



Monterrey (MEX) vs. Inter Miami (USA)

Wednesday, April 10, 2024, BBVA Stadium, Monterrey (MEX).

CF Monterrey came from behind in the first leg to secure a 2-1 victory with goals from Maximiliano Meza and Jorge Rodríguez, while Tomás Aviles scored for Inter Miami on April 3, 2024, at Chase Stadium in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

CF Monterrey has never lost a two-legged knockout phase after winning the away leg.

Records after the first leg:

It's the first time that two Argentine footballers scored a goal each in the same match for CF Monterrey in the history of the competition, Maxi Meza and Jorge Rodríguez.

CF Monterrey extended their unbeaten streak in quarterfinal first leg matches to 6 wins in 8 games, along with 2 draws. Historical records show a 100% qualification rate to the next round against any club faced by Monterrey.

With their 9th consecutive victory against Inter Miami (1-2), CF Monterrey holds the longest winning streak by a Mexican club in the entire history of the CCC.

At the end of the first leg matches of the quarterfinals last Wednesday, MLS teams extended their winless streak against Mexican rivals to 12 consecutive matches in the history of the tournament (4D-8L).

It's the 12th consecutive game without a win for MLS clubs against Mexican rivals in the history of the tournament (4D-8L). MLS clubs have only managed to win 4 out of their last 28 encounters against Liga MX rivals (4W-10D-14L).

CF Monterrey remains undefeated for the 16th consecutive game in the competition (14W 2D), marking the second-best streak for Rayados in the history of the tournament, surpassed only by the streak from 2004 to 2011 of 18 games (7D-11W). It is highly likely that this record will be equaled and surpassed in this tournament.

When CF Monterrey faces Inter Miami in the second leg, it will be the **111th encounter** between Liga MX and MLS teams since the format change in 2008-09 (87 in direct elimination phase).



CF Monterrey (MEX)

Monterrey has advanced from the quarterfinals in 100% of the series in the tournament (7 times), including its different formats: 2004 (vs. CD FAS), 2005 (vs. Municipal), 2010/11 (vs. Toluca), 2011/12 (vs. Morelia), 2012/13 (vs. Xelajú), 2019 (vs. Atlanta United), and 2021 (vs. Columbus Crew).

Monterrey is the only team that maintains a perfect score in the CCC 2024 (15 points) and also boasts the highest winning percentage (74%) in the tournament since the SCCL era onwards. Additionally, it is the team with the most victories in the KO Phase with 28.

They have won their last 6 home matches (including the final against Club América in 2021). Monterrey has achieved 10 victories in their last 11 home matches in the tournament (1-1 vs. Tigres UANL in the 2019 final). Their last defeat at home was 3-2 against Árabe Unido in Group D (**August 17, 2016**).

Monterrey's only defeat in the quarterfinals was against Atlanta United, in the second leg: 1-0 (goal by Josef Martínez) at Mercedes-Benz Stadium in Atlanta. The rest were 10 victories and 4 draws.

Monterrey has played in 28 two-legged series (home and away) in the history of the tournament, advancing in 22 of them (79%) and being eliminated only 5 times. However, none of these eliminations were against a **US-based rival** (3 against Central American clubs and 2 against Mexican clubs).

Under the guidance of Argentine coach Fernando Ortíz, the team leads in shots with 79 in the CCC 2024.

Participation in the Concacaf Champions Cup since 1962: 12 (1975, 1987, 1994, 2004, 2005, 2010/11, 2011/12, 2012/13, 2016/17, 2019, 2021, 2024).

Best Result: Champion (5) 2010/11, 2011/12, 2012/13, 2019, 2021.

Record in the CCC since 1962: GP-78 W-50 D-18 L-10 (GF-152 GA-62).

Top scorers in the history of the competition: Humberto Suazo (CHI) 16, Aldo De Nigris (MEX) 16, Abraham Carreño (MEX) 9, Neri Cardozo (ARG) 7.

Players with the most appearances in the CCC: Aldo de Nigris (MEX) 30, Walter Ayoví (ECU) 30, Neri Cardozo (ARG) 28, Jonathan Orozco (MEX) 27, Jesús Zavala (MEX) 27, Hiram Mier (MEX) 26, José María Basanta (ARG) 26, Humberto Suazo (CHI) 26.

Record in second leg matches in the KO Phase: GP-18 W-12 D-4 L-2

Biggest victory (since 2008/09): Universitario 0-6 Monterrey (Abraham Carreño, Humberto Suazo x2, Jesús Corona, Neri Cardozo, Luis Madrigal), group stage 2012/13.

Penalty shootouts (since 2008/09): Eliminated on penalties in the semifinals of the Champions Cup 2005 against Saprissa after a 3-3 draw in the final score.

Hat-tricks: Abraham Carreño (vs. Herediano - group stage 2011/12), Ángel Reyna (vs. Universitario - group stage 2012/13).

Participation in the quarterfinals: 2004 (vs. CD FAS), 2005 (vs. Municipal), 2010/11 (vs. Toluca), 2011/12 (vs. Morelia), 2012/13 (vs. Xelajú), 2019 (vs. Atlanta United), 2021 (vs. Columbus Crew), and 2024 (vs. Inter Miami).

Record in quarterfinals: GP-15 W-10 D-4 L-1.

Top scorers in the quarterfinals: Humberto Suazo (CHI) 4, Maximiliano Meza (ARG) 3, Walter Ayoví (ECU) 2, Guillermo Franco (MEX) 2.

Qualifications to semifinals: 7 in total. 2004 (vs. CD FAS), 2005 (vs. Municipal), 2010/11 (vs. Toluca), 2011/12 (vs. Morelia), 2012/13 (vs. Xelajú), 2019 (vs. Atlanta United), 2021 (vs. Columbus Crew).

Record in the CCC 2024: GP-5 W-5 D-0 L-0 (GF-12 GA-2).

Top scorers in the CCC 2024: Brandon Vázquez (USA) 3, Germán Berterame (ARG) 1, Maximiliano Meza (ARG), Jorge Rodríguez (ARG) 1, Alfonso González (MEX) 1, Jesús Gallardo (MEX) 1, Rodrigo Aguirre (URU) 1, Héctor Moreno (MEX) 1, Jesús Corona (MEX) 1, Luis Romo (MEX) 1.

Assists in the CCC 2024: Maximiliano Meza (ARG) 5, Germán Berterame (ARG) 1, Stefan Medina (COL) 1, Jesús Gallardo (MEX) 1, Jordi Cortizo (MEX) 1, Rodrigo Aguirre (MEX) 1.

Saves in the CCC 2024: 18. Goalkeepers: Esteban Andrada (ARG) 18. (3 goals conceded - 2 clean sheets).

Goal types: From open play (9), headers (3).

Goal-scoring opportunities: 79. Shots on target: 37.

Players to watch:

Maxi Meza (ARG) Scored his 5th goal in the history of the tournament, all as a player for Rayados, with 60% (3/5) of his goals scored against MLS clubs.

Héctor Moreno (MEX). The Mexican defender made 2 clearances and did not miss any of his 24 passes in the first leg against Inter Miami (100% accuracy). The team captain has 2 shots in 5 appearances in the 2024 edition.

Sergio Canales (ESP). He was the player with the most shots with (7) in the victory against Inter Miami. Of the 7 attempts, 4 were on target and 3 were off target. He also took 3 of the 4 corner kicks and had a passing accuracy of 91% (61 completions).

Jorge Rodríguez (ARG). Scored the winning goal against Inter Miami. The Argentine achieved a passing accuracy of 92%. Completed 79 passes. This was Rodríguez's first goal in the CCC.



Inter Miami (USA)

In the 1-2 defeat in the first leg against Monterrey, Inter Miami became the 2nd MLS club to lose the first leg of the quarterfinals in its debut in the CCC, previously done by New York City 0-1 against Tigres UANL (MEX) in 2020.

Inter Miami lost its first game in the tournament and became the 9th MLS club to suffer its first defeat in its debut tournament up to its 3rd match; moreover, it is the 4th club to achieve this at home. The others were Seattle Sounders against Necaxa 1-4 on July 18, 1997, New York City against Tigres UANL 0-1 on March 11, 2020, and FC Cincinnati against CF Monterrey (MEX) 0-1 on March 7, 2024.

Their last victory against a Mexican rival was against Cruz Azul in Group 10 of the Leagues Cup 2023: 2-1 (Robert Taylor and Lionel Messi; Carlos Antuna), at DRV PNK Stadium, Fort Lauderdale (July 21, 2023).

Inter Miami has the third-best shooting accuracy percentage in the tournament with (20.7%).

The team coached by Argentine Gerardo Martino averaged 9.7 shots per game, with 16 of them on target, 7 off target, and 6 goals scored.

Lionel Messi (ARG). The global superstar was not present in the first leg against Monterrey. Messi has scored 2 goals, provided an assist, and had 4 shots, being the player with the most shots (8) in the series against Nashville SC in the round of 16.

Participation in the Concacaf Champions Cup: 1 (2024).

Record in the CCC: GP-3 W-1 D-1 L-1 (GF-6 GA-5).

Top scorers in the CCC: Lionel Messi (ARG) 2, Luis Suárez (URU) 2, Robert Taylor (FIN) 1, Tomás Avilés (ARG) 1.

Top assists in the CCC 2024: Luis Suárez (URU) 2, Sergio Busquets (ESP) 1, Lionel Messi (ARG) 1, Diego Gómez (PAR) 1, Julian Gressel (USA) 1.

Saves in the CCC 2024: 7. Goalkeepers: Drake Callender (USA) 7. (5 goals conceded - no clean sheets).

How the goals were scored: From open play (4), headers (2).

Goal-scoring opportunities: 29. Shots on target: 16.

Players to watch:

Tomás Avilés (ARG). Scored his first goal in the tournament and became the 2nd Argentine player to score for the Florida-based club; moreover, he is the 3rd South American to score for the club, after Luis Suárez (URU) and Lionel Messi (ARG), both with 2 goals.

Luis Suárez (URU). Scored two goals and provided two assists in the round of 16. The Uruguayan had 7 shots in the series against Nashville SC and two against Monterrey.

Julian Gressel (USA). Provided the assist for Tomás Avilés' goal against Monterrey in addition to a shot, 2 clearances, 19 successful passes, and 3 ball recoveries.

Sergio Busquets (ESP). Leads in passes with (174) at Inter Miami with a 92% accuracy rate. The experienced Spanish player also has 5 ball recoveries in his 3 appearances.