



Managua (NCA) vs. Saprissa (CRC)

GROUP D

Estadio Nacional de Nicaragua, Managua

6-AGO

- They will face each other for the first time in the CCAC. Managua FC will face a Costa Rican club for the first time in Concacaf club tournaments; in their only international experience, they have only played against teams from Honduras and El Salvador (Concacaf League, against FC Motagua, CD Olimpia, and CD FAS).
- Deportivo Saprissa has previously faced clubs from Nicaragua and the results were not positive; in 2023, they played against Real Estelí in the quarterfinals of the tournament, losing the series with a global score of 2x3. However, in their history against Nicaraguan clubs, Saprissa has an advantage, winning 14 out of 18 official matches, drawing 3, and losing only 1 (first leg of the quarterfinals, Central American Cup 2023, 1x0, with a goal by Bancy Hernández, September 27, 2023).



Managua FC (NCA)

- Managua FC will play at home for the second time after defeating Municipal de Guatemala 1-0 with a penalty goal by Arley Bonilla.
- This will be their sixth game following their international participation in the Concacaf League in 2019 and 2020, where they faced teams from Honduras, Guatemala, and El Salvador.
- In their record, they have one victory in 5 international matches (Concacaf League 2019, 2020, and Concacaf Central American Cup 2024), the rest being 2 draws and 2 losses.
- **Top scorers in the CCAC:** Arley Bonilla (COL) 1.
- **Saves: 0** (Alyer López achieved a clean sheet).

Players to watch:

- **Arley Bonilla (COL).** Born in Tumaco, Colombia, he scored a penalty in the 1-0 victory against Municipal. The forward has 11 appearances in the Central American Cup and 3 goals.
- **Abner Acuña (NCA).** He recovered 4 balls and completed 50 passes in his tournament debut. He participated in the Concacaf League in 2018, 2021, and 2022 with Diriangén.
- **Juan Barrera (NCA).** **The team captain reached 10 matches in the Central American Cup (2 goals scored) in addition to 34 matches in Concacaf club tournaments, where he has scored 6 goals since his debut with Tauro in 2011/12.**



Deportivo Saprissa (CRC)

- Saprissa coach Vladimir Quesada (CRC) ranked third among coaches with the most wins in the tournament's history, with 5 victories. Only surpassed by Otoniel Olivas (NCA) with 6 and Andrés Carevic (ARG) with 7 wins.
- Deportivo Saprissa has scored 9 goals in their last two matches in the Concacaf Central American Cup, 4 against Motagua of Honduras in the Play-in in 2023, and 4 against AD Guanacasteca in the Group stage in 2024.
- Deportivo Saprissa has gone three matches without a win in the CCAC, with two draws and one loss. Their only road victory was a 4-0 win against Jocoro of El Salvador with doubles from Ariel Rodríguez x2, Jefferson Brenes, and Michael Chirinos on date two in Group A.
- Deportivo Saprissa was the team that scored the most goals in the 2022 edition of the CCAC with 5. In the 2024 edition, all goals scored were from open play.
- Deportivo Saprissa in the CCAC has scored in 7 matches, only failing to score in two, kept 6 clean sheets, conceded goals in three matches, and drew once with a 0-0 score.
- Matches with the most goals: 5-0 vs. Cobán Imperial (Ariel Rodríguez, Javon East x2, and Orlando Sinclair), Group A, Estadio Ricardo Saprissa, San Juan (AUG-29-2023), and 5-0 vs. Guanacasteca (Javon East, Luis Díaz, Orlando Sinclair, Jefferson Brenes, and Mariano Torres), Group Estadio Ricardo Saprissa, San Juan (JUL-31-2024)
- **Participations in the CCAC:** 2 (2023 and 2024).
- **Best result in the CCAC:** quarterfinals 2023.
- **Record in the CCAC:** GP-9 W-5 D-3 L-1 (23GF-5GA). *Includes Play-in matches.
- **Top scorers in the CCAC:** Javon East (JAM) 5, Orlando Sinclair (CRC) 5, Ariel Rodríguez (CRC) 4, Michael Chirinos (HON) 2, Jefferson Brenes (CRC) 2.
- **Assists in the CCAC:** Jorkaef Azofeifa (CRC) 2, Javon East (JAM) 2, Ariel Rodríguez (CRC) 2, Ulises Segura (CRC) 2, Orlando Sinclair (CRC) 1, Jefferson Brenes (CRC), Kendall Waston (CRC), Michael Chirinos (HON), David Guzmán (CRC), Mariano Torres (ARG), Jeffrey Valverde (CRC).
- **Players with most appearances in the CCAC:** Esteban Alvarado, Orlando Sinclair, Javon East (9 Matches), Fidel Escobar, Jorkaef Azofeifa, Ariel Rodríguez, Jeffrey Valverde (8), Ulises Segura, Gerald Taylor, Pablo Arboine, Youstin Salas (7).
- **Saves:** Esteban Alvarado (CRC) 37.
- **Top scorers in the 2024 edition:** Mariano Torres (ARG) 1, Jefferson Brenes (CRC), Javon East (JAM), Luis Díaz (CRC), Orlando Sinclair (CRC).
- **Assists in the CCAC 2024:** Mariano Torres (ARG) 1, Jeffrey Valverde (CRC), Javon East (JAM), Ariel Rodríguez (CRC).
- Scoring situations (12). Shots on target (3).

Players to watch:

- **Javon East (JAM).** Scored the fastest goal in the history of the Central American Cup (13 seconds). The Jamaican striker has played in 9 matches in the tournament's history, scoring 5 goals and 2 assists.

- **Mariano Torres (ARG)**. The Argentine captain contributed 1 goal, delivered 1 assist, and was the player with the most shots (4) and successful passes (50) in the glorious match against Guanacasteca.
- **Luis Díaz (CRC)**. The attacker born in Nicoya scored 1 goal from 2 shots in the debut win 5-0 against Guanacasteca. He will reach 10 matches in CONCACAF competitions including the Central American Cup and Champions Cup.