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Real Salt Lake (USA) vs. CS Herediano (CRC)

Real Salt Lake and CS Herediano will face each other for the fourth time in the Concacaf Champions Cup. In the first leg of Round One, they played to a 0-0 draw on February 19 at Estadio Nacional in San José, Costa Rica.

CS Herediano extended its winless streak to four matches; this was their 19th historical draw and the 7th scoreless draw in the Concacaf Champions Cup. Real Salt Lake is the MLS club with the most 0-0 draws against CS Herediano (2012 and 2025).

This was the fifth time CS Herediano drew the first leg at home in a two-legged series, and they have never advanced under these circumstances, losing the series against Pumas UNAM (MEX) in 1989, Atlante FC (MEX) in 1994, LA Galaxy (USA) in 2012/13, and Tigres UANL (MEX) in 2018.

In previous meetings, CS Herediano holds one win and two draws.

Herediano 1-0 Real Salt Lake (Elías Aguilar), Group 2 (Round 1) - 2012/13, Estadio Nacional de Costa Rica, San José, CRC (July 31, 2012).

Real Salt Lake 0-0 Herediano, Group 2 (Round 6) - 2012/13, Rio Tinto Stadium, Sandy, USA (October 23, 2012).

Herediano 0-0 Real Salt Lake, Round One (First Leg) - Estadio Nacional, San José, CRC (February 19, 2025).



Real Salt Lake is aiming to qualify for the Round of 16 of the Concacaf Champions Cup for the first time. In their previous participations (2010/11, 2012/13, and 2015/16), the tournament format did not include a Round of 16 stage.

Real Salt Lake has lost only 1 of their 11 home matches, which came in the second leg of the final (1-0) against Monterrey in 2010/11.

They have played 4 two-legged knockout series in the Champions Cup, recording 1 win, 1 draw, and 2 losses. Their only series victory came in the 2010/11 quarterfinals, where they defeated Columbus Crew 4-1.

Real Salt Lake is unbeaten in their last 5 home matches in the Champions Cup (W-3 D-2). Their last home game ended in a 1-1 draw against Tigres UANL in the 2015/16 quarterfinals. They have won 2 of their last 6 home matches (2-1 vs. Santa Tecla and 1-0 vs. Municipal in the 2015/16 Group G stage).

They have played 13 times against Central American opponents, with their only knockout stage victory coming against Deportivo Saprissa in the 2010/11 semifinals. They are winless in their

last 4 matches against Costa Rican clubs (2 draws and 2 losses vs. Deportivo Saprissa in the 2010/11 semifinals and vs. CS Herediano in the 2012/13 Group B stage and 2025 Round One).

Appearances in the Concacaf Champions Cup (all formats included): 4 (2010/11, 2012/13, 2015/16, 2025).

Best Result: Runner-up (1) - 2010/11.

Concacaf Champions Cup Record (all formats included): GP-23 W-11 D-7 L-5 (GF-34 GA-22).

Top Scorers: Álvaro Saborío (CRC) 10, Javier Morales (ARG) 4, Will Johnson (CAN) 3, Jámison Olave (COL) 3, Paulo Júnior (BRA) 3.

Most Appearances: Javier Morales (ARG) 20, Nick Rimando (USA) 19, Kyle Beckerman (USA) 19, Tony Beltran (USA) 17, Will Johnson (CAN) 16, Jámison Olave (COL) 15, Ned Grabavoy (USA) 15, Chris Wingert (USA) 14, Álvaro Saborío (CRC) 14.

Since 2008/09: recorded 16 matches with goals, 7 matches without scoring, 9 clean sheets, 14 matches conceding goals, and 4 matches ending in a 0-0 draw.

Penalty Shootouts (since 2008/09): 0.

Hat-tricks: 0.

Round of 16 Appearances: 0.

Saves in Concacaf Champions Cup 2025: 2. Goalkeeper: Rafael Cabral (BRA) 2 (0 goals conceded - 1 clean sheet).

Goal chances: 8. Shots on target: 2.

Players to Watch

Bode Hidalgo (USA). Delivered a strong performance in the first leg with 4 ball recoveries, 1 clearance, and a 93% pass accuracy.

Forster Ajago (GHA). Registered 2 shots on target against Herediano. Has scored 2 goals in 2 Champions Cup appearances, including a brace for Nashville against Moca FC in Round One of the 2024 edition.

Rafael Cabral (BRA). The Brazilian goalkeeper made two saves, two clearances, and completed 21 passes in the 0-0 first-leg draw.



Club Sport Herediano will aim to match their best-ever finish, having reached the semifinals in the 2014/15 edition after defeating Olimpia in the quarterfinals. In the previous edition, they advanced past Round One against Toluca. To date, they have never progressed in a Concacaf Champions Cup knockout stage after drawing the first leg at home (4 times: vs. Pumas UNAM, Atlante, LA Galaxy, and Tigres UANL).

In all three Round One matches they have played, they failed to score the opening goal. In 2024,

they conceded early against Toluca FC, both times within the first 20 minutes. All four of their goals at this stage came in the second half.

CS Herediano has recorded all three possible results in away matches in the Concacaf Champions Cup (W-1 D-1 L-1), securing a 3-2 win over Toluca (Round One), a 1-1 draw vs. SV Robinhood (Round of 16), and a 2-1 loss to Pachuca (Quarterfinals).

They have not kept a clean sheet in an away match since the 2015/16 edition, when they held Tigres UANL to a 0-0 draw in Group B.

Before facing Real Salt Lake, they had met U.S. opponents twice in the knockout stage since 2008/09, failing to advance on both occasions (vs. LA Galaxy in the 2012/13 quarterfinals and vs. Atlanta United in the 2019 Round of 16).

Appearances in the Concacaf Champions Cup (all formats included): 17 (1962, 1975, 1980, 1987, 1989, 1994, 2009/10, 2011/12, 2012/13, 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17, 2018, 2019, 2024, 2025).

Best Result: Semifinalist (1) - 2014/15.

Concacaf Champions Cup Record (all formats included): GP-75 W-30 D-19 L-26 (GF-120 GA-121).

Top Scorers: Yendrick Ruiz (CRC) 10, Jorge Barbosa De Lima (BRA) 6, Víctor Núñez (CRC) 4, Allen Guevara (CRC) 4.

Most Appearances: Elías Aguilar (CRC) 27, Pablo Salazar (CRC) 26, Esteban Granados (CRC) 25, José Sánchez (CRC) 24, Christian Montero (CRC) 24, Yendrick Ruiz (CRC) 20.

Since 2008/09: recorded 33 matches with goals, 14 matches without scoring, 9 clean sheets, 14 matches conceding goals, and 4 matches ending in a 0-0 draw.

Penalty Shootouts (since 2008/09): 0.

Hat-tricks: 0.

Round of 16 Appearances: 3 (2018 vs. Tigres UANL, 2019 vs. Atlanta United, 2024 vs. Robinhood).

Saves in Concacaf Champions Cup 2025: 2. Goalkeeper: Dany Carvajal (CRC) 2 (0 goals conceded - 1 clean sheet).

Goal chances: 13. Shots on target: 2.

Players to Watch

Elías Aguilar (CRC). The all-time appearance leader for CS Herediano (27) since the format change in 2008/09. He has also made 42 international appearances, scoring 3 goals. He recorded 3 ball recoveries and completed 64 passes in the first leg of Round One.

Marcel Hernández (CUB). Registered 2 shots in the first leg against Real Salt Lake. The Cuban forward has played 24 matches in Concacaf club tournaments, scoring 5 goals.

Yurguin Román (CRC). Led the team in shots (4) in the first leg. The left-back struck the post



once, delivered 45 successful passes, and recovered 1 ball against Real Salt Lake.