



Philadelphia Union (USA) vs. Saprissa (CRC)

Subaru Park, Philadelphia, USA

Series in CCC: Philadelphia Union has won all the matches: GP-3 W-3 D-0 L-0 (GF-8 GA-2).

Results:

Saprissa 0-1 Philadelphia Union (Kacper Przybyłko), first leg Round of 16, Ricardo Saprissa Stadium, San José (7-APR-2021).

Philadelphia Union 4-0 Saprissa (Jamiro Monteiro x2, Kacper Przybyłko, Anthony Fontana), second leg Round of 16, Subaru Park, Chester (14-APR-2021).

Saprissa 2-3 Philadelphia Union (Jakob Glesnes (own goal) and Gerald Taylor; Julián Carranza x3), First Round One first leg, Ricardo Saprissa Aymá Stadium, San José (21-FEB-2024).



Philadelphia Union (USA)

Philadelphia Union (USA) ended a streak of 3 consecutive games without a win and as visitors ended a run of 4 consecutive winless games (2L-2D).

Philadelphia Union's victory against Deportivo Saprissa marks the 11th win in the last 12 matches between MLS clubs and Costa Rican opponents.

This win also represents the 25th victory for MLS clubs against Costa Rican rivals.

This was only the 3rd occasion in the entire history of the CCC that Deportivo Saprissa conceded 3 goals playing at home (since 1962). It previously happened against Comunicaciones FC (GUA) in 1986, against CF América (MEX) in 2015, and against Philadelphia Union (USA) in 2024.

Philadelphia Union hasn't lost playing at home in the CCC (2W-1D) and scored penalty goals in all 3 matches in the 2023 edition (4-0 vs. Alianza, 1-0 vs. Atlas, and 1-1 vs. LAFC). The last 5 goals in their stadium in the CCC were scored in the second half, with the last 4 coming after the 80th minute, and the recent 2 were penalty goals scored by Daniel Gazdag (vs. Atlas and Los Angeles FC).

In the victory on Tuesday, February 20th, Philadelphia Union for the first time managed to come from behind. Prior to that, they had achieved all their victories with a clean sheet: 4-0 and 0-1 vs. Saprissa (R16 2021), 0-3 vs. Atlanta United (QF 2021), 4-0 vs. Alianza FC (R16 2023), and 1-0 vs. Atlas (QF 2023).

With his hat-trick against Saprissa, Argentine Julián Carranza equaled Kacper Przybylko as Philadelphia Union's top scorers in the CCC with 5 goals. Additionally, he scored the first hat-trick for his team in the history of the CCC.

When Philadelphia Union won their home game in the CCC, they had no trouble advancing to the next round: 0-1 and 4-0 against Saprissa (R16 2021), 3-0 and 1-1 vs. Atlanta United (QF 2021), and 1-0 vs. Atlas (QF 2023).

CCC record (Since 1962): GP-13 W-6 D-4 L-3 (GF-20 GA-13).

Best Result: Semifinals (2) 2021, 2023.

Top scorers in the CCC: Julián Carranza (ARG) 5, Kacper Przybylko (GER) 5, Daniel Gazdag (HUN) 3, Jamiro Monteiro (NED) 2, Anthony Fontana (USA) 2, Andrés Perea (USA) 2.

Players with most appearances in the CCC: Alejandro Bedoya (USA) 13, Kai Wagner (GER) 12, Jakob Glesnes (NOR) 12, Andre Blake (JAM) 12, José Martínez (VEN) 11, Jack Elliot (ENG) 10, Leon Flach (USA) 10, Olivier Mbaizo (CAM) 10, Jack McGlynn (USA) 10, Quinn Sullivan (USA) 10.

Record in second leg knockout matches (since 2008/09): GP-6 W-2 D-2 L-2 (GF-11 GA-7).

Victories with most goals (since 2008/09): 4-0 vs. Saprissa (Jamiro Monteiro x2, Kacper Przybylko, and Anthony Fontana) - Round of 16 2021; 4-0 vs. Alianza FC (Damion Lowe, Daniel Gazdag, and Andrés Perea x2) - Round of 16 2023.

Penalty shootouts: 0

Participations in Round of 16: 2021 (vs. Saprissa) and 2023 (vs. Alianza FC).

Assists in CCC 2024: Daniel Gazdag (HUN) 2, Kai Wagner (GER) 1.

Saves in CCC 2024: 2. Goalkeepers: Andre Blake (JAM) 2. (2 goals conceded - 0 clean sheets).

How goals were scored in CCC 2024: Open play (2), header (1).

Chances to score goals (7). Shots on target (1).

Players to watch:

Julián Carranza (ARG). All 5 goals he has scored in the CCC were as a visitor, 2 goals against Atlas FC (MEX) in 2023 and 3 goals against Deportivo Saprissa (CRC) in 2024. Carranza is the 4th player to score a hat-trick for an MLS club in CCC history and the 3rd South American player, after Héber dos Santos (BRA) of New York City and Yimmi Chará (COL) of Portland Timbers in 2021.

Daniel Gazdag (HUN). Provided two assists in the comeback (2-3) against Deportivo Saprissa where he reached 10 matches in the CCC, scoring 5 goals. The Hungarian-born player had 4 ball recoveries.

Jakob Glesnes (NOR). Glesnes' own goal for Philadelphia Union was the 4th in favor of a Costa Rican club since 2008-2009. Deportivo Saprissa is the team with the most own goals in favor with 3, in 2010 against CF Monterrey (Severo Meza), in 2015 against Santos Laguna (Néstor Araújo), and in 2024 against Philadelphia Union.

Andre Blake (JAM). The team captain made 2 saves and 1 clearance at the Ricardo Saprissa Stadium. The Jamaican goalkeeper has 12 appearances in the CCC (2021, 2023, and 2024), helping his team advance to the semifinals in those 2 editions. He has a total of 37 saves.



Saprissa (CRC)

Deportivo Saprissa reached 51 defeats in the history of the CCC (since 1962), making it the Costa Rican team with the most losses.

It's the 15th occasion that Deportivo Saprissa lost the first leg in a two-legged tie; of the 14 previous times it lost, it only managed to advance to the next round on 2 occasions, against Comunicaciones (GUA) in 1973 and against Atlante FC (MEX) in 2008.

This was only the 3rd time in the entire history of the CCC that Deportivo Saprissa conceded 3 goals playing at home (since 1962). It previously happened against Comunicaciones FC (GUA) in 1986, against CF América (MEX) in 2015, and against Philadelphia Union (USA) in 2024.

Saprissa will seek to end a streak of 14 winless away matches in the CCC (5D-9L). Their last victory on the road was (2-1) against CD Olimpia from Honduras in the Quarterfinals of 2010/11.

Deportivo Saprissa lost their last 2 away matches where they conceded 4 goals each: 4-0 vs. Philadelphia and 4-1 vs. Pumas UNAM, in the Round of 16 of 2021 and 2022. They have not been able to score away goals since Rolando Blackburn scored the equalizing goal (1-1) against Portland Timbers in Group B in 2016/17.

Only 4 teams from Costa Rica have won away matches in the United States since the format change in 2008/09. Deportivo Saprissa was the first when they defeated DC United and Seattle Sounders in the group stages of 2008/09 and 2010/11. Then, Herediano and Alajuelense won away matches. The latter was the only one to win in the knockout stage; however, they were eliminated (vs. Los Angeles in R16 2023).

Saprissa has gone 8 matches without a win in the CCC (3D-5L). Their last victory was against Tigres UANL in the Round of 16 of 2019: 1-0, goal by Johan Venegas.

Participations in the CCC (since 1962): 37 (1963, 1965, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1977, 1978, 1983, 1986, 1987, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1995, 1996, 1998, 1999, 2002, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2008, 2008/09, 2009/10, 2010/11, 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2024).

Best Result: Champion (3) 1993, 1995, 2005; Semifinals in 2010-11.

Top scorers in the CCC: Ariel Rodríguez (CRC) 7, Jairo Arrieta (CRC) 5, Marvin Angulo (CRC) 4, Armando Alonso (CRC) 4.

Players with the most appearances in the CCC: David Guzmán (CRC) 26, Jairo Arrieta (CRC) 21, Armando Alonso (CRC) 20, Marvin Angulo (CRC) 19, Walter Centeno (CRC) 18.

Record in second leg knockout matches (since 2008/09): GP-9 W-2 D-2 L-5 (GF-7 GA-22).

Victory with the most goals (since 2008/09): 6-0 vs. Dragón (Rolando Blackburn x2, Francisco Calvo, Marvin Angulo, Mariano Torres, and Ulises Segura), Group B - 2016/17.

Penalty shootouts: 0

Hat-tricks: Ariel Rodríguez (vs. Real Estelí - Group 2 2014/15).

Participations in the Round of 16: 2002 (vs. Monarcas), 2018 (Club América), 2019 (vs. Tigres UANL), 2020 (vs. FC Montreal), 2021 (Philadelphia Union), and 2022 (vs. Pumas UNAM).

Goals in CCC 2024: Gerald Taylor (CRC) 1 (an own goal in favor).

Assists in CCC 2024: Luis Paradela (CUB) 1.

Saves in CCC 2024: 1. Goalkeeper: Kevin Chamorro (CRC). (3 goals conceded - 0 clean sheets).

How goals were scored in CCC 2024: Open play (1), own goal in favor (1).

Chances to score goals (10). Shots on target (2).

Players to watch:

Mariano Torres (ARG). The team captain had 2 shots and completed 50 passes, with 43 of them being successful against Philadelphia Union. The Argentine player has scored 3 goals in 16 appearances in the CCC.

Luis Paradela (CUB). Provided an assist for the second goal against Philadelphia Union. The Cuban forward made 10 accurate passes after coming on as a substitute in the 69th minute.

Gerald Taylor (CRC). Scored Saprissa's last goal against Philadelphia Union. The defender made 1 clearance and completed 40 accurate passes in the first match.