

Los Angeles FC vs. Alajuelense

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| Los Angeles FC |  | Shape  Description automatically generated with low confidence | **BMO Stadium** |  | Alajuelense |

Los Angeles FC won 3-0 in the first leg with three goals from **Denis Bouanga** at the Alejandro Morera Soto stadium in Alajuela (9-MAR-2023.

Teams from the United States win the all-time series against rivals Costa Rica in the SCCL ERA with 19 wins, five draws, and 11 losses.

Los Angeles FC won 4 of the last 5 SCCL games: 3-0 vs. Leon (R16 2020), 2-1 vs. Cruz Azul (QF 2020), 3-1 vs. Club America (SF 2020), and 0-3 vs. Alajuelense (R16 2023). The last defeat was in 2020: 2-1 vs. UANL Tigers at Exploria Stadium in Orlando.

LAFC defeated Club León 3-0 in a single match in the second leg of the SCCL. In his debut in 2020, he lost 2-0 vs. Club Leon.

LDA's last win for SCCL was vs. CF Montreal in 2014/15 SCCL Semifinals: 4-2 (Pablo Gabbas x2, Allen Guevara and Jonathan McDonald; Jack McInerney and Andrés Romero), at the Alejandro Morera Soto stadium, CRC, (Apr 7, 2015).

LDA has played seven games against rivals from the United States in the SCCL ERA (2W-5L). They lost the last four games and failed to score goals in the previous three games.

2014/15 (QF): DC United 2-1 Alajuelense (Jairo Arrieta and Fabián Espíndola; Johan Venegas), at the Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Stadium, USA (Mar 4, 2015).

2021 (R16): Alajuelense 0-1 Atlanta United (Esequiel Barco) at the Alejandro Morera Soto Stadium, CRC (6-APR). Atlanta United 1-0 Alajuelense (Jurgen Damm) at Fifth Third Bank Stadium (APR-13).

2023 (R16): Alajuelense 0-3 Los Angeles FC (Dénis Bouanga x3) at the Alejandro Morera Soto Stadium, CRC (9-MAR-2023).

The last time LDA defeated an American rival was in the quarterfinals in 2014/15: Alajuelense 5-2 DC United (Ariel Rodríguez, José Guillermo Ortíz x2, Johan Venegas and Jonathan McDonald; Fabián Espíndola and Steven Birnbaum), in the Alejandro Morera Soto stadium, (Feb 26, 2015).

LDA lost all three games it played in the round of 16 of the SCCL vs. Atlanta United in 2021 (0-1 and 1-0).

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**SCCL RECORD**: G: 6 W-4 D-0 L-2 (GF-12 GA-6)

 **HOME RECORD**: 1G: 1W-0D-0L (3GF-0GA)

 **BEST RESULT**: Runner-up 2020.

 **SCCL RECORD ERA**: G: 6 W-4 D-0 L-2 (GF-12 GA-6)

 **SCCL ERA SCORERS**: Carlos Vela (MEX) 5, Dénis Bouanga (FRA) 3, Diego Rossi (URU) 2, Kwadwo Opoku (GHA) 1, Latif Blessing (GHA) 1.

 **HAT-TRICKS IN SCCL ERA**: Denis Bouanga (FRA) vs. Alajuelense (R16 2023).

**Braces in the SCCL era:** Carlos Vela did it twice in 2020 (vs. Club León in R16 and Club América in the Semifinals).

 **PLAYERS WITH THE MOST APPEARANCES IN THE SCCL ERA**: Carlos Vela (MEX) 6, Diego Palacios (ECU) 6, Eddie Segura (COL) 5, Kenneth Vermeer (SUR) 5, Tristan Blackmon (USA) 5, Diego Rossi (URU) 5, Mark-Anthony Kaye (CAN) 5, Latif Blessing (GHA) 5, Brian Rodríguez (URU) 4, Francisco Ginella (URU) 4, José Cifuentes (ECU) 4.

 **RECORD IN THE R16 (SCCL ERA):** 3G: 2W-0D-1L (6GF-2GA).

 **SCORERS IN THE R16 (SCCL ERA**): Denis Bouanga (FRA) 3, Carlos Vela (MEX) 2, Diego Rossi (URU) 1.

 **SCCL 2023 SCORERS**: Denis Bouanga (FRA) 3.

 **ASSISTS IN THE SCCL 2023**: Ryan Hollingshead (USA) 2, Ilie Sánchez (ESP) 1.

 **RECORD IN THE SECOND LEG** (SCCL ERA): 1G: 1W-D-0L.

 **TOP PLAYERS**

**Dénis Bouanga (FRA)** Scored the first hat-trick for LAFC in SCCL history vs. Alajuelense and made (7) shots.

**Carlos Vela (MEX**) Made 3 shoots vs. Alajuelense. The Mexican has scored five goals in 6 games in the SCCL and is among Diego Palacios (ECU) players who have played the most games in the SCCL (6).

 **Ilie Sánchez (ESP**) Gave an assist to Dénis Bouanga and was the player with the most corrected passes (52) and recovered balls (3) vs. Alajuelense. The Spanish midfielder played six games and scored two goals in 2019 as a Sporting Kansas City player.

Alajuelense 

**SCCL RECORD** (includes former Concacaf Champions Cup): G: 139 W-69 D-25 L-45 (GF-242 GA-156)

 **AWAY RECORD**: G: 70 W-21 D-15 L-34 (GF-92 GA-102)

BEST RESULT: Champion in the old Champions Cup in (1986, 2004), semifinals in 2014-15

 **SCCL RECORD ERA**: G: 31 W-16 D-6 L-12 (GF-34 GA-36)

 **SCCL ERA SCORERS**: Jonathan McDonald (CRC) 6, Allen Guevara (CRC) 4, Pablo Gabas (ARG) 4, Armando Alonso (CRC) 3, Jerry Palacios (HON) 3.

 **BRACES IN THE SCCL ERA**: Allen Guevara (CRC) vs. Motagua (Group A of 2011/12), José Guillermo Ortíz (CRC) vs. DC United (QF 2014/15) and Pablo Gabas (ARG) vs. FC Montreal (SF 2014/15).

 **PLAYERS WITH THE MOST APPEARANCES IN THE SCCL ERA**: Johnny Acosta (CRC) 24, Porfirio López (CRC) 19, Patrick Pemberton (CRC) 18, Ariel Rodríguez (CRC) 18, José Salvatierra (CRC) 18, Álvaro Sánchez (CRC) 16, Allen Guevara (CRC) 16.

 **RECORD IN THE R16 IN THE (SCCL ERA)**: G: 3 W-0 D-0 L-3.

 **SAVES IN SCCL 2023**: (9). Leonel Moreira (CRC) 9.

 **RECORD IN THE SECOND LEG (SCCL ERA**): G: 6 W-2 D-0 L-4.

 **TOP PLAYERS**

**Leonel Moreira (CRC**). He made nine saves and five punts vs. Los Angeles FC. The 32-year-old goalkeeper is playing for the 9th time in the SCCL (2011/12, 2012/13, 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17, 2018, 2021, and 2023).

 **Alexis Gamboa (CRC**) Had four clearances and 39 valid passes and was the overall leader in ball recoveries with (7) vs. Los Angeles FC. Gamboa has played 11 matches in club tournaments with Alajuelense (SCL 2022 and SCCL 2021 and 2023).

 **Alexander López (HON)** was the leader in passes vs. Los Angeles FC with (52) and two shots, four corner kicks, and five ball recoveries.