



## Philadelphia Union (USA) vs. Pachuca (MEX)

Tuesday, March 5, 2024

Subaru Park Stadium, Chester, USA.

Philadelphia Union and CF Pachuca will face each other for the first time.



### Philadelphia Union (USA)

Philadelphia Union qualified for the 5th time out of 7 participations in the CCC and tied with Seattle Sounders as the MLS teams with the most qualifications by drawing the second leg, both clubs achieving it 3 times. Philadelphia achieved it against Atlanta United (USA) in 2021, against Atlas (MEX) in 2021, and against Deportivo Saprissa (CRC) in 2024; whereas Seattle Sounders had achieved it against Isidro Metapán (SLV) in 2010, against León (MEX), and New York City (USA) in 2022.

Philadelphia Union is only the 2nd MLS team to score a goal in extra time and advance to the next round; previously, only Seattle Sounders had achieved it against San Francisco FC (PAN) in 2011, with a goal in the 98th minute by Jonathan Jaqua (USA).

Philadelphia Union managed to advance through the two rounds of the Round of 16, eliminating Central American teams: Saprissa in 2021 and Alianza FC in 2023 undefeated, scoring 9 goals and conceding none in their 4 matches.

They haven't lost at home in the last 2 editions of the CCC (2-W-2-D) and drew in the 2 recent matches at Subaru Park: 1-1 against Philadelphia (SF 2023) and 3-3 against Saprissa (First Round 2024).

They scored from penalty kicks in 3 of their 4 recent appearances playing at home in the CCC (4-0 against Alianza, 1-0 against Atlas, and 1-1 against LAFC).

They started losing the match in the last 3 games, always within the first 30 minutes, of which they won 1 (3-2 against Saprissa), drew 1 (3-3 against Saprissa), and lost 1 (3-0 against LAFC).

**Participations in the Concacaf Champions League (All formats since 1962):** 3 (2021, 2023, 2024).

**Best Result:** Semifinals (2) 2021, 2023.



**Record in the CCC (All formats since 1962):** G-14, W-6, D- 5, L- 3 (GF- 23, GA- 16).

**Top Scorers in the CCC:** Julián Carranza (ARG) 6, Kacper Przybylko (GER) 5, Daniel Gazdag (HUN) 3, Jamiro Monteiro (NED) 2, Anthony Fontana (USA) 2, Andrés Perea (USA) 2.

**Players with the Most Appearances in the CCC:** Alejandro Bedoya (USA) 14, Kai Wagner (GER) 13, Jakob Glesnes (NOR) 13, Andre Blake (JAM) 12, José Martínez (VEN) 12, Jack Elliot (ENG) 11, Jack McGlynn (USA) 11, Quinn Sullivan (USA) 11.

Record in First-leg Matches in the KO Stage (since 2008/09): Played 7, Won 4, Drawn 2, Lost 1.

**Highest-Scoring Victory (since 2008/09):** 4-0 against Saprissa (Jamiro Monteiro x2, Kacper Przybylko, and Anthony Fontana) - Round of 16 2021; 4-0 against Alianza FC (Damion Lowe, Daniel Gazdag, and Andrés Perea x2) - Round of 16 2023.

**Penalty Shootouts:** 0.

Won in Extra Time in the First Round 2024 against Deportivo Saprissa after drawing on aggregate score 5-5.

**Hat-tricks:** Julián Carranza (against Deportivo Saprissa).

**Participations in the Round of 16:** 2021 (against Saprissa) and 2023 (against Alianza FC).

**Record in the Round of 16:** GP4, W-3, D-1, L- 0 (GF 9, GA 0).

**Top Scorers in the Round of 16:** Andrés Perea (USA) 2, Kacper Przybylko (GER) 2, Jamiro Monteiro (NED) 2, Daniel Gazdag (HUN) 1, Anthony Fontana (USA) 1, Damion Lowe (JAM) 1.

**Top Scorers in CCC 2024:** Julián Carranza (ARG) 4, Quinn Sullivan (USA) 1, Mikael Uhre (DEN) 1.

**Assists in CCC 2024:** Daniel Gazdag (HUN) 2, Kai Wagner (GER) 1, Quinn Sullivan (USA) 1, Jack McGlynn (USA) 1.

**Saves in 2024:** 5. Goalkeepers: Oliver Semmlé (GER) 3, Andre Blake (JAM) 2. (5 goals conceded - 0 clean sheets).

**How the Goals Were Scored:** From open play (4), headers (2).

**Goal-Scoring Opportunities (24).** Shots on Target (10).

**Players to Watch:**

**Julián Carranza (ARG).** Scored 4 goals in the First Round series against Saprissa. Surpassed Kacper Przybylko to become Philadelphia Union's top scorer in the CCC with (6). The Argentine has 6 goals in 8 appearances in the 2023 and 2024 editions.

**Daniel Gazdag (HUN).** Contributed with 2 assists against Deportivo Saprissa and had 2 shots in the series against the Costa Rican team. The Hungarian has scored 5 goals and provided 2 assists in his 10 matches.

**Quinn Sullivan (USA)**. Scored 1 goal and provided 1 assist in the second leg against Saprissa. He has played 11 matches in 3 editions in the CCC (2021, 2023, and 2024).



## **Pachuca (MEX)**

Pachuca, a 5-time Concacaf champion, returns to the tournament for the second consecutive season after directly qualifying for the round of 16 as the champion of the Liga MX Apertura 2022 with the highest points in the regular phase.

The Tuzos were champions of the Concacaf Champions League in 2002, 2007, 2008, 2009/10, and 2016/17. The last time they played in the quarterfinals was in 2016-17 when they won the championship.

The 3 times they participated in the quarterfinals in the SCCL ERA were without playing the round of 16 (in all cases, they accessed directly from the group stage). In 2009/10 (vs. Comunicaciones FC), in 2014/15 (vs. FC Montreal CAN), and 2016/17 (vs. Saprissa).

They drew 3 of the last 4 matches in the CCC. They drew in 4 of the last 5 away matches (4-D-1-L). Their last away win was when they achieved their biggest victory in the tournament's history (11-0 vs. Police United in Group E in 2016/17).

CF Pachuca will play a round of 16 series for the second time since 2008/09, remaining undefeated in 5 matches (2-W-3-D): 3-1 vs. FC Dallas (SF 2016/17), 1-1 and 1-0 vs. Tigres UANL (Final 2016/17), 0-0 and 1-1 vs. FC Motagua (R16 2023).

**Participations in the Concacaf Champions League (All formats):** 10 (2000, 2002, 2004, 2007, 2008, 2009/10, 2014/15, 2016/17, 2023, 2024).

**Best Result since 2008/09:** Champion (2) 2009/10, 2016/17.

**Debut: 2000 (3rd Place).**

**Last participation:** 2023 (Round of 16).

**Record in the Concacaf Champions League (All formats since 1962):** GP-56, W- 32, D- 13, L- 11 GF-108 GA- 115.

**Top Scorers since 2008/09:** Hirving Lozano (MEX) and Ulises Mendivil (MEX) 9, Franco Jara (ARG) 6, Érick Gutiérrez (MEX), Paul Aguilar (MEX), Ariel Nahuelpán (ARG), Edgar Benítez (PAR) 5.

**Players with the most appearances in the CCC (since 2008/09):** Érick Gutiérrez (MEX) 14, Hirving Lozano (MEX) 13, Edgar Benítez (PAR) 13, Alfonso Blanco (MEX) 12, Javier Muñoz



Mustafá (ARG) 12, Gerardo Rodríguez (MEX) 12, Damián Manso (ARG) 12, Juan Carlos Rojas (MEX) 12.

**Record in first-leg matches in the KO Phase** (since 2008/09): GP- 8, W- 1, D-6, L- 2.

**Highest scoring victory (since 2008/09):** 11-0 vs. Police United (Mateus Gonçalves, Franco Jara, Hirving Lozano x4, Rubén Botta x2, José Esquivel x2, and Erick Gutiérrez), in Group E in 2016/17, at FFB Field, Belmopan (SEP 13, 2016).

**Penalties:** In 2004, in the old CCC, lost 3-0 on penalties vs. Deportivo Saprissa in the quarterfinals after a 2-2 draw on aggregate. In 2007, defeated CD Guadalajara 7-6 on penalties and was crowned champion after a 2-2 draw in the final.

**Hat-tricks:** Hirving Lozano (4 goals) vs. Police United (Group E - 2016/17), Abraham Carreño vs. Municipal (Group 1 - 2014/15), and Ulises Mendivil vs. Deportivo Jalapa (2009/10).

**Participations in the Round of 16:** 1 (vs. Motagua in 2023).

**Record in the Round of 16:** GP- 2, W- 0, D- 2, Lost 0 (GF- 1 GA- 1).

**Top Scorers in the Round of 16:** Illian Hernández (MEX) 1.

**Players to watch:**

**Luis Rodríguez (MEX).** He has 23 appearances in the CCC history. He was a champion of the tournament with 2 teams (Monterrey in 2010/11 and Tigres UANL in 2020) and was runner-up in 2016/17 and 2019 with Tigres UANL.

**Érick Sánchez (MEX).** He was part of the CF Pachuca team that won the title in 2016/17. He participated in the 2023 edition when he faced CF Motagua in the round of 16.

**Celso Ortíz (PAR).** The Paraguayan midfielder was a 2-time champion of the Concacaf Champions League with Monterrey in 2019 and 2021. He has played 14 matches in the CCC history. He made his debut in 2016/17 when CF Pachuca won the title.