí FC against clubs from El Salvador, having previously won 0x2 against CD FAS on August 15, 2023.
- Real Estelí FC reached 20 goals scored in the competition's history, with Juan Vieyra (ARG) reaching 2 goals in the tournament, while Byron Bonilla scored his 4th goal, becoming the top scorer for the "northern train" in the Central American Cup.
- Óscar Acevedo (NCA) and Byron Bonilla (NCA) both achieved their 8th victory with Real Estelí FC in the tournament's history, becoming the players with the most wins for the "Tren del Norte" in the Central American Cup.
- Real Estelí became the first club from Nicaragua to overcome an adverse score and win the match.
- Otoniel Olivas (NCA) has managed 15 matches with Real Estelí FC in the tournament's history, becoming the coach with the most directed games in the history of the Central American Cup.
- Otoniel Olivas (NCA) also achieved his 9th victory with Real Estelí FC in the tournament, making him the coach with the most wins in the history of the Central American Cup.
- Real Estelí FC continues unbeaten at home against clubs from El Salvador in official international tournaments, with 3 matches and 3 victories, against CD Águila 1x0 on August 8, 2017, in the CONCACAF League, against Santa Tecla 2x1 on July 30, 2019, in

the CONCACAF League, and against CD Águila 2x1 on September 25, 2024, in the Central American Cup.

- CD Águila ended a streak of 4 consecutive matches without defeat in the competition (3W-1D), which was their best streak of consecutive games without a loss so far in the tournament.
- As visitors, CD Águila suffered their 3rd loss in 5 matches, breaking a streak of 2 consecutive unbeaten visits in the competition (1D-1W).
- CD Águila reached 13 goals scored in the tournament's history, with Blas Sosa (ARG) scoring his 2nd goal in the competition, tying for the 2nd place among top scorers for the "aguilucho" club with Darwin Cerén (SLV) and Dionatan Machado (BRA).
- Blas Sosa (ARG) of CD Águila scored the fastest goal for a club from El Salvador in the tournament's history, achieving it at 03m02s, breaking the previous record held by his teammate Dionatan Machado (BRA) who scored against Port Layola (BLZ) on August 14, 2024, at 03m05s.
- This was the 2nd time in CONCACAF tournament history that CD Águila visited Nicaragua to face Real Estelí and lost, with the first occurrence on August 8, 2017, in the CONCACAF League, when in the second leg of the round of 16, the "aguilucho" club lost 1x0 to the "northern train", with Nahún Peralta scoring the goal.
- Daniel Messina (ARG), coach of CD Águila, became the coach with the most directed matches for a club from El Salvador in the tournament's history, with 5 matches (all in the 2024 edition with Águila club).



CD Águila (SLV)

Club Deportivo Águila won 3 of the last 4 Central American Cup matches. Playing at home, they achieved 100% of the points (5-1 vs. Port Layola and 2-0 vs. Olimpia). In the history of the CCAC, they overcame the only Nicaraguan rival they faced at home: 1-0 vs. Diriangén (Darwin Cerén), in Group C of 2023, at Las Delicias (August 17, 2023). CD Águila managed to keep a clean sheet in 3 of their 5 matches (0-0 vs. Antigua GFC, 2-0 vs. Olimpia, and 0-3 vs. CAI). They won 3 of their 4 home matches in the history of the CCAC and always scored goals (achieved 2 clean sheets at home). Of their last 7 goals scored, 6 were in the second half.

Participations in the CCAC: 2 (2023 and 2024).

Best result: Quarterfinals 2024.

Record in the CCAC: Played 9, Won 4, Drawn 1, Lost 4 (Goals For 13, Goals Against 12).

Top scorers: Carlos Salazar (COL) 3, Blas Sosa (ARG) 2, Dionatan Machado (BRA) 2, Darwin Cerén (SLV) 2, Herberth Díaz (SLV), Melvin Cartagena (SLV), Dixon Rivas (SLV), Ronald Rodríguez (SLV).

Assists: Santos Ortíz (SLV) 5, Julio Ramírez (ARG) 1, Herberth Díaz (SLV), Carlos Salazar (COL), Dionatan Machado (BRA), Alexander Larín (SLV).

Players with the most appearances in the CCAC: Julio Sibrián, Darwin Cerén (9 Matches), Melvin Cartagena, Santos Ortíz, Ronald Rodríguez, Dixon Rivas (8), Herberth Díaz (7), Carlos Salazar, Walter Pineda (6).

Saves: Benji Villalobos (SLV) 16 (16 in this edition), Rafael García (URU) 5 (1 in the current competition).

Opportunities to score goals (73). Shots on target (27).

Youngest scorer: Herberth Díaz (SLV) - 23 years and 238 days (vs. Port Layola - Group C 2024).

Oldest scorer: Darwin Cerén (SLV) - 34 years and 241 days (vs. CAI - Group C 2024).

Fastest goal: Blas Sosa (ARG) vs. Real Estelí (Quarterfinals - Leg 1 - 2024): 3 minutes 2 seconds.

Players to watch:

Blas Sosa (ARG). Scored goals in Águila's last 2 matches. He is the only player on the team who scored in both the group phase and the knockout phase (vs. CAI in the closing of Group C and vs. Real Estelí in the quarterfinals).

Melvin Cartagena (SLV). Delivered (73) accurate passes and recovered three balls (3) against Real Estelí. The midfielder leads the team in passes with (218).

Darwin Cerén (SLV). He is the team leader in shots with (10) and one of the members with the most passes (216) and ball recoveries (11). Scored in the only victory against a Nicaraguan rival vs. Diriangén in 2023."



Real Estelí FC (NCA)

Real Estelí Football Club won 8 of the 15 matches in the history of the CCAC. The runner-up of the 2023 edition lost 1 of the last 6 matches. Its 4 draws in the tournament's history were all away games.

In 2023, it eliminated Deportivo Saprissa in the quarterfinals with an aggregate score of 3-2.

It defeated both Salvadoran rivals it faced in the CCAC: 2-0 vs. CD FAS (Juan Barrera x2) in Group B of 2023 at Estadio Las Delicias, and 2-1 vs. CD Águila (Juan Vieyra and Byron Bonilla; Blas Sosa), quarterfinals of 2024, at Estadio Independencia.

Participations in the CCAC: 2 (2023 and 2024).

Best result: Runner-up in the 2023 edition.

Record in the CCAC: Played 15, Won 8, Drawn 4, Lost 3 (Goals For 20, Goals Against 14).

Top scorers: Byron Bonilla (NCA) 4, Juan Vieyra (ARG) 2, Juan Barrera (NCA) 2, Harold Medina (NCA) 2, Bancy Hernández (NCA) 2, Arley Bonilla (COL) 2.

Assists: Byron Bonilla (NCA) 3, Bancy Hernandez (NCA) 2, Abel Méndez (ARG) 2, Harold Medina (NCA) 2, Henry García (NCA) 1, Leyvin Balanta (COL), Agenor Báez (NCA), Josué Quijano (NCA).

Players with the most appearances: Ebert Martínez (15 Matches), Josué Quijano, Marvin Fletes, Byron Bonilla (14), Harold Medina, Óscar Acevedo (13), Fabián Monserrat, Arley Bonilla, Marlon López, Douglas Forvis, Leyvin Balanta, Bancy Hernández (10).

Saves: Douglas Forvis (NCA) 27, Jason Vega (NCA) 5 (5 in the current edition).

Opportunities to score goals (44). Shots on target (17).

Youngest scorer: Harold Medina (NCA) - 21 years and 190 days (vs. Olimpia - Group B 2023).

Oldest scorer: Juan Barrera (NCA) - 34 years and 105 days (vs. CD FAS - Group B 2023).

Fastest goal in history: Byron Bonilla (NCA) vs. Saprissa (Group D - 2023): 6 minutes 11 seconds.

Quarterfinal record: Played 3, Won 2, Drawn 1, Lost 0 (Goals For 5, Goals Against 3).

Quarterfinal top scorers: Byron Bonilla (NCA) 1, Juan Vieyra (ARG), Marvin Fletes (NCA), Bancy Hernández (NCA) *includes an own goal.

Players to watch:

Byron Bonilla (NCA). He has scored 4 goals and 3 assists from 14 shots. He has played all 14 matches in the CCAC, of which 4 goals were from free kicks.

Ebert Martínez (NCA). The 22-year-old midfielder is the only player from Real Estelí who has been on the field for all 15 matches in the CCAC.

Juan Vieyra (ARG). He scored a goal in the group stage and in the knockout phase in the first leg against CD Águila. The Argentine forward has made 6 shots in 5 appearances."