



AD Guanacasteca (CRC) vs. Managua (NCA)

Group D, Estadio Edgardo Baltodano Briceño, Liberia, August, 2024

An unprecedented duel in the Central American Cup in its 2nd edition. These two teams have never faced each other in their history.

Managua FC will face a Costa Rican club for the second time, having previously played against Deportivo Saprissa, who defeated them 3-2.

In this edition of the tournament, AD Guanacasteca will also face Diriangén FC.

The record between Costa Rican and Nicaraguan clubs in official matches is 37 games, with 29 wins for Costa Rican teams, 3 losses, and 5 draws.



AD Guanacasteca (CRC)

AD Guanacasteca has lost its first two away games (5-0 against Saprissa and 3-1 vs. Municipal).

AD Guanacasteca started losing in both games before the 20th minute. Their only goal was scored from a free kick by José Pablo Córdoba in the second half against Municipal.

AD Guanacasteca (CRC) is the first Costa Rican club to lose a game against a Guatemalan opponent in the history of the tournament and the first to lose its first two matches in its tournament debut. With the 1-4 defeat, AD Guanacasteca ended the four-game winning streak of Costa Rican teams, the second-best streak for clubs from that country in the tournament.

Saves in the CCAC: Antony Monreal (MEX) 8.

Goal-scoring chances (11). Shots on target (5).

Players to watch:

Antony Monreal (MEX): In the loss against Municipal, he became the second goalkeeper to score an own goal in the tournament's history. Additionally, he is the oldest goalkeeper at 29 years, 10 months, and 1 day.

José Pablo Córdoba (CRC): Scored the first goal for AD Guanacasteca in the history of the Central American Cup (from a free kick against Municipal).

Joaquín Alonso Hernández (USA): He is the team leader in shots with (5), two of which were on target, 2 missed, and 1 hit the posts. The forward was part of the CF Monterrey roster that won the 2012/13 Concacaf Champions Cup.

Johnny Leverón (HON): The former Honduran international is the team's leader in passes with (113) with an 84% accuracy. The Catracho defender has 28 international appearances in Concacaf club tournaments.



Managua FC (NCA)

Managua FC comes from losing 2 matches after a triumphant debut with a 1-0 victory against Municipal.

They will play their 8th match between the Scotiabank Concacaf League (2019 and 2020) and the CCAC 2024. They have faced teams from Honduras, Guatemala, El Salvador, Costa Rica, and Nicaragua.

Managua FC has secured one win in 7 international matches; the rest were 2 draws and 4 losses. They defeated Municipal 1-0 (goal by Arley Bonilla) in Group D of the CCAC 2024, at the Nicaragua National Stadium, Managua (July 31, 2024).

Top Scorers in the CCAC: Arley Bonilla (COL) 1, Edward Morillo (VEN), Juan Barrera (NCA).

Assists in the CCAC: Abner Acuña (NCA) 1.

Saves in the CCAC: Alyer López (NCA) 10.

Goal-scoring chances (15). Shots on target (4).

Players to watch:

Arley Bonilla (COL). He was the player with the most shots (4) in the match against Real Estelí. The Colombian forward has 13 appearances in the CCAC and 3 goals as a player for Real Estelí and Managua FC.

Abner Acuña (NCA). He has played all three matches and provided 1 assist (vs. Saprissa), made 7 ball recoveries, and completed 117 passes. He has 10 international appearances at the club level.

Marlon López (NCA). He has played all three matches and had an 87% pass accuracy.