



## FC Motagua (HON) vs. CS Herediano (CRC)

Wednesday, September 25, 2024, Estadio Nacional Chelato Uclés, Tegucigalpa.

FC Motagua and CS Herediano will face each other for the second time in the CCAC in less than a month. In their last encounter, they drew 1-1 in Group A on August 28, 2024. For CS Herediano, John Jairo Ruíz scored, and for FC Motagua, Rubilio Castillo scored from a penalty. With the draw, Motagua secured their qualification to the quarterfinals. For Rubilio Castillo, it was his third goal against CS Herediano.

Throughout their history in club tournaments, these two teams have faced each other 5 times, with two wins and one draw each.

The first time was in the 1975 Concacaf Champions Cup where CS Herediano won the series 3-2 on aggregate.

In the first leg in Tegucigalpa (HON) on May 4, 1975, Motagua won 2-1 with goals from Salvador "Pólvora" Bernárdez and Pedro Caetano, and Vicente Wanchope for Herediano; in the return match in Heredia on May 15, 1975, the home team won 2-0 with goals from Fernando "Macho" Montero and Rafael "Zepellín" Camacho.

The second time was in the final of the Scotiabank Concacaf League 2028, where CS Herediano won the title with a 3-2 aggregate score. In the first leg in Heredia (CRC) on October 25, 2018, the home team won 2-0 with goals from Jimmy Marín and Allan Cruz; in the return leg in Tegucigalpa (HON) on November 1, 2018, Motagua won 2-1 with a double from Rubilio Castillo and a goal from Jimmy Marín at the end of the match, which gave Herediano the title.

FC Motagua will play in the quarterfinals for the eighth time, having been eliminated twice. The first was against their arch-rival CD Olimpia in a single match in the Scotiabank Concacaf League 2020, with a 2-0 win for the Leones with goals from Maylor Núñez and Deybi Flores on December 2, 2020.

The second elimination was by Club Atlético Independiente de Panamá with a 3-1 aggregate score. On September 26, 2023, in Tegucigalpa (HON), they drew 1-1, with Agustín Auzmendi scoring for Motagua and Héctor Hurtado for the Panamanians; in the return game in Panama City (PAN) on October 3, 2023, CAI won 2-0 with a double from Carlos Small.

CS Herediano (CRC) will play for a spot in the semifinals of an official international tournament for the 7th time in its history, having been eliminated three times and advanced three times previously. The most recent was against Comunicaciones FC (GUA) in the 2023 Central American Cup, advancing with a 3-2 aggregate, with all goals scored in the return game on

October 4, 2023, in Cartago (CRC). The local goals were scored by Ángel Sayago x2 and Fernán Faerron, while José Corena and Erik González scored for the visitors.

The last elimination of the “Tico” club in the quarterfinals was in the 2024 Concacaf Champions Cup when they faced the eventual champion CF Pachuca (MEX). In the first leg in San José (CRC) on April 3, 2024, they lost 0-5 with goals for the Tuzos scored by Salomón Rondón x3, Alexéi Domínguez, and Alán Bautista; in the return game on April 10, 2024, in Pachuca (MEX) they won 2-1 with goals by Bryan “Cotorro” González and Salomón Rondón, and Everardo Rubio scored a penalty for the “Ticos.”

CS HEREDIANO v. HONDURAN TEAMS						
Tournament	Year	Club	Club	Round	AGG	Win
Champions Cup	1975	Hereditano	FC Motagua	1st C.A.	3x2	CSH
Champions Cup	1980	Hereditano	Marathón	1st C.A.	3x4	MAR
Champions Cup	1994	Hereditano	CD Olimpia	1st Group 3	2x0	CSH
Champions Cup	2015	Hereditano	CD Olimpia	QF	3x1	CSH
Concacaf League	2018	Hereditano	FC Motagua	QF	3x2	CSH
Concacaf League	2022	Hereditano	RCD España	QF	2x4	RES

FC MOTAGUA v. COSTA RICAN CLUBES						
Tournament	Year	Club	Club	Round	AGG	Win
Champions Cup	1969	Motagua	Saprissa	1st	1x5	SAP
Champions Cup	1971	Motagua	Saprissa	1st C.A.	0x5	SAP
Champions Cup	1974	Motagua	CS Cartaginés	1st C.A.	3x0	MOT
Champions Cup	1975	Motagua	CS Hereditano	1st C.A.	2x3	CSH
Champions Cup	1972	Motagua	LD Alajuelense	1st Group 1	1x5	LDA
Champions Cup	1995	Motagua	Saprissa	1st Group 3	0x4	SAP
INTERCLUBES	2007	Motagua	Saprissa	Final	2x1	MOT
Concacaf League	2018	Motagua	CS Hereditano	Final	2x3	CSH
Concacaf League	2019	Motagua	Saprissa	Final	0x1	SAP
CCAC	2023	Motagua	Saprissa	Play-in CCC	2x6	SAP



## FC Motagua (HON)

Fútbol Club Motagua achieved 5 victories in 12 matches in the CCAC. They were unable to secure a win in the quarterfinals (D-1 L-1) against CAI in 2023.

The Blue Eagles are undefeated in 3 matches (W-2 D-1). Moreover, they have never lost playing at home, boasting 4 wins and 2 draws. They scored goals in each of their 6 home matches in the CCAC.

The Cyclone won 2 of their last 9 CCAC matches, both in Group A of the 2024 edition (3-2 vs. San Francisco and 4-1 vs. Tauro FC).

They faced 3 Costa Rican teams, achieving 2 draws and 2 losses between 2023 and 2024 (against Alajuelense, Saprissa, and Herediano).

**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-3 L-4 (GF-21 GA-20). \*Includes Play-in matches.

**Top scorers in the CCAC:** Agustín Auzmendi (**ARG**) **9**, Yeison Mejía (HON) 5, Rubilio Castillo (HON) 2, Iván López (HON) 1, Carlos Mejía (HON), Luis Vega (HON), Rodrigo Auzmendi (ARG), Raúl Santos (HON).

**Most assists in the CCAC:** Rodrigo Gómez (ARG) 3, Walter Martínez (HON) 2, Jorge Serrano (PAN) 2, Yeison Mejía (HON) 1, Riky Zapata (HON), Kevin Álvarez (HON), Iván López (HON), Raúl Santos (HON), Lucas Campana (ARG), Carlos Mejía (HON), Marcelo Pereira (HON), Rodrigo Auzmendi (ARG).

**Players with the most appearances in the CCAC:** Raúl Marcelo Santos, Yeison Mejía, Agustín Auzmendi, Carlos Argueta (12 Matches), Jonathan Rougier (11), Walter Martínez (9), Juan Delgado, Carlos Mejía (8), Riky Zapata, Luis Vega, Denis Meléndez (7).

**Saves:** Jonathan Rougier (ARG) 23 (5 in the 2024 edition), Enrique Facussé (HON) 1.

**How goals were scored in the CCAC 2024:** Open Play (6), Header (2)

Goal-scoring opportunities (41). Shots on goal (16).

**Youngest scorer in the CCAC:** Luis Vega (HON) - 22 years and 153 days (vs. Diriangén - Group A 2024).

**Oldest scorer in the CCAC:** Rubilio Castillo (HON) - 32 years and 336 days (vs. Herediano - Group A 2024).

**Fastest goal:** Agustín Auzmendi (ARG) vs. Alajuelense (Group D - 2023): 14 MIN 11 SEC.

**Top scorers in QF:** Agustín Auzmendi (ARG) 1.

**Hat-trick:** Agustín Auzmendi (ARG) vs. Verdes FC (Group D - 2023).

**Players to watch:**

**Agustín Auzmendi (ARG).** Is the top scorer in the CCAC with 9 goals in 12 matches. In the group stage of the 2024 edition, he made 8 shots. In total, he has taken 33 shots in the CCAC and scored 1 goal in the quarterfinals (2023 vs. CAI).

**Román Castillo (HON).** The team captain is the leader in shots (11) in the 2024 edition with two goals scored (vs. Tauro FC and Herediano). In Concacaf club tournaments, he has scored 7 goals in 19 appearances.

**Yeison Mejía (HON).** Had a shooting accuracy of 40% in the group stage. He scored 2 goals (a double against Tauro FC) on 5 shots. Mejía has scored 5 goals in 12 appearances in the Central American Cup.



## **CS Herediano (CRC)**

Club Sport Herediano remains undefeated in the 2024 CCAC (W-3 D-1), having scored all 4 of their goals in the second half. The team secured 3 victories in the 2024 edition, with all goals coming in the second half (1-0 against Tauro, 1-0 against Diriangén, and 0-1 against San Francisco).

CS Herediano has been unbeaten across the two editions of the CCAC, with 7 wins and 5 draws, including five clean sheets. In the quarterfinals of 2023, they eliminated Comunicaciones FC from Guatemala with a 3-2 scoreline.

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

**Best result in the CCAC:** Semifinals 2023.

**Record in the CCAC:** GP-12 W-7 D-5 L-0 (GF-19 GA-11).

**Top scorers in the CCAC:** Jesús Godínez (MEX) 3, David Sayago (ARG) 2, Fernán Faerron (CRC) 2, Alejandro Bran (CRC) 2, John Jairo Ruiz (CRC) 1.

**Most assists in the CCAC:** Haxzel Quirós (CRC) 3, Gerson Torres (CRC) 2, John Jairo Ruiz (CRC) 2, Elías Aguilar (CRC) 2.

**Players with the most appearances in the CCAC:** Aarón Cruz, Miguel Basulto (12 Matches), Elías Aguilar, Haxzel Quirós (11), Gerson Torres, Darryl Araya (10), John Jairo Ruiz (9), Jesús Godínez, Fernán Faerron, Ronaldo Araya, Yeltsin Tejeda, Everardo Rubio (8).

**Saves:** Aarón Cruz (CRC) 32 (9 in the 2024 edition).

**How goals were scored in the CCAC 2024:** Open Play (3), Header (1)

**Goal-scoring opportunities** (36). Shots on goal (16).

**Youngest scorer in the CCAC:** Andy Rojas (CRC) - 17 years and 268 days (vs. Comunicaciones - Group C - 2023).

**Oldest scorer in the CCAC:** Yendrick Ruiz (CRC) - 37 years and 132 days (vs. San Francisco - Group A 2024).

**Fastest goal:** Jesús Godínez (MEX) vs. CD Águila (Group C - 2023): 21 MIN 26 SEC.

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

**Top scorers in QF:** David Sayago (ARG) 2, Fernán Faerron (CRC) 1.

**Players to watch:**

**John Jairo Ruiz (CRC).** Scored the tying goal 1-1 against Motagua in the group stage of the 2024 edition. He has scored two goals in his 4 matches and has played in 9 CCAC matches.

**Elías Aguilar (CRC).** Provided two assists in the group stage, made five shots in 4 appearances, and completed 133 passes. He has played in 37 matches in Concacaf club tournaments, scoring three goals and providing five assists.

**Marcel Hernández (CUB).** Has played 19 matches in Concacaf club tournaments. In the CCAC, he has scored 4 goals in 11 appearances, two of which were penalties in 2023 while playing for CS Cartaginés. In the 2023 edition, he scored a goal in the quarterfinals against LD Alajuelense.