



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

Estadio Alejandro Morera Soto, Alajuela, CRC, Thursday, October 3rd, 2024
22:00 (20:00) *EDT (Local Time)

Comunicaciones FC (GUA) 1x2 LD Alajuelense (CRC)

- 15th consecutive game without defeat for Alajuelense in the competition (3D-12W), in fact, it is the club with the most wins in the history of the tournament with 12.
- 5th consecutive win for Alajuelense in the competition is its 2nd best streak of consecutive wins in the tournament's history.
- 2nd victory in as many matches for Alajuelense against Comunicaciones FC in the tournament's history, previously winning 2x1 on August 27, 2024.
- 3rd victory for Alajuelense as a visitor against Comunicaciones FC in official international tournaments in 7 matches:
 - - March 19, 1972, 1x2, Final Round, Champions Cup 1971
 - - April 14, 2002, 2x3, Quarterfinals (first leg), Champions Cup 2002
 - - September 26, 2024, 1x2, Quarterfinals (first leg), Central American Cup 2024
- Alajuelense reached 37 goals scored in the tournament's history, Diego Campos (CRC) scored his 6th goal in the tournament and ties with Ariel Rodríguez (CRC) from Saprissa (CRC) in 2nd place for top scorers in the tournament's history, while Alberto Toril (ESP) scored his 1st goal in the competition, indeed becoming the first European (Spanish) footballer to score in the competition.
- Celso Borges (CRC) from Alajuelense reached 15 games played, becoming the footballer with the most games played in the tournament's history, moreover, Celso Borges (CRC) reached 12 wins, being the footballer with the most victories in the tournament's history.
- 2nd consecutive defeat for Comunicaciones FC in the tournament's history, in fact, it is the first time they have had such a streak in the competition.
- - As hosts, with the defeat, Comunicaciones FC ended a streak of 2 consecutive home wins in the tournament, their best streak of consecutive home wins in the championship.
- As hosts, in the Central American Cup, Comunicaciones FC could not win against the Costa Rican clubs they faced:
 - - Loss 1x2 against CS Herediano, August 30, 2023
 - - Draw 0x0 against CS Herediano, September 27, 2023

- - Draw 1x1 against CS Cartaginés, October 31, 2023
- - Loss 1x2 against LD Alajuelense, September 26, 2024
- Comunicaciones FC reached 19 goals scored in the competition, Carlos Mejía (GUA) scored his 2nd goal in the tournament with the “Cremas” jersey.
- Carlos Mejía (GUA) scored the fastest goal ever for Comunicaciones FC in the history of the tournament [02m41s].
- The last time Comunicaciones FC lost the first leg of a two-legged playoff in an official tournament against a Costa Rican opponent was in the 2021 CONCACAF League, when they faced Deportivo Saprissa and eliminated them; the first leg was played on October 21, 2021, ending 4x3 in favor of the “tico” club, with goals for the Costa Rican club scored by Orlando Sinclair, Mariano Torres, David Guzmán, and Nicolás Samayoa (own goal), while for the Guatemalans Óscar Santís scored x3. The second leg, played on November 3, 2021, ended with a 2x1 win for the “crema” club qualifying by away goals, with goals for the Guatemalans scored by Andrés Lezcano and Juan Anangonó, while for the Costa Ricans, Kendall Waston scored.

All-Time series

- They have faced each other 17 times in different Concacaf and UNCAF club tournaments, with 13 wins, three losses, and one draw for LD Alajuelense. GF - 43, GA - 20.
- Alajuelense 2-1 Comunicaciones (Alejandro Prieto own goal and Santiago Van Der Putten; Diego Casas), Group B (week 5) - CCAC, Alejandro Morera Soto Stadium, Alajuela (August 27, 2024).
- Comunicaciones 1-2 Alajuelense (Carlos Mejía; Diego Campos and Alberto Toril), first leg quarterfinal - CCAC, Cementos Progreso Stadium, Guatemala (September 25, 2024).
- Comunicaciones 3-1 Alajuelense, Second Round (first leg) - Concacaf Champions Cup 1962, Doroteo Guamuch Flores Stadium, Guatemala City (April 15, 1962).
- Alajuelense 3-2 Comunicaciones, Second Round (second leg) - Concacaf Champions Cup 1962, Alajuela Stadium, Alajuela (April 29, 1962).
- Comunicaciones 1-2 Alajuelense, Group A - Concacaf Champions Cup 1971, Doroteo Guamuch Flores Stadium, Guatemala City (March 19, 1971).
- Comunicaciones 2-1 Alajuelense, First Round (first leg) - Concacaf Champions Cup 1993, Doroteo Guamuch Flores Stadium, Guatemala City (June 23, 1993).
- Alajuelense 4-0 Comunicaciones, First Round (second leg) - Concacaf Champions Cup 1993, Alejandro Morera Soto Stadium, Alajuela (June 30, 1993).
- Alajuelense 4-2 Comunicaciones, Playoff (first leg) - Concacaf Champions Cup 1998, Alejandro Morera Soto Stadium, Alajuela (July 26, 1998).
- Comunicaciones 1-1 Alajuelense, Playoff (second leg) - Concacaf Champions Cup 1998, Guatemala City Stadium, Guatemala (July 29, 1998).
- Comunicaciones 2-3 Alajuelense, Quarterfinals (first leg) - Concacaf Champions Cup 2002, Doroteo Guamuch Flores Stadium, Guatemala City (April 14, 2002).

• Alajuelense 3-0 Comunicaciones, Quarterfinals (second leg) - Concacaf Champions Cup 2002, Alejandro Morera Soto Stadium, Alajuela (April 24, 2002).



LD Alajuelense (CRC)

Liga Deportiva Alajuelense is undefeated in 15 matches in the CCAC (12 wins, 3 draws). In the 2024 edition, they have achieved five wins and are the team with the most goals scored, with 13. Over two editions of the tournament, they have scored 37 goals.

Alajuelense has achieved 4 victories and 3 draws in the knockout stage. They scored 6 goals in their 3 home knockout games (1 win, 2 draws). In the previous quarterfinal series, they eliminated fellow Costa Rican team CS Cartaginés (1-3 and 3-0).

Best result in the CCAC: Champion of the 2023 edition.

Record: Played 15, Won 12, Drawn 3, Lost 0 (37 GF - 14 GA).

Top scorers: Diego Campos (CRC) 6, 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.

Assists: Carlos Mora (CRC) 4, Joshua Navarro (CRC) 4, Aarón Suárez (CRC) 4, Anderson Cardoso (BRA) 3, Johan Venegas (CRC) 2.

Players with the most appearances in the CCAC: Celso Borges (15 matches), Joshua Navarro, Leonel Moreira (13), Aarón Suárez (12), Alexander López, Alexis Gamboa, Carlos Martínez, Ian Lawrence (10), Joel Campbell, Giancarlo González, Michael Barrantes (9).

Saves: Leonel Moreira (CRC) 46 (14 in the current edition), Miguel Ajú (CRC) 6.

Opportunities to score goals (63). Shots on target (34).

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

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

Fastest goal: Joshua Navarro (CRC) vs. Motagua (Group D - 2023): 4 minutes, 1 second.

Penalty shootouts: 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), Diego Campos (CRC), Alberto Toril (ESP).

Players to watch:

- **Diego Campos (CRC).** He is the top scorer in the CCAC 2024 (6 goals scored against CD Marathón -brace-, Luis Ángel Firpo, Alianza FC -brace- and Comunicaciones). To date, he has made 15 shots, 1 assist in 5 matches.

- **Anderson Cardoso (BRA)**. He made three shots in the first leg of the quarterfinals. The Brazilian player has scored 1 goal, provided 3 assists, and made 13 shots.

- **Celso Borges (CRC)**. He is the only player in the LD Alajuelense roster to have been on the field for all 15 CCAC matches. Borges is the leader in passes (259) and ball recoveries (10), and he provided an assist in the first leg of the quarterfinals.



Comunicaciones FC (GUA)

Comunicaciones were eliminated in the quarterfinals of the 2023 edition against Herediano and have yet to win in the knockout stage (D-1 L-2).

Comunicaciones lost 2 of their last 7 matches across 2 editions of the CCAC and conceded 6 goals in the 2024 edition, all in the second half.

Comunicaciones FC have never been able to defeat Costa Rican opponents in 7 encounters in the CCAC (D-3 L-4). They faced CS Herediano 3 times, Cartaginés twice in 2023, and Alajuelense twice in 2024.

Best result in the CCAC: Quarterfinals 2023 and 2024.

Record: GP-13 W-5 D-4 L-4 (19GF-15GA). *Includes Play-in matches.

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

Assists: 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 CCAC appearances: Antonio López, Erik González (13 matches), José Corena, José Contreras, Fredy Pérez, Stheven Robles (12), José Carlos Pinto (11), Lynner García (10), Juan Anangonó, Jorge Aparicio, Gerardo Gordillo (8).

Saves: Fredy Pérez (GUA) 49 (28 in the current edition), Arnold Barrios (GUA) 2.

Goal opportunities (45). Shots on goal (16).

Youngest Scorer: Azarias Londoño (PAN) - 23 years, 1 month, and 24 days (vs. Marathón - Group B 2024).

Oldest Scorer: Carlos Mejía (GUA) - 32 years, 317 days (vs. Alajuelense - Quarterfinals - Leg 1 - 2024).

Fastest Goal: Carlos Mejía (vs. Alajuelense - Quarterfinals - Leg 1 - 2024): 2 minutes, 41 seconds.

Penalty Shootouts: 1 / Victory 5-4 vs. Cartaginés (Play-in 2023).

Quarterfinal Record: GP-3 W-0 D-1 L-2 (3GF-5GA).

Top Scorers in QF: Erik González (GUA) 1, José Corena (COL), Carlos Mejía (GUA).

Players to Watch:

Diego Casas (URU). He leads the team in shots with (14). The Uruguayan striker scored (2) goals in the 2024 group stage (vs. CD Marathón and CS Herediano). In the first leg of the quarterfinals, he made 3 shots.

Carlos Mejía (GUA). He scored the goal in the loss in the first leg of the quarterfinals. He has scored two goals and provided one assist in the 2024 CCAC.

Erik González (GUA). Delivered (53) successful passes against Alajuelense, made 2 shots, and completed 96% of his passes. Alongside Antonio López, they have played all 13 games for Comunicaciones in the CCAC.