

# Tigres UANL (MEX) vs. FC Cincinnati (USA)

# **Estadio Universitario (MEX)**

Tigres UANL and FC Cincinnati drew 1-1 in the first leg, March 4, 2025, at TQL Stadium. Nicolás Ibañez scored for Tigres, while Pavel Bucha found the net for FC Cincinnati.

## **FC Cincinnati's Tournament Performance**

- Recorded two draws for the first time in tournament history and extended their unbeaten run to three matches (2D-1W), their best streak without a loss in the competition.
- Faced a Mexican club for the third time, accumulating one draw and two losses, with both defeats coming consecutively.

#### FC Cincinnati's Home Performance

- Extended their winless home streak to three matches (2D-1L) and conceded in each of their last three home games.
- This was the club's first home-leg draw in a two-legged series and the second time they failed to win at home in the first leg, having previously lost 0-1 to CF Monterrey in the 2024 Round of 16, a series they lost 1-3 on aggregate.

#### FC Cincinnati's Away Record in Concacaf Champions Cup

- Will play their fourth away match in tournament history (2W-1L).
- Their only loss on the road came in Mexico against CF Monterrey (2-1) in the second leg of the 2024 Round of 16.
- Their two victories came against Cavalier in Jamaica (0-2, 2024) and FC Motagua in Honduras (1-4, 2025).

## Tigres UANL's Away Record in the USA

- Extended their streak to eight away matches in the United States, remaining unbeaten in their last seven (2W-5D).
- Their last four matches in the USA ended in draws.
- Out of their five total draws in the United States, four finished 1-1 (vs. Real Salt Lake in 2016, vs. Orlando City in 2023, vs. Columbus Crew in 2024, and vs. FC Cincinnati in 2025).

#### Tigres' First-Leg Trends Against MLS Clubs

- Third consecutive time Tigres drew the first leg when playing away against an MLS club.

- Their record in these situations is one qualification (vs. Orlando City in the 2024 Round of 16) and one elimination (vs. Columbus Crew in the 2024 quarterfinals).
- Fifth time Tigres will play the second leg at home against an MLS club, with a record of three qualifications (vs. Houston Dynamo in the 2019 quarterfinals, vs. NYCFC in the 2020 quarterfinals, and vs. Orlando City in the 2024 Round of 16) and one elimination (vs. Columbus Crew in the 2024 quarterfinals).

# Tigres UANL's Home Record Against MLS Clubs

- Played six home matches against MLS teams, remaining unbeaten (4W-2D).
- Won only one of their last three home matches after drawing twice (0-0 vs. Orlando City in 2023 and 1-1 vs. Columbus Crew in 2024).
- Qualified in four of their last five series against MLS clubs.



Concacaf Champions Cup Appearances (including all formats): 12th (1979, 1981, 1983, 2012/13, 2015/16, 2016/17, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2023, 2024, 2025).

**Best Result**: Champion (1) 2020. Runner-up (3) 2015/16, 2016/17, 2019.

**Record (including all formats):** GP-71 W-35 D-21 L-15 (GF-125 GA-105).

**Top Scorers:** André-Pierre Gignac (FRA) 20, Enner Valencia (ECU) 10, Eduardo Vargas (CHI) 7, Luis Quiñones (COL) 6, Alan Pulido (MEX) 4.

**Most Appearances:** Nahuel Guzmán (ARG) 43, Guido Pizarro (ARG) 38, Javier Aquino (MEX) 37, Jesús Dueñas (MEX) 36, André-Pierre Gignac (FRA) 34, Hugo Ayala (MEX) 32, Luis Quiñones (COL) 30.

Since 2008/09: 49 matches with goals, 10 matches without scoring, 22 clean sheets, 37 matches conceding goals, 4 matches ending 0-0.

Penalty Shootouts (since 2008/09): 1 (1 loss). (3-4 vs. Columbus Crew - 2024 Quarterfinals).

**Hat-tricks:** (2) Alan Pulido (vs. Alajuelense - 2012/13 group stage), Enner Valencia (vs. Saprissa - 2019 Round of 16).

**Round of 16 Appearances:** 6 (2018 vs. Herediano, 2019 vs. Deportivo Saprissa, 2020 vs. Alianza FC, 2023, 2024 vs. Orlando City, 2025 vs. FC Cincinnati).

Round of 16 Record: GP-11 W-4 D-5 L-2 (GF-21 GA-13).

Round of 16 Top Scorers (since 2008/09): Enner Valencia (ECU) 6, André-Pierre Gignac (FRA) 3, Sebastián Córdova (MEX) 2.

**Top Scorers in CCC 2025:** Jonathan Ozziel Herrera (MEX) 1, Diego Lainez (MEX) 1, Juan Pablo Vigón (MEX) 1, Nicolás Ibáñez (ARG) 1.

Assists in CCC 2025: Javier Aquino (MEX) 1, Juan Ignacio Brunetta (ARG) 1, Sebastián Córdova



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**Saves in CCC 2025:** 10. Goalkeepers: Fernando Tapia (MEX) 4, Nahuel Guzmán (ARG) 6. (3 goals conceded - 1 clean sheet).

#### **Goal Types:**

Open play (3), header (1).

Right-footed goals: 2. Left-footed goals: 1.

Goals from inside the box: 4. Goals from outside the box: 0.

Goal Attempts: 24 goal opportunities, 14 shots on target.

Fastest Goal in CCC 2025: Jonathan Ozziel Herrera (1' 46" vs. Real Estelí - Round One - second leg).

# Players to Watch:

**Nicolás Ibáñez (ARG).** Scored his second goal of the tournament, his first since the second leg of the 2023 quarterfinals in a 5-0 win over FC Motagua on April 13, 2023. He became the third Argentine to score twice for Tigres UANL, following Damián Álvarez (1 in 2016, 1 in 2017) and Ismael Sosa (1 in 2017, 1 in 2018).

**Sebastián Córdova (MEX).** Had a direct impact on Nicolás Ibáñez's goal against FC Cincinnati in the first leg of the Round of 16. The Mexican midfielder has scored 4 goals in 25 Concacaf Champions Cup appearances.

**Juan Ignacio Brunetta (ARG).** Provided 1 assist, made 5 ball recoveries, took 7 shots, and registered a 97% pass accuracy in the current edition. He ranks second in successful passes (136), trailing only Brazilian Rafael Carioca, who leads with 140.



Concacaf Champions Cup Appearances (including all formats): 2nd (2024, 2025).

**Best Result:** Round of 16 (1) 2024.

**Record (including all formats):** GP-7 W-3 D-2 L-2 (GF-13 GA-6).

**Top Scorers:** Pavel Bucha (CZE) 3, Kévin Denkey (TOG) 2, Luciano Acosta (ARG) 1, Gerardo Valenzuela (USA) 1, Aaron Boupendza (GAB) 1, Sergio Santos (BRA) 1, Alvas Powell (JAM) 1, Isaiah Foster (USA) 1, Malik Pinto (USA) 1, Evander (BRA) 1.

**Most Appearances:** Roman Celentano (USA) 6, Pavel Bucha (CZE) 6, Miles Robinson (USA) 6, Yuya Kubo (JAP) 6, Corey Baird (USA) 6, Alvas Powell (JAM) 5.

**Since 2008/09:** 6 matches with goals, 1 match without scoring, 2 clean sheets, 5 matches conceding goals, 0 matches ending 0-0.

Penalty Shootouts (since 2008/09): None recorded.



Hat-tricks: (0).

Round of 16 Appearances: 2 (2024 vs. CF Monterrey, 2025 vs. Tigres UANL).

Round of 16 Record: GP-3 W-0 D-1 L-2 (GF-2 GA-4).

Round of 16 Top Scorers (since 2008/09): Luciano Acosta (ARG) 1, Pavel Bucha (CZE) 1.

Top Scorers in CCC 2025: Pavel Bucha (CZE) 3, Kévin Denkey (TOG) 2, Evander (BRA) 1.

Assists in CCC 2025: Kévin Denkey (TOG) 1, Alvas Powell (JAM) 1, Evander (BRA) 1, Lukas Ahlefeld Engel (DEN) 1, Corey Baird (USA) 1.

**Saves in CCC 2025: 11.** Goalkeepers: Roman Celentano (USA) 8, Evan Louro (USA) 3. (3 goals conceded - 0 clean sheets).

# **Goal Types:**

Open play (6).

Right-footed goals: 4. Left-footed goals: 1.

Goals from inside the box: 3. Goals from outside the box: 3.

Goal Attempts: 38 goal opportunities, 19 shots on target.

Fastest Goal in CCC 2025: Pavel Bucha (02' 33" vs. Tigres UANL - Round of 16 - first leg).

## Players to Watch:

**Pavel Bucha (CZE).** Reached 3 goals in the tournament, becoming the highest-scoring Czech player in Concacaf Champions Cup history since the 2008/09 edition. Bucha has recorded 5 shots and 96 successful passes in the current tournament.

**Kévin Denkey (TOG).** Has been involved in every goal for FC Cincinnati in this edition (2 goals and 1 assist) and leads the team in shots (10). Scored in both legs of the Round One series against FC Motagua.

**Miles Robinson (USA)**. Leads the team in completed passes (131) in the current edition. Has played all three matches with a 96% pass accuracy.

