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Columbus Crew (USA) vs. Tigres UANL (MEX)

Tuesday April 2, 2024, Lower.com Field, Columbus (USA)

They will face each other for the first time in the quarterfinals of the Concacaf Champions League CCC.

Columbus Crew against rivals from Liga MX has one win in their last 8 matches (1W-2D-5L); likewise, the American club has never been able to advance to the next round when facing Mexican teams.

Columbus Crew was eliminated in knockout matches (quarterfinals) by Monarcas Morelia in 2003, Toluca in 2010, and by CF Monterrey in 2021. The top scorers for Columbus Crew against Mexican teams are Steven Lenhart (USA) and Guillermo Barros Schelotto (ARG), both with 2 goals each, all of which were scored against Toluca in 2010.

Tigres UNAL, facing MLS rivals, has a streak of 11 consecutive matches without losing (W-7 D-4), and in the last 4 matches, they only managed to win once (W-1 D-3). Tigres UANL, playing away from home, has two consecutive draws in their last away games. Andre-Pierre Gignac scored 3 of the last 6 goals against MLS rivals.

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Columbus Crew (USA)

Columbus Crew drew 1-1 against Houston Dynamo, and after winning the first match (0-1), they advanced to the quarterfinals.

Columbus Crew has faced 8 Mexican teams in the history of the Champions League since 2008/09 and could only defeat Santos Laguna in Group B in 2009/10.

They have an unbeaten streak of 9 matches playing at home in the CCC (W-4 D-5). They haven't lost at home since September 2009 when they were defeated 2-0 by Cruz Azul in Group C of the 2009/10 edition.

Columbus Crew kept a clean sheet in 5 of their last 7 home matches in the history of the CCC and conceded 3 goals in their last 2 home games (against Monterrey in the 2-2 draw in the quarterfinals of 2021 and Houston Dynamo in the round of 16 of 2024).

Appearances in the Concacaf Champions League (Since 1962): 5 (2003, 2009/10, 2010/11, 2021, 2024).

Best Result: Quarterfinals (2003, 2009/10, 2010/11, 2021).

Record in Concacaf Champions League (Since 1962): GP-26 W-11 D-6 L-9 (GF-35 GA-36).

Top Scorers in the CCC since 2008/09: Steven Lenhart (USA) 4, Andrés Mendoza (PER) 3, Emilio Rentería (VEN) 3.

Players with the most appearances in the CCC (since 2008/09): Emmanuel Ekpo (NIG) 14, Eddie Gaven (USA) 13, Adam Moffat (SCO) 12, Eric Brunner (USA) 12, Andy Iro (ENG) 11, Steven Lenhart (USA) 11, Brian Carroll (USA) 10, Emilio Rentería (VEN) 10.

Since 2008/09: Scored goals in 17 games, failed to score in 5 matches, kept 9 clean sheets, conceded goals in 13 matches, and had one goalless draw.

Record in first-leg matches in the KO Phase (since 2008/09): GP: 5 W-2 D-3 L-0.

Biggest win in the CCC: 4-0 vs. Real Estelí (Gyasi Zardes x2, Jonathan Mensah, and Pedro Santos), round of 16, Estadio Nacional de Fútbol UNAN, Managua (8-APR-2021).

Penalty shootouts: 0

Hat-tricks: 0

Record in quarterfinals: GP-8 W-1 D-3 L-4.

Quarterfinals Top Scorers: Steven Lenhart (USA) 2, Guillermo Barros Schelotto (ARG) 2.

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

Top Scorers in the 2024 CCC: Alexandru Mățan (ROM) 1, Juan Camilo Hernández (COL) 1.

Most assists in the 2024 CCC: Aidan Morris (USA) 1, Christian Ramírez (USA) 1.

Saves in the 2024 CCC: 5. **Goalkeepers:** Patrick Schulte (USA) 5. (1 goal conceded - 1 clean sheet).

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

Goal-scoring opportunities (22). Shots on target (8).

Players to watch:

Juan Camilo Hernández (COL). The forward scored the last goal for Columbus Crew in the series against Houston Dynamo. The Colombian had the most shots (6) in the round of 16.

Alexandru Mățan (ROM). Scored a goal in the first match against Houston Dynamo in the round of 16. The Romanian attacker had three appearances in the 2021 and 2024 editions.

Sean Zawadzki (USA). The 23-year-old midfielder played in both matches of the round of 16 and led in passes (113) with a 91% success rate (103 completed).



Tigres UANL (MEX)

Tigres UANL defeated Orlando City 4-2 in the round of 16 and advanced to the quarterfinals.

This will be Tigres UANL's eighth participation in the quarterfinals, of which they advanced in 5 and reached the final in 4 occasions: 2012/13 (vs. Seattle Sounders), 2015/16 (vs. Real Salt Lake), 2016/17 (vs. Pumas UNAM), 2018 (vs. Toronto FC), 2019 (vs. Houston), 2020 (vs. New York City), 2023 (vs. Motagua), and 2024 (vs. Columbus Crew SC).

Tigres will seek to score their 100th goal in the Concacaf Champions League since 2008/09. Another team aiming for this milestone is Club América (97). Only 3 teams have managed to surpass the hundred-goal mark since the format change: Santos Laguna (141), Cruz Azul (139), and Monterrey (122).

The only defeat Tigres suffered against American rivals in the history of the CCC since 2008/09 was a 1-3 loss against Seattle Sounders (DeAndre Yedlin, Djimi Traoré, and Eddie Johnson; Elías Hernández scored for Tigres) in the second leg of the quarterfinals (12-MAR-2013).

Tigres UANL has won 10 out of the last 15 matches in the CCC and in that span only lost 1 game, 3-1 against eventual champions Club León in the 2023 semifinals.

Appearances in the Concacaf Champions League CCC (Since 1962): 11 (1979, 1981, 1983, 2012/13, 2015/16, 2016/17, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2023, 2024).

Best Result in the CCC: Champion (1) 2020. Runner-up 2015/16, 2016/17, 2019.

Record in the CCC (Since 1962): GP-66 W-34 D-18 L-14 (GF-119 GA-101).

Top Scorers in the Concacaf Champions League: André-Pierre Gignac (FRA) 18, Enner Valencia (ECU) 10, Eduardo Vargas (CHI) 7, Luis Quiñones (COL) 6, Alan Pulido (MEX) 4.

Players with the most appearances in the CCC: Nahuel Guzmán (ARG) 41, Jesús Dueñas (MEX) 36, Guido Pizarro (ARG) 35, Hugo Ayala (MEX) 32, Javier Aquino (MEX) 33, André-Pierre Gignac (FRA) 32, Luis Quiñones (COL) 28.

Since 2008/09: Tigres has scored goals in 44 matches, failed to score in only 10, kept 21 clean sheets, conceded goals in 33 matches, and had five goalless draws.

Record in first-leg matches in the KO Phase: MP-20 W-7 D-8 L-5.

Biggest win in the CCC (since 2008/09): Tigres UANL 5-0 Alajuelense (Edwin Hernández, Juninho, Alan Pulido x3), group stage 2012/13; Tigres UANL 5-0 Motagua (André-Pierre Gignac x2, Luis Quiñones, Jesús Angulo, Nicolás Ibáñez), quarterfinals 2023.

Penalty shootouts: 0

Hat-tricks: Alan Pulido (vs. Alajuelense - Group stage 2012/13), Enner Valencia (vs. Saprissa - round of 16 2019).

Participations in the quarterfinals: 2012/13 (vs. Seattle Sounders), 2015/16 (vs. Real Salt Lake), 2016/17 (vs. Pumas UNAM), 2018 (vs. Toronto FC), 2019 (vs. Houston), 2020 (vs. New York City), 2023 (vs. Motagua), and 2024 (vs. Columbus Crew SC).

Record in the quarterfinals: GP-14 W-10 D-2 L-2.

Top Scorers in QF: André-Pierre Gignac (FRA) 6, Eduardo Vargas (CHI) 4, Jürgen Damm (MEX) 3, Luis Quiñones (COL) 3.

Qualifications to semifinals: 5 qualifications and 2 eliminations in the quarterfinals. In 2012/13 they were eliminated by Seattle Sounders, in 2015/16 they qualified against Real Salt Lake, in 2016/17 they advanced after facing Pumas UNAM, in 2018 they were eliminated by Toronto FC, in 2019 they surpassed Houston Dynamo, in 2020 they eliminated New York City, and in 2023 they defeated Motagua.

Record in the 2024 CCC: GP-4 W-2 D-2 L-0 (GF-8 GA-3).

Top Scorers in the 2024 CCC: André-Pierre Gignac (FRA) 2, Ozziel Herrera (MEX) 1, Luis Quiñones (COL) 1, Juan Pablo Vigón (MEX) 1, Fernando Gorriarán (URU) 1, Marcelo Flores (CAN) 1, Sebastián Córdova (MEX) 1.

Most assists in the 2024 CCC: Ozziel Herrera (MEX) 1, Diego Laínez (MEX) 1, André-Pierre Gignac (FRA) 1, Rafael Carioca (BRA) 1, Juan Pablo Vigón (MEX) 1.

Saves in the 2024 CCC: 4. Goalkeepers: Nahuel Guzmán (ARG) 3, Felipe Rodríguez (MEX) 1. (3 goals conceded - 2 clean sheets).

How the goals were scored: From open play (4), free-kick (1), header (2), penalty (1).

Goal-scoring opportunities (42). Shots on target (16).

Players to watch:

André-Pierre Gignac (FRA). He has scored (2) goals and made (9) attempts in the 2024 CCC. The Frenchman surpassed Emanuel Villa and ranks fourth among the top scorers in the CCC since 2008/09 (19). He has scored his goals (11) through open play (1), headers (1), penalties (5), and free-kicks (1).

Luis Quiñones (COL). Scored (3) goals in the quarterfinals. The Colombian attacker scored in 2016/17 (vs. Pumas UNAM) and 2023 (vs. Motagua). A champion in 2020 with Tigres, he has 28 appearances and 6 goals in the CCC.

Jesús Alberto Angulo (MEX). He is the Tigres UANL player with the highest number of minutes played (389) and balls recovered (6) in the 2024 CCC. The defender has made 16 appearances in the CCC and scored a goal against FC Motagua in the quarterfinals in 2023.