



CAI (PAN) vs. CD Águila (SLV)

Group C, Estadio Rommel Fernández, Panama City, August 29, 2024

This will be the first match in the Copa Centroamericana for these teams and in any Concacaf club tournament.

For CD Águila, this match is crucial after their 2-0 victory over Olimpia, which brought them to 7 points, the same as Antigua GFC who is visiting Olimpia.

For C.A.I., this will be their second game against a Salvadoran club in the history of the Copa Centroamericana, following their 5-0 win against Deportivo FAS in the 2023 edition with goals from Víctor Ávila, Rafael Águila, Carlos Small, Jorge Serrano, and Ángel Valverde, in Group B on August 29, 2023.

CD Águila has faced Panamanian opponents twice, during the inaugural edition of the Scotiabank Concacaf League where they played in the quarterfinals against Deportivo Árabe Unido, who defeated them 2-1 on aggregate. In the first leg, Tauro FC won 2-0 with a brace from Carlos Small on August 16, 2017, and in the return leg, Águila won 1-0 with a goal from Javier Lezcano on August 23, 2017.



CA Independiente (PAN)

Club Atlético Independiente won 1 of their last 5 matches, drew one, and lost three. The two defeats in the 2024 CCAC were away (3-0 vs. Olimpia and 2-1 vs. Antigua GFC).

CAI is unbeaten at home in the CCAC, obtaining 87% of the points available (W-4 D-1), scoring 12 goals and conceding 3 (keeping a clean sheet in 3 of the last 4 home games).

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

Best result in the CCAC: Semifinals 2023.

Record in the CCAC: GP-11 W-5 D-3 L-3 (GF-18 GA-12).

Top scorers in the CCAC: Carlos Small (PAN) 5, Jorge Serrano (PAN) 2, Rafael Águila (PAN) 2, Víctor Ávila (PAN) 1, Gilberto Hernández (PAN), Héctor Hurtado (PAN), Anthony Stewart (PAN), Martín Ruíz (PAN), Jefferson Murillo (COL), Ángel Valverde (PAN), Davis Contreras (PAN), Aimar Modelo (PAN).

Assists in the CCAC: Marlon Ávila (PAN) 2, Víctor Ávila (PAN) 2, Jorge Serrano (PAN) 1, Rafael Aguila (PAN), Sergio Cunningham (PAN), Jefferson Murillo (COL), Carlos Small (PAN), Eddie Roberts (PAN), Rey Navarro (PAN).

Saves in the CCAC: Eddie Roberts (PAN) 38 (6 in the 2024 edition).

Highest scoring victory: 5-0 vs. CD FAS (Víctor Ávila, Rafael Águila, Carlos Small, Jorge Serrano, and Ángel Valverde), Group B, Rommel Fernández Stadium, Panama City (29-AUG-2023).

Record in the CCAC 2024: GP-3 W-1 D-0 L-2 (GF-2 GA-5).

Goal scorers in the 2024 edition: Martín Ruíz (PAN) 1, Aimar Modelo (PAN).

Assists in the 2024 edition: Eddie Roberts (PAN) 1, Rey Navarro (PAN).

Goal scoring opportunities (15). Shots on goal (6).

Players to watch:

Héctor Hurtado (PAN). He is the team's leader in passes with (120) and has played in all 11 matches in the two editions of the CCAC.

Orman Davis (PAN). Like his teammate Hurtado, Davis has played in all 11 CCAC matches. He was the player with the most ball recoveries (3) against Port Layola. He has made 82 passes and 6 recoveries in the 2024 edition.

Aimar Modelo (PAN). He scored the goal in the 1-0 win against Port Layola on his first shot of the match. The 19-year-old defender had a 90% passing accuracy.



CD Águila (SLV)

CD Águila is undefeated with 2 wins and 1 draw, achieving two clean sheets (0-0 vs. Antigua GFC and 2-0 vs. Olimpia).

CD Águila won 2 of its last 5 matches, scoring 7 of the 9 goals in the CCAC (5-1 vs. Port Layola and 2-0 vs. Olimpia). It failed to score in its 3 away games (2-0 vs. Herediano, 3-0 vs. Real España, and 0-0 vs. Antigua GFC).

The 3 victories in the CCAC were at home: 1-0 against Diriangén (Darwin Cerén), Group C in 2023, 5-1 vs. Port Layola (Dionatan Machado x2, Carlos Salazar x2, and Herberth Díaz; Miguel García), and 2-0 vs Olimpia (Melvin Cartagena and Dixon Rivas) Group C in 2024.

Record in the CCAC: GP-7 W-3 D-1 L-3 (GF-9 GA-10).

Top scorers in the CCAC: Carlos Salazar (COL) 3, Dionatan Machado (BRA) 2, Darwin Cerén (SLV) 1, Herberth Díaz (SLV), Melvin Cartagena (SLV), Dixon Rivas (SLV).

Assists in the CCAC: Santos Ortíz (SLV) 3, Julio Ramírez (ARG) 1, Herberth Díaz (SLV), Carlos Salazar (COL), Dionatan Machado (BRA).

Saves in the CCAC: Benji Villalobos (SLV) 16 (16 in the 2024 edition), Rafael García (URU) 4.

Goal scorers in the 2024 edition: Carlos Salazar (COL) 2, Dionatan Machado (BRA) 2, Herberth Díaz (SLV) 1, Melvin Cartagena (SLV), Dixon Rivas (SLV).

Assists in the 2024 edition: Santos Ortíz (SLV) 3, Carlos Salazar (COL) 1, Julio Ramírez (ARG), Dionatan Machado (BRA).

Goal scoring opportunities (57). Shots on goal (23).

Players to watch:

Santos Ortíz (SLV). He has provided 3 goal assists and made 5 ball recoveries. The 31-year-old midfielder leads the team in shots with (8).

Dionatan Machado (BRA). He scored a brace in the 5-1 victory over Port Layola and provided 1 assist in the 2-0 win against Olimpia. He has made 6 shots, completed 82% of his passes, and is the player most fouled against with (7).

Carlos Salazar (COL). He is CD Águila's top scorer in the CCAC with (3), and in the 2024 edition, he has scored two goals along with Dionatan Machado. In two appearances, he has one assist and 4 shots.