

Gotham (USA) vs. CF Monterrey (MEX)

Group A, September 19, 2024, Red Bull Arena, Harrison



NJ/NY Gotham FC defeated LD Alajuelense 4-0 with goals from Esther González, Katie Stengel, Jenna Nighswonger, and Delanie Sheehan in their Group A debut in Alajuela. The two-time National Women's Soccer League (NWSL) champions limited their opponent to 7 shots (4 on target, 2 off-target, and 1 against the post).

In the first match against Alajuelense, they dominated the first half in ball possession with 62% and finished the match with 421 passes at a 94% accuracy rate.

Scorers: Esther González (ESP) 1, Katie Stengel (USA), Delanie Sheehan (USA), Jenna Nighswonger (USA).

Assist: Mandy Freeman (USA) 1.

Debuts in the CWCC 2024: Esther González, Mandy Freeman, Katie Stengel, Delanie Sheehan, Jenna Nighswonger, Cassie Miller, Nealy Martin, Emily Sonnett, Taryn Torres, McCall Zerboni, Bruninha, Crystal Dunn, Kelley O'Hara, Rose Lavelle, Yazmeen Ryan, Jéssica Silva.

Saves: 3. Goalkeeper: Cassie Miller (USA) 3.

How the goals were scored: From play (2), Free kick (1), Penalty (1).

Goal-scoring opportunities: 12. Shots on goal: 5.

Fastest goal: Esther González (vs. Alajuelense): 1 MIN 59 SEC.

Highlighted players:

- **Esther González (ESP)**: The Spanish World Champion from Australia/New Zealand 2023 scored the first goal for Gotham in the CWCC (vs. Alajuelense) and made 4 shots.

- **Delanie Sheehan (USA)**: Scored one of the goals in the victory against Alajuelense and did not miss any of her 33 passes. She made 3 shots (1 on target, 1 off-target, and 1 goal).
- **Emily Sonnett (USA)**: Had the most passes (73 accurate) against Alajuelense. The defender had a 97% passing accuracy in addition to 1 ball recovery.



CF MONTERREY (MEX)

Monterrey will seek its second consecutive victory after defeating Frazsiers 5-0 (Lucía García, Carol Cázares, Marcela Restrepo x2, and Rebeca Bernal) in Week 2 of Group A.

They lost in the opening match in the Clásico Regio against Tigres UANL 4-0 (Maricarmen Reyes, Jennifer Hermoso, Thembi Kgatlana, and Cristina Ferral).

The current champions of the Clausura 2024 made 36 shots in the last match against Frazsiers. Over two games, they have made 43 shots, of which 15 were on goal, 23 were off-target, and 5 resulted in goals (11.6% effectiveness).

Scorers: Marcela Restrepo (COL) 2, Carol Cázares (MEX) 1, Rebeca Bernal (MEX), Lucía García (ESP).

Assists: Jermaine Seoposenwe (RSA) 1, Daniela Monroy (MEX), Ana Lucía Martínez (GUA), Diana García (MEX), Christina Burkenroad (USA).

Players with the most appearances: Rebeca Bernal, Jermaine Seoposenwe, Diana García, Nicole Pérez, Ana Martínez, Katty Martínez, Christina Burkenroad, Daniela Monroy, Zellyka Arce, Lucía García (2 Matches), Samantha Simental, Alejandra Calderón, Karol Bernal, Lizette Rodríguez, Tanna Sánchez, Pamela Tajonar, Myra Delgadillo, Marcela Restrepo, Diana Evangelista, Juana Plata, Paola Manrique (1).

Saves: 5. Goalkeepers: Pamela Tajonar (MEX) 5, Paola Manrique (MEX) 0.

How the goals were scored: From play (3), Header (2).

Opportunities to score: 43. Shots on target: 15.

Fastest goal: Lucía García (vs. Frazsiers): 14 MIN 18 SEC.

Highlighted players:

- **Katty Martínez (MEX):** Led the shooting with 7 attempts in the 5-0 victory over Frazsiers. The forward made 2 shots on target and 5 off-target in her second match of the tournament (has not scored yet).
- Rebeca Bernal (MEX): The captain scored 1 goal against Frazsiers and contributed with 5 shots, 2 recoveries, and 35 accurate passes in the last match. She led in successful touches (48) and tackles (4) in her first away game.
- Marcela Restrepo (COL): Was Monterrey's top scorer in the 5-0 victory over Frazsiers with a brace in Round 2. The Colombian midfielder took 5 shots and completed 89% of her passes in her last match (75 total).