

# Diriangén (NCA) vs. Herediano (CRC)

GROUP A

Estadio Cacique Diriangén, Diriamba

7-AGO

They will face each other for the second time in the Central American Cup, having previously met in the inaugural edition in 2023 on Matchday One of Group C (August 3, 2023), where they drew 1-1. Luis Copete scored for Cacique, and Fernán Faerron scored for CS Herediano.

The historical series between these two teams in official tournaments includes three encounters: one in the 2023 Central American Cup (1-1) and the other two in the 1994 Concacaf Champions Cup. In that edition, they faced each other in a home-and-away series in the preliminary round of the North and Central American zone in Group 3. Both matches ended in defeat for Diriangén, 0-5 in the first leg on December 8, 1993, with goals from German Chavarría, Rodinei Martins, and a hat-trick by Roger Gómez, and 4-2 in the second leg on December 15, 1993, with a double by Alberto Castillo, goals from Roger Gómez and Honduran Nahamán González for the "tico" club, and a double by Jairo Aguirre for Cacique.



## Diriangan FC (NCA)

Diriangén FC defeated FC Motagua of Honduras 2-1 on July 30, with goals from Justing Campos in the 10th minute and Luis Copete in the 89th minute. Luis Vega scored for Motagua in the 63rd minute. All three goals in that match were headers.

The victory of Diriangén against FC Motagua and the 1-0 win of Managua FC against Municipal of Guatemala were the first two consecutive wins achieved by Nicaraguan representatives in the history of the tournament.

Of the three goals scored by the Nicaraguan team in the history of the tournament, all were scored by defenders and from headers.

The victory against FC Motagua was their first win in the tournament; in the previous edition, they did not win any of the four matches and scored only one goal.

**Record in the CCAC:** GP-5 W-1 D-2 L-2 (3GF-4GA).

**Scorers in the history of the CCAC:** Luis Copete (NCA) 2, Justing Cano (NCA) 1.

**Assists in the CCAC:** Matías Galvaliz (ARG) 2.

**Players with the most matches in the CCAC:** Matías Galvaliz, Jason Coronel, Alfonso Quesada (5 matches), Luis Copete, Leonel Buter, Luis Coronel, Erick Téllez, Melvin Hernández, Francisco Flores, Jonathan Zapata, Renzo Carballo (4).

Saves in the CCAC: Alfonso Quesada (CRC) 15 (2 in the 2024 edition).

Cacique Diriangén has scored goals in two matches, failed to score in 4 games, has one clean sheet, and conceded goals in 4 games.

2 matches with goals scored, 3 matches where they couldn't score, 1 clean sheet, 4 matches with goals conceded, and 1 result with a final score of 0-0.

**Scorers in the 2024 edition:** Luis Copete (NCA) 1, Justing Cano (NCA) 1.

**Assists in the 2024 edition:** Matías Galvaliz (ARG) 1, Anyelo Velásquez () 1.

**Scoring opportunities** (9). Shots on target (2).

**Players to watch:**

- **Luis Copete (NCA).** The defender scored his second goal in the tournament in the win against FC Motagua, the first being against CS Herediano, both goals from headers.

- **Luis Coronel (NCA).** Along with the Argentine Leonel Torres, he made (3) shots against FC Motagua. He has played 4 matches in the history of the tournament.

- **Matías Galvaliz (ARG).** The former Motagua player has provided goal assists in both editions of the CCAC for the goals of Luis Copete in 2023 and Justin Cano in 2024.



## **CS Herediano (CRC)**

CS Herediano started the 2024 edition with a 1-0 victory against Tauro (John Jairo Ruíz) at the National Stadium in San José.

CS Herediano remains unbeaten in the history of the competition with 5 wins and 4 draws. They have achieved 4 consecutive wins in the group stage and have only drawn once. CS Herediano has drawn in their last two away matches (0-0 vs. Comunicaciones in the 2023 quarterfinals and 2-2 vs. Alajuelense in the 2023 semifinals).

**Participations in the CCAC:** 2 (2023 and 2024).

**Best result in the CCAC:** Semifinals 2023.

**Record in the CCAC:** GP-9 W-5 D-4 L-0 (GF-16 GA-10).

**Top scorers in the history of the CCAC:** Jesús Godínez (MEX) 3, David Sayago (ARG) 2, Fernán Faerron (CRC) 2, Alejandro Bran (CRC) 2.

**Assists in the CCAC:** Haxzel Quirós (CRC) 3, Gerson Torres (CRC) 2, John Jairo Ruíz (CRC) 2.

**Players with the most matches in the CCAC:** Aarón Cruz, Miguel Basulto (9 matches), Darryl Araya, Elías Aguilar, Hazel Quirós (8), Ronaldo Araya, Everardo Rubio, Gerson Torres, Yeltsin Tejeda (7).

**Saves in the CCAC:** Aarón Cruz (CRC) 24 (1 in the 2024 edition).

CS Herediano has scored goals in 8 matches, only failing to score in one, has three clean sheets, and conceded goals in six matches.

**Assists in the 2024 edition:** Elías Aguilar (CRC) 1.

**Scoring opportunities** (14). Shots on target (10).

**Players to watch:**

- **Elías Aguilar (CRC)**. Provided the assist in the victory against Tauro. He made 3 shots, completed 54 passes, and took 7 corner kicks. He has played 34 matches in Concacaf club tournaments.

- **Haxzel Quirós (CRC)**. He was the player with the most ball recoveries (3) in the victory against Tauro FC. To date, he has 3 assists in 8 appearances in the two editions of the tournament.

- **John Jairo Ruíz (CRC)**. Scored the winning goal against Tauro FC. The forward has directly participated in 3 goals in 6 appearances (1 goal and 2 assists).