



Tuesday February 18, 2025

22:00 (20:00) *EDT (local time)

#12 Colorado Rapids (USA) vs. Los Angeles FC (USA)

Dick's Sporting Goods Park (USA)

This will be the first time they meet in the Concacaf Champions Cup.

Los Angeles FC leads the historical series of 13 matches with 8 wins, 1 draw, and 4 losses.

Colorado Rapids will face another MLS club for the first time in the history of the tournament and will aim to improve their performance by advancing past the Round of 16, a stage they reached twice before. In the 2018 edition, they lost to Toronto FC (CAN) with an aggregate score of 0-2, and in 2022, they were eliminated by Comunicaciones FC (GUA) through a penalty shootout, where they lost 3-4. Colorado Rapids is the last MLS club to have required penalty kicks to decide their qualification in the Round of 16 in the history of the CCC.

Los Angeles FC will look to win the title, which they have been closed to securing twice. In the 2020 edition, they lost the final to Tigres UANL (MEX) with a 1-2 scoreline in a single-leg final, and in the 2023 edition, they fell 1-3 on aggregate to Club León (MEX). It is worth noting that Los Angeles FC, alongside Los Angeles Galaxy, are the MLS clubs with the most finals played in the history of the CCC, both with 2 finals. Furthermore, the California club holds the negative record of being the only MLS team to lose all of its title matches (3).



Colorado Rapids qualified for the 2025 Concacaf Champions Cup after winning the Third-Place Match in the 2024 Leagues Cup. This will be the club's fifth appearance in the tournament.

Colorado Rapids have won just one of their last five matches in the Concacaf Champions Cup (1-0 vs. Comunicaciones FC in the 2022 Round of 16). That match against the Guatemalan side was the only one in which they managed to score in their last five tournament outings.

They have lost their last two first-leg matches in knockout rounds in tournament history (2-0 vs. Toronto FC in the 2018 Round of 16 and 1-0 vs. Comunicaciones in the 2022 Round of 16). They have not won the opening match of a series since the Third Round of 1998, when they defeated León 1-0.

Appearances in the Champions Cup (including all formats): 5th (1998, 2011/12, 2018, 2022, 2025).

Debut: 1998 (Third Round - Playoffs).

Last participation: 2022 (Round of 16).

Champions Cup record (including all formats): GP-12 W-4 D-2 L-6 (GF-13 GA-19).

Best result: Round of 16 (2) 2018, 2022.

Top scorers: Macoumba Kandji (SEN) 2, Andre Akpan (USA) 2, Omar Cummings (JAM) 1, Jeff Larentowicz (USA) 1, Quincy Amarikwa (USA) 1, Brian Mullan (USA) 1, Max (BRA) 1, Eddie Ababio (USA) 1.

Players with the most appearances: Scott Palguta (USA) 6, Wells Thompson (USA) 6, Steward Ceus (HAI) 5, Joseph Nane (CMR) 5, Macoumba Kandji (SEN) 5, Omar Cummings (JAM) 5, Sanna Nyassi (GMB) 5.

Colorado Rapids since 2008/09: scored in six matches, failed to score in four, recorded two clean sheets, conceded goals in eight matches, and played to one 0-0 draw.

Players to watch.

Djordje Mihailovic (SRB). The midfielder will reach five Champions Cup appearances (scored one goal for CF Montréal in the 2022 edition against Santos Laguna). He has netted three goals against LAFC in MLS history across four meetings.

Omir Fernández (USA). The forward featured in the 2019 Champions Cup with New York Red Bulls, scoring one goal in two appearances (vs. Santos Laguna).

Rafael Navarro (BRA). The Brazilian striker scored 15 goals and registered one assist in 36 matches in the 2024 MLS season. He also netted eight goals in 13 appearances in the CONMEBOL Libertadores with Palmeiras.



The runners-up of the 2020 and 2023 editions qualified as finalists of the 2024 Leagues Cup. This will be LAFC's third appearance in the Concacaf Champions Cup.

The Los Angeles club will seek redemption after finishing as runner-up in its two previous appearances, falling in the finals to Tigres UANL (2020) and León (2023). LAFC led the competition in goal-scoring opportunities (108) during its last participation in 2023.

Founded in 2014, the team has never lost against U.S. opponents in the competition. It eliminated Philadelphia Union in the 2023 semifinals (1-1 and 3-0). In its two previous participations, LAFC recorded just one draw: 1-1 vs. Philadelphia Union.

LAFC has won 7 of its last 12 matches in tournament history, repeating a 3-0 scoreline in five of those victories. It has recorded 2 wins, 2 losses, and 1 draw in first-leg matches in the Concacaf Champions Cup.

Appearances in the Concacaf Champions Cup (including all formats): 3rd (2020, 2023, 2025).

Debut: 2020 (Runner-up).

Last participation: 2023 (Runner-up).



CCC record (including all formats): GP-13 W-7 D-1 L-5 (GF-24 GA-12).

Best result: Runner-up (2) 2020, 2023.

Top scorers: Carlos Vela (MEX) 8, Dénis Bouanga (FRA) 7, Kwadwo Opoku (GHA) 3, Diego Rossi (URU) 2, Timothy Tillman (GER) 1, Latif Blessing (GHA) 1, José Cifuentes (ECU) 1, Kellyn Acosta (USA) 1.

Players with the most appearances: Carlos Vela (MEX) 13, Diego Palacios (ECU) 13, Jesús Murillo (COL) 10, José Cifuentes (ECU) 10, Kwadwo Opoku (GHA) 10, Stipe Biuk (CRO) 8, Denis Bouanga (FRA) 8, Ilie Sánchez (ESP) 8, John McCarthy (USA) 8, Timothy Tillman (GER) 8.

LAFC since 2008/09: Scored in 11 matches, failed to score in only two games, recorded 5 clean sheets, conceded goals in 8 matches, and has never played to a 0-0 draw.

Players to watch.

Denis Bouanga (FRA). Played a direct role in 60% of LAFC's goals in the 2023 edition (7 goals and 2 assists), finishing as the tournament's top scorer with 7 goals (3 in the Round of 16, 2 in the quarterfinals, 1 in the semifinals, and 1 in the final). The Frenchman also led the competition in shots (34).

Carlos Vela (MEX). Directly contributed to 46% of LAFC's goals in the CCC (8 goals and 3 assists in 13 appearances). Scored 5 goals in 5 matches in the 2020 Concacaf Champions Cup, leading LAFC to a runner-up finish.

Olivier Giroud (FRA). The French striker will make his debut in the Concacaf Champions Cup. The legendary forward was a finalist in the last two FIFA World Cups with France, winning the title in 2018 and finishing as runner-up in 2022.