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| QUARTER FINAL - WEEK 3 - **Concacaf Champions League 2022**  |

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| **FACTS** |

* **They will face each other for the first time in the history of the** **SCCL.**
* **RECORD IN SCCL:**

**Matches Played: 0**

* Cruz Azul WINS: 0
* CF Montreal WINS: 0
* Draws: 0
* Cruz Azul GOALS: 0
* CF Montreal GOALS: 0
* **Series between clubs from Mexico and Canada:**
* **Mexican Clubs vs.Canadian Clubs:** GP-32 W-16 D-10 L-6. (60.4% effectiveness).

**Cruz Azul vs. Canadian Clubs:** GP-6 W-4 D-1 L-1. (72.2% effectiveness). Won in their last 4 series vs. Canadian clubs (1-3 and 0-1 vs. Toronto FC in 2021, and 0-1 and 3-1 vs. Forge FC in 2022).

* **Canadian Clubs vs. Mexican Clubs:** GP-32 W-6 D-10 L-16. (29.2% effectiveness).

**CF Montreal vs. Teams from Mexico:** GP-10 W-2 D-4 L-4. (33.3% effectiveness). They faced Atlante FC (Group C 2008/09), Santos Laguna (QF 2008/09 and R16 2022), Pachuca (QF 2014/15) and Club América (Final 2014/15).

**24 matches have been played in the KO Phase of the SCCL between Mexican and Canadian teams** with 12 wins for the Mexicans, 6 for those of Canada and 6 draws.

**The only definition from the penalty spot in the SCCL between MEX vs. CAN teams was in a final:** CD Guadalajara vs. Toronto FC en 2018, won by Chivas (4-2) after drawing 3-3 on aggregate.

* **Series between clubs from Mexico vs. teams from Canada in QF:**
* **Mexico vs. Canadian Clubs:** GP-8 W-4 D-2 L-2. (58.3% effectiveness).

**Cruz Azul faced Toronto FC** in (2021) winning the series with an aggregate score of 4-1 (1-3 and 1-0) and advanced where it faced eventual champion CF Monterrey in Semifinales).

* **Canada vs. Teams from Mexico:** GP-8 W-2 D-2 L-4. (33.3% effectiveness).

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|  | **CRUZ AZUL (MEX)** |

* **GLOBAL RECORD (includes Concacaf Champions Cup):** GP-105 W-62 D-21 L-22 (GF-248 GC-88). 65.7% effectiveness.
* **RECORD IN SCCL ERA:** GP-65 W-39 D-11 L-15 (GF-136 GA-52). 65.6% effectiveness. **APPEARANCES:** 17th (1969, 1970, 1971, 1980, 1981, 1988, 1996, 1997, 1998, 2008/09, 2009/10, 2010/11, 2013/14, 2014/15, 2020, 2021 and 2022).
* **OVERALL HOME RECORD IN SCCL:** GP-54 W-38 D-8 L-6 (GF-161 GA-37). 75.3% effectiveness.
* **PARTICIPATIONS IN QF (9):** 1997 (vs. Comunicaciones FC GUA -a single match-), 1998 (vs. Dep. Saprissa CRC -a single match-), 2008/09 (vs. Pumas UNAM MEX -round trip series-), 2009/10 (vs. Árabe Unido PAN -round trip series-), 2010/11 (vs. Santos Laguna MEX -round trip series-), 2013/14 (vs. Sp. Kansas City USA -round trip series-), 2020 (vs. Los Angeles FC USA -a single match), 2021 (Toronto FC CAN -round trip series-) and 2022 (vs. CF Montreal CAN -round trip-).
* **RECORD IN QF:** GP-13 W-10 D-1 L-2. (79.5% effectiveness).

Their only 2 losses were against MLS clubs: 1-0 vs. Sporting Kansas City USA (2013/14) and 2-1 vs. Sporting Kansas City USA (2013/14). Los Angeles FC (2020).

* Played 5 QF two-legged series, advanced in 100%. 2008/09 (vs. Pumas UNAM MEX 2009/10 (vs. Árabe Unido PAN 2010/11 (vs. Santos Laguna MEX, 2013/14 (vs. Kansas City USA and 2021 (Toronto FC CAN.
* Played 3 QF series in a single match, and in two, was eliminated: vs. Deportivo Saprissa CRC in penalty kicks (3-5) after drawing 0-0 in regulation time of the 1998 Concacaf Champions Cup, and vs. Los Angeles FC USA in 2020 of the SCCL (2-1). He advanced in a single match against Comunicaciones FC GUA in the 1997 Concacaf Champions Cup (5-0 in the final result).

**HOME RECORD IN QF:** GP-7 W-6 D-1 L-0 (GF-17 GA-1). (90.5% effectiveness). The only goal conceded was from Benny Feilhaber (Sporting Kansas City USA) in 2013/14 (5-1 win). The only draw was vs. Deportivo Saprissa CRC in 1998, and then lost 3-5 on penalty kicks.

* **SEMIFINAL STANDINGS (6):** 1997 (vs. Comunicaciones FC GUA -a single match-), 2008/09 (vs. Pumas UNAM MEX -round trip series-), 2009/10 (vs. Árabe Unido PAN -round trip series-), 2010/11 (vs. Santos Laguna MEX -round trip series-), 2013/14 (vs. Sp. Kansas City USA -round trip series-) and 2021 (Toronto FC CAN - round trip series-). In addition, he played semifinals in 1969 when the quarterfinals were not played.
* **TOP SCORERS IN THE HISTORY OF Champions ERA:** Javier Orozco (MEX) 23 goals, Emanuel Villa (ARG) 11, Pablo Zeballos (PAR) 9.
* **TOP SCORERS PER SEASON IN SCCL (Champions Era) (+ 1 goal):** Javier Orozco (MEX) 7 goals in 2008/09; Javier Orozco (MEX) and Pablo Zeballos (PAR) 5 in 2009/10; Javier Orozco (MEX) 11 in 2010/11; Mariano Pavone (ARG) 5 in 2013/14; Lucas Passerini (ARG) 2 in 2020; Bryan Angulo (ECU) 5 in 2021.

**HAT-TRICKS IN SCCL (Champions Era) (8):** Javier Orozco (MEX) x4, Jaime Lozano (MEX), Emanuel Villa (ARG), Mariano Pavone (ARG), Achille Edzimbi (CAM). In addition, Javier Orozco (MEX) scored four goals in 2010/11.

**BRACES IN SCCL (Champions Era) (10):** Edgar Andrade (MEX), Javier Orozco (MEX) x2, Nicolás Vigneri (URU), Pablo Zeballos (PAR), Maximiliano Biancucchi (ARG), Emanuel Villa (ARG) x2, Walter Montoya (ARG) and Bryan Angulo (ECU).

* **SCORERS IN QF:** Javier Orozco (MEX), Christian Giménez (ARG) and Mariano Pavone (ARG), Bryan Angulo (ECU) 3, Benjamín Galindo (MEX), Cristian Riveros (PAR) and Emanuel Villa (ARG) 2.
* **YOUNGEST SCORER IN SCCL (Champions Era):** Jesús Lara (MEX) with 19 years, 4 months and 21 days in the 2-1 victory vs. Valencia (HAI) by Group 3 of the 2013/14 edition (29-AUG-2013).
* **PLAYERS WITH MOST PRESENCES (Champions Era):** Julio César Domínguez (MEX) 44, Alejandro Castro (MEX) 39, Manuel Vela (MEX) 35 and Rogelio Chávez (MEX) 34.
* **PENALTY SHOOTOUTS (Champions Era):** (1). **WON:** 1.  **LOST:** 0.
* Victory 4-2 vs. Puerto Rico Islanders (PUR) in the Semifinals 2008/09.

**Played 1 penalty shootout in a Quarter-Final round:** lost 5–3 vs. Deportivo Saprissa CRC after drawing 0–0 in regulation time in 1998, Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Stadium, Washington D.C.

* **RECORD IN THE FIRST LEG OF PHASE KO IN SCCL:** GP-19 W-10 D-2 L-7. 56.1% EFFECTIVENESS.

**He drew in 10.5% of the first legs of the KO Phase in the SCCL (Champions Era), both without goals:** vs. Toluca FC (MEX) in the final in 2013/14, and vs. Arcahaie (HAI) in the knockout stages in 2021.

* **In Champions ERA, Cruz Azul scored goals** in 50 games, in 15 matches he could not score goals, 31 unbeaten hurdles, in 34 matches he conceded goals and 5 0-0 draws.
* **SAVES IN SCCL 2022:** (0). **Goalkeeper:** Sebastián Jurado (0).
* **TOP PLAYERS:**
* **Sebastián Jurado (MEX).** He didn't concede goals vs Forge FC. The goalkeeper added 15 saves in 6 games in the SCCL: 2020 (11 in 2 games), 2021 (4 in 2 Partidos) and 2022.
* **Romulo Otero (VEN).**  He scored a free-kick goal (the only one in the 2022 SCCL) and gave a goal assist to Angel Romero (PAR) in the series vs Forge. The Venezuelan striker had 5 shots and was one of the players with the most fouls received (4).
* **Luis Mendoza (MEX).** He had 20 appearances in the SCCL and scored 3 goals (Club América, Santos Laguna, Tijuana, Toluca and Cruz Azul). He was the leader in passes (111), assists (2) and shots (5) in the 2022 knockout stages with Cruz Azul.

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|  | **CF MONTREAL (CAN)** |

* **HISTORICAL RECORD IN SCCL:** GP-30 W-13 D-9 L-8 (GF-41 GC-34). 53.3% effectiveness.
* **PARTICIPATIONS:** 5th (2008/09, 2013/14, 2014/15, 2020 and 2022).
* **OVERALL AWAY RECORD:** GP-15 W-4 D-5 L-6 (GF-21 GA-26). 37.8% effectiveness.
* **PARTICIPATIONS IN QF (4):** 2008/09 (vs. Santos Laguna MEX - two legged series -), 2014/15 (vs. Pachuca MEX -two legged series-), 2020 (vs. Olimpia HON - two legged series -) and 2022 (vs. Cruz Azul - two legged series -).
* **RECORD IN QF:** GP-6 W-2 D-2 L-2. (44.4% effectiveness).

**VISITOR RECORD IN QF:** GP-3 W-1 D-1 L-1 (GF-5 GA-7). (44.4% effectiveness). Despite conceding 7 away goals, they managed to score in their previous 3 away matches in QF.

* **SEMIFINAL STANDINGS (1):** vs. Pachuca in 2014/15 (2-2 away and 1-1 home draws, advanced by away goal rule) advancing to the semifinals (vs. Alajuelense CRC) and the grand final (vs. Club América).
* Lost in QF against Santos Laguna MEX in 2008/09 (5-2 away from home and 2-0 win at home)
* Against CD Olimpia HON in 2020 (2-1 defeat at home and 0-1 win away from home).
* **Won 2 of the 10 matches vs. rivals of the Liga MX in the SCCL** (the rest 4 draws and 4 losses), only victories were against the same rival, Santos Laguna: 2-0 in QF (25-FEB-2009) and 3-0 in the knockout stages (23-FEB-2022).
* **Never won away vs. Mexican rivals in SCCL (2-T-3-L).** Defeats 2-1 vs. Atlante FC (Group C 2008/09), 5-2 vs. Santos Laguna (QF 2008/09) and 1-0 vs. Santos Laguna (R16 2022), and draws 2-2 vs. Pachuca (QF 2014/15) and 1-1 vs. Club América (Final 2014/15).
* **TOP SCORERS IN THE CHAMPIONS ERA:** Roberto Brown (PAN) and Marco Di Vaio (ITA) 4 goals, Anthony Donatelli (USA), Jack McIlnerney (USA), Eduardo Sebrango (CUB) and Andrés Romero (ARG) 3.
* **TOP SCORERS PER SEASON (+ 1 goal):** Roberto Brown (PAN) with 4 in 2008/09 and Marco Di Vaio (ITA) with 4 in 2014/15.

**HAT-TRICKS EN SCCL Champions Era (0):**

**BRACES IN SCCL Champions Era (5):** Roberto Brown (PAN), Tony Donatelli (USA), Eduardo Sebrango (CAN), Marco Di Vaio (ITA) y Dilly Duka (USA).

* **SCORERS IN QF:** Eduardo Sebrango (CAN) 3 goals vs. Santos Laguna MEX in 2008/09, and Dilly Duka (USA) 2 goals vs. Pachuca MEX in 2014/15.
* **YOUNGEST SCORER in Champions Era:** Ismaël Koné (CAN) at 19 years, 8 months and 8 days, in the last match of CF Montreal: 3-0 vs. Santos Laguna MEX in the knockout stages 2022 (23-FEB-2022).
* **PLAYERS WITH THE MOST PRESENCES:** Evan Bush (USA) 13, Leonardo Di Lorenzo (ARG), Dilly Duka (USA) and Joey Gjertsen (USA) 10, Andrés Romero (ARG), Matt Jordan (USA), Nevio Pizzolitto (CAN) and Sandro Grande (CAN) 9.
* **DEFINITIONS BY PENALTIES in Champions Era:** 0
* **RECORD IN THE FIRST LEGS IN THE KO Champions PHASE Era:** GP-8 W-3 D-3 L-2. 50% EFFECTIVENESS.
* **Scored 50% of the points in the first legs of a knockout phase in the SCCL** (3W-3D-2L).
* They did not win in their last 4 matches in the start of a series: 1-1 vs. Club América MEX (Final 2014/15), 2-2 vs. Deportivo Saprissa CRC (knockout 2020), 1-2 vs. Olimpia HON (QF 2020) and 1-0 vs. Santos Laguna MEX (knockout 2022).
* **In Champions Era:** Has scored goals in 24 games, in 6 matches could not score goals, 13 unbeaten fences, in 17 matches they conceded goals and 3 0-0 draws.
* **SAVES IN SCCL 2022:** (10). **Goalkeeper:** Sebastián Breza CAN (10).
* **TOP PLAYERS:**
* **Sebastián Breza (CAN).**  He had 8 saves in the first leg in the first leg and 3 clearances and kept the fence undefeated with 2 saves and 1 save in the second leg against Santos Laguna. He took second place with (10) saves, the Guatemalan Kevin Moscoso of Comunicaciones FC (13) in the knockout stages.
* **Romell Quioto (HON).** He has 20 sccl appearances and 6 goals scored. He scored one goal (1 goal and 1 assist) and (5) shots in the series vs. Santos Laguna. Quioto played in 2014/15 (5 matchesand 2 goals), 2015/16 (3 matches) and 2016/17 (2 games and 2 goals) with Olimpia HON; 2019 (4 matches) with Houston Dynamo USA; and 2020 (4 match and 1 goal) and 2022 (2 matches and 1 goal) with CF Montreal CAN.
* **Djordje Mihailovic (USA).** He scored 1 goal and 1 assist in the R16 vs. Santos Laguna. The midfielder Runner-up of the Concacaf Gold Cup in 2019 with the United States, achieved 93% accuracy in his passes in the 183 minutes played.