



Comunicaciones FC (GUA) vs. LD Alajuelense (CRC)

Thursday, September 26, 2024, Estadio Cementos Progreso, Guatemala, GUA

They will face each other for the second time in the same edition of the CCAC.

On August 27, 2024, in Alajuela (CRC), in Group B, Alajuelense won 2-1 with an own goal by Alejandro Prieto and the youth player Santiago van der Putten, while Diego Casas scored from a penalty for Comunicaciones.

In direct elimination matches, they have faced each other 4 times (all in the Concacaf Champions Cup), with LD Alajuelense advancing three times and being eliminated once.

The first time they met in official tournaments was in the second round of the Concacaf Champions Cup 1962 on April 15, 1962, in Guatemala City, where Comunicaciones won 3-1 with goals from Hugo "tin-tan" Peña x2 and Jerónimo Pericullo, and Guido Peña scored for Alajuelense; in the return game in Alajuela on April 29, 1962, the locals won 3-2 with a hat-trick by Guido Peña and for Comunicaciones, Obdulio Pensamiento and Hugo "tin-tan" Peña scored. However, Alajuelense was eliminated with a global score of 5-4.

The last time these clubs faced each other in a direct elimination series was in the quarterfinals of the Concacaf Champions Cup 2002, which was won by Alajuelense with a global score of 6-2.

In the first leg on April 14, 2002, in Guatemala City (GUA), Alajuelense won 3-2 with goals from Erick Jiménez x2 and Sandro Alfaro, and Fredy "topsi" Thompson and Fredy "zurdo" García scored for Comunicaciones. In the return match in Alajuela (CRC) on April 24, 2002, the locals won 3-0, with goals from Pablo Chinchilla, Steven Bryce, and Jozef Miso.

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Tournament	Year	Club	Club	Round	AGG	Win
Champions Cup	1962	Comunicaciones	Alajuelense	2nd	5x4	COM
Champions Cup	1993	Comunicaciones	Alajuelense	1st	2x5	LDA
Champions Cup	1998	Comunicaciones	Alajuelense	Playoff – G II	3x5	LDA
Champions Cup	2002	Comunicaciones	Alajuelense	QF	2x6	LDA



Comunicaciones FC (GUA)

Comunicaciones has won two consecutive home games (1-0 vs. Alianza FC and 2-1 vs. Marathón, at Estadio Cementos Progreso, Guatemala City) and is undefeated in 4 matches (W-2 D-2). Their only defeat in front of their home crowd came against CS Herediano in the closing of the group phase of the 2023 edition.

The 2021 Scotiabank Concacaf League champions lost one of their last 6 matches in the Central American Cup (scoring in each of those matches). In 2023, they were eliminated in the quarterfinals by CS Herediano.

Comunicaciones has not been able to defeat Costa Rican teams in six matches in the CCAC, with 3 draws and 3 losses. They faced CS Herediano three times, and CS Cartaginés and LD Alajuelense once each in 2023.

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

Best result in the CCAC: Quarterfinals 2023 and 2024.

Record in the CCAC: GP-12 W-5 D-4 L-3 (GF-18 GA-13). *Includes Play-in matches.

Top scorers in the CCAC: José Corena (COL) 3, Jorman Aguilar (PAN) 3, Erik González (GUA) 2, Diego Casas (URU) 2, Jorge Aparicio (GUA) 2, Antonio López (MEX) 1, Lynner García (GUA), Gerardo Gordillo (GUA), Carlos Mejía (GUA), Azarías Londoño (PAN).

Most assists in the CCAC: Antonio López (MEX) 4, Jorge Aparicio (GUA) 2, José Contreras (GUA) 1, Jorman Aguilar (PAN), Anderson Ortiz (GUA), José Corena (COL), Azarías Londoño (PAN), Carlos Mejía (GUA).

Players with the most appearances in the CCAC: Antonio López, José Corena, Erik González (12 Matches), José Contreras, Fredy Pérez, Stheven Robles (11), José Carlos Pinto (10), Lynner García (9), Juan Anangón, Jorge Aparicio (8).

Saves: Fredy Pérez (GUA) 45 (24 in the 2024 edition), Arnold Barrios (GUA) 2.

How goals were scored in the CCAC 2024: Open Play (2), Header (-), Penalty (2), Own Goal (1).

Goal-scoring opportunities (34). Shots on goal (13).

Youngest scorer in the CCAC: Azarías Londoño (PAN) - 23 years, 1 month, and 24 days (vs. Marathón - Group B 2024).

Oldest scorer in the CCAC: Carlos Mejía (GUA) - 32 years, 8 months, and 18 days (vs. LA Firpo - Group B 2024).

Fastest goal: Carlos Mejía (vs. LA Firpo - Group B 2024): 12 MIN 09 SEC

Penalty shootouts: 1 / Win 5-4 vs. Cartaginés (Play-in 2023).

Top scorers in QF: Erik González (GUA) 1, José Corena (COL).

Players to watch:

Diego Casas (URU). The Uruguayan forward scored two goals in the group stage against Marathón and Herediano and made 11 shots.

José Contreras (GUA). Led in passes with (123) in the group stage. The experienced midfielder has played in 34 international club-level matches, scoring 3 goals and providing 6 assists.

Azarías Londoño (PAN). Scored a goal (against Marathón) and provided an assist against LA Firpo. The Panamanian took 6 shots in 340 minutes played in the CCAC.



LD Alajuelense (CRC)

Liga Deportiva Alajuelense is undefeated in the Central American Cup over 14 matches (W-11 D-3), having won the inaugural edition in 2023. They are the only club to have scored in every match and are the highest scorers in the CCAC with 35 goals.

The defending champions won all 8 group stage matches (4 in 2023 and 4 in 2024), scoring 11 goals and conceding 6 in the 2024 edition. They secured 3 wins and 3 draws in the knockout stages, scoring 8 goals across their 3 away knockout stage matches (W-2 D-1).

LD Alajuelense had the most points (24), goals (24), victories (7), and passes (4155) in the 2023 edition. They also secured all the available points in the quarterfinals, defeating Cartaginés in the 2023 series (1-3 and 3-0).

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

Best result in the CCAC: Champions in 2023.

Record in the CCAC: GP-14 W-11 D-3 L-0 (GF-35 GA-13).

Top scorers in the CCAC: Diego Campos (CRC) 5, Aarón Suárez (CRC) 5, Johan Venegas (CRC) 3, Michael Barrantes (CRC) 3, Joshua Navarro (CRC) 3, Freddy Góndola (PAN) 3, Joel Campbell (CRC) 3, Alexander López (HON) 2.

Most assists in the CCAC: Carlos Mora (CRC) 4, Joshua Navarro (CRC) 4, Aarón Suárez (CRC) 4, Johan Venegas (CRC) 2, Anderson Cardoso (BRA) 2.

Players with the most appearances in the CCAC: Celso Borges (14 Matches), Aarón Suárez, Joshua Navarro, Leonel Moreira (12), Alexander López (10), Joel Campbell, Giancarlo González, Michael Barrantes, Alexis Gamboa, Carlos Martínez, Ian Lawrence (9).

Saves: Leonel Moreira (CRC) 43 (11 in the 2024 edition), Miguel Ajú (CRC) 6.

How goals were scored in the CCAC 2024: Open Play (8), Header (2), Own Goal (1).

Goal-scoring opportunities (54). Shots on goal (30).

Youngest scorer in the CCAC: Santiago Van Der Putten (CRC) - 20 years and 63 days (vs. Comunicaciones - Group B 2024).

Oldest scorer in the CCAC: Michael Barrantes (CRC) - 40 years and 56 days (vs. Real Estelí Final 2023).

Fastest goal: Joshua Navarro (CRC) vs. Motagua (Group D - 2023): 4 MIN 01 SEC.

Penalty shoot-outs: 1 / Win 5-4 vs. Alajuelense (Semifinals 2023).

Top scorers in QF: Aarón Suárez (CRC) 2, Joel Campbell (CRC) 1, Alexander López (HON), Freddy Góndola (PAN), Johan Venegas (CRC).

Quarterfinal record: GP-2 W-2 D-0 L-0 (GF- GC-1).

Players to watch:

Diego Campos (CRC). Was the top scorer in the group stage with 5 goals against CD Marathón, Luis Ángel Firpo, and a brace against Alianza FC. He took 14 shots in 4 matches.

Aarón Suárez (CRC). Provided four assists, made 7 shots, and scored a goal in the 2024 group stage. The 22-year-old has scored 8 goals and made 4 assists in 28 matches in Concacaf club tournaments.

Celso Borges (CRC). Is the only player from LD Alajuelense to have been on the field for every CCAC match (14). The experienced midfielder led in passes (181) and ball recoveries (6) for the defending champions.