



#56 CS Herediano (CRC) vs. Real Estelí FC (NCA)

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CS Herediano and Real Estelí drew 0-0 in the first leg at Estadio Independencia, Estelí, NCA (10-24-2024).

This will be the third match between the two teams. Real Estelí won the first of those encounters 1-0 in the Round of 16, in a single-leg match in the 2020 Scotiabank Concacaf League, with a goal by Jorge Betancour and an assist from Carlos Chavarria. With the victory, Real Estelí advanced to the quarterfinals.



CS Herediano (CRC)

Club Sport Herediano is undefeated in regulation time across 15 matches in the history of the CCAC, with 7 wins and 8 draws. "El Team," along with Antigua GFC and Diriangén FC, has one of the most solid defenses, conceding only three goals and achieving 7 clean sheets in their two appearances in the CCAC.

CSH was eliminated in 2023 in the semifinals by the eventual champion LD Alajuelense, 5-4 on penalties after a 4-4 aggregate score.

The "Floreses" have 3 victories in the 2024 edition, with all goals scored in the second half (1-0 against Tauro, 1-0 against Diriangén, and 0-1 vs. San Francisco). CS Herediano has scored 6 goals in the second half.

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

Best result in the CCAC: Semifinals 2023 and 2024.

CCAC Record: MP-15 W-7 D-8 L-0 (GF-21 GA-13).

Top Scorers in the CCAC: Jesús Godínez (MEX) 3, David Sayago (ARG) 2, Fernán Faerron (CRC) 2, Alejandro Bran (CRC) 2, José de Jesús González (MEX) 2, Jhon Jairo Ruiz (CRC) 2.

Assists: Haxzel Quirós (CRC) 3, Gerson Torres (CRC) 2, John Jairo Ruiz (CRC) 2, Elías Aguilar (CRC) 2, Ronaldo Araya (CRC) 2.

Players with the most appearances in the CCAC: Miguel Basulto (15), Elías Aguilar (14), Aarón Cruz, Haxzel Quirós, Gerson Torres (13), Fernán Faerron, Yeltsin Tejeda, Everardo Rubio (11), Darryl Araya, Ronaldo Araya, John Jairo Ruiz, Allan Cruz (10), Andy Rojas (9).

Saves: Aarón Cruz (CRC) 34 (11 in the 2024 edition), Anthony Walker (CRC) 9 (all in the 2024 edition).

Top Scorers in the 2024 edition: John Jairo Ruiz (CRC) 2, José de Jesús González (MEX) 2, Yendrick Ruiz (CRC) 1, Everardo Rubio (MEX).

Assists: Elías Aguilar (CRC) 2, Darryl Araya (CRC), Ronaldo Araya (CRC), Marcel Hernández (CUB).

Goal opportunities (61). Shots on target (30).

Youngest Scorer in the CCAC: Andy Rojas (CRC) – 17 years, 268 days (vs. Comunicaciones - Group C - 2023).

Oldest Scorer in the CCAC: Yendrick Ruiz (CRC) – 37 years, 132 days (vs. San Francisco - Group A 2024).

Penalty Shootouts: (1). Lost 5-4 vs. Alajuelense (semifinals 2023). The aggregate score was 4-4.

Top Scorers in Semifinals: Allan Cruz (CRC) 1, Gerson Torres (CRC), José de Jesús González (MEX), Everardo Rubio (MEX).

Players to follow:

Anthony Walker (CRC). He was a wall in the first leg with six saves. Walker has made 9 saves in the 2024 CCAC.

Miguel Basulto (MEX). The player with the most appearances on the team (15), the Mexican is also the leader in passes with 292 (91% accuracy) and has 5 recoveries in the 2024 edition.

John Jairo Ruiz (CRC). He scored CS Herediano's last two goals at home (against Tauro and FC Motagua, both in the second half). The forward has made 10 appearances in the CCAC.



Real Estelí FC (NCA)

Real Estelí FC is the second team with the most points (30) and wins (8) in the history of the CCAC (8 clean sheets in 17 matches across 2 editions).

The 2023 CCAC runner-up has lost only one of their last 8 matches (1-0 vs. AD Guanacasteca in Group D of 2024). In the last two draws, they failed to score, and they are undefeated in the semifinals with one win and two draws.

Real Estelí has gone 7 matches without a win away from home, with 5 draws in their last 6 road games. Additionally, they did not score in their last 2 away matches. Their only away win was a 2-0 victory over CD FAS, with a brace by star Juan Barrera in Group B of the 2023 edition.

Real Estelí has faced Costa Rican opponents six times in the CCAC, achieving two wins, three draws, and two losses. Their rivals have included Alajuelense, Saprissa, AD Guanacasteca, and CS Herediano. Both wins were at home against Deportivo Saprissa in both editions (1-0 in the 2023 quarterfinals and 2-1 in Group D of 2024).

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

Best result in the CCAC: Runner-up in the 2023 edition.

CCAC Record: MP-17 W-8 D-6 L-3 (GF-20 GA-14).

Top Scorers in the CCAC: Byron Bonilla (NCA) 4, Juan Vieyra (ARG) 2, Juan Barrera (NCA) 2, Harold Medina (NCA) 2, Bancy Hernández (NCA) 2, Arley Bonilla (COL) 2.

Assists: Byron Bonilla (NCA) 3, Bancy Hernández (NCA) 2, Abel Méndez (ARG) 2, Harold Medina (NCA) 2, Henry García (NCA) 1, Leyvin Balanta (COL), Agenor Báez (NCA), Josué Quijano (NCA).

Players with the most appearances in the CCAC: Ebert Martínez (17 matches), Marvin Fletes, Byron Bonilla (16), Josué Quijano, Harold Medina (15), Óscar Acevedo (14), Bancy Hernández (11).

Saves: Douglas Forvis (NCA) 27, Jason Vega (NCA) 11 (all in the current edition).

Top Scorers in the 2024 edition: Byron Bonilla (NCA) 3, Juan Vieyra (ARG) 2, Harold Medina (NCA) 1, Josué Quijano (NCA), Óscar Acevedo (NCA).

Assists: Bancy Hernández (NCA) 2, Agenor Báez (NCA) 1, Byron Bonilla (NCA), Josué Quijano (NCA).

Goal opportunities (68). Shots on target (28).

Youngest Scorer in the CCAC: Harold Medina (NCA) – 21 years, 190 days (vs. Olimpia - Group B 2023).

Oldest Scorer in the CCAC: Juan Barrera (NCA) – 34 years, 105 days (vs. CD FAS - Group B 2023).

Semifinal Appearances: (2) 2023 (eliminated CAI).

Top Scorers in Semifinals: Arley Bonilla (COL) 1, Abel Méndez (ARG), Bancy Hernández (NCA).

Players to follow:

Byron Bonilla (NCA). He has scored three goals and registered one assist in the 2024 CCAC. He has played in all 16 matches across both editions, scoring five goals and providing three assists. Two of his goals were from free kicks.

Josué Quijano (NCA). He made 5 shots in the first leg, three of which were on target and two off target. Additionally, he recorded 41 successful passes and 3 recoveries. The defender has 15 CCAC appearances.

Ebert Martínez (NCA). He completed 93% of his passes in the first leg of the semifinals. He is the only player to have appeared in all 17 matches, achieving 34 recoveries.