



## CS Herediano (CRC) vs. LA Galaxy (USA)

### Estadio Nacional (CRC)

CS Herediano and LA Galaxy will face each other for the third time in the Concacaf Champions Cup. The MLS side remains unbeaten in this matchup with one win and one draw, having eliminated CS Herediano in the 2012-13 quarterfinals.

Herediano 0-0 LA Galaxy, quarterfinals (first leg) - Estadio Eladio Rosabal Cordero, Heredia, CRC (March 7, 2013).

LA Galaxy 4-1 Herediano (Omar González, José Villareal, Robbie Keane, and John McBean; Elías Aguilar), quarterfinals (second leg) - Home Depot Center, Los Angeles, USA (March 13, 2013).



CS Herediano advanced to the Round of 16 after completing a dramatic comeback against Real Salt Lake with a 2-1 aggregate victory. It was their second-ever win on U.S. soil. Their first came on September 20, 2011, when they defeated Seattle Sounders 1-0 on Matchday 8 of Group D, thanks to a goal from Yosimar Arias. This was also their tenth encounter against an MLS club, securing their fourth victory, with Real Salt Lake (2) suffering the most losses against Herediano among MLS teams.

For the first time in three two-legged series, CS Herediano eliminated an MLS club. They previously fell to LA Galaxy in the 2013 quarterfinals and to Atlanta United in the 2019 Round of 16.

CS Herediano will play in the Round of 16 for the fourth time in its history. They were eliminated twice, against Tigres UANL in 2018 and Atlanta United in 2019, but advanced once against Robinhood in 2024.

Herediano remains unbeaten in the first legs of its Round of 16 ties, all played at home, with two wins and one draw. They have also scored at least two goals in each match at this stage, drawing 2-2 against Tigres UANL in 2018, winning 3-1 against Atlanta United in 2019, and securing a 2-0 victory over Robinhood in 2024.

Of Herediano's last 10 goals in the 2024 and 2025 editions, only one was scored in the first half. That goal came from Honduran defender Getsel Montes against Robinhood in the 2024 Round of 16. Half of those goals were left-footed strikes, and 60 percent were scored by substitutes.

**Concacaf Champions Cup appearances in all formats included** (17) in 1962, 1975, 1980, 1987, 1989, 1994, 2009-2010, 2011-2012, 2012-2013, 2013-2014, 2014-2015, 2015-2016, 2016-2017, 2018, 2019, 2024, and 2025.

**Best result:** semifinalist in 2014-2015.

**Concacaf Champions Cup record in all formats included:** 76 matches played, 31 wins, 19 draws, 26 losses, 122 goals for, and 122 goals against.

**Top scorers:** Yendrick Ruiz from Costa Rica with 10, Jorge Barbosa De Lima from Brazil with 6, Víctor Núñez from Costa Rica with 4, Allen Guevara from Costa Rica with 4, Elías Aguilar from Costa Rica with 4.

**Most appearances:** Elías Aguilar from Costa Rica 28, Pablo Sálazar from Costa Rica 26, Esteban Granados from Costa Rica 25, José Sánchez from Costa Rica 24, Christian Montero from Costa Rica 24, Yendrick Ruiz from Costa Rica 20.

**Since 2008-2009:** 34 matches with goals, 14 scoreless games, 9 clean sheets, 15 matches conceding goals, and 4 goalless draws.

Penalty shootouts since 2008-2009: zero. Hat-tricks: zero.

**Round of 16 appearances:** (4) in 2018 against Tigres UANL, 2019 against Atlanta United, 2024 against Robinhood, and 2025 against LA Galaxy.

**Round of 16 record:** 6 matches played, 2 wins, 2 draws, 2 losses, 9 goals for, and 11 goals against.

**Top scorers in the Round of 16:** Jairo Arrieta from Costa Rica with 2, Adrián Garza from Mexico with 2, José Guillermo Ortiz from Costa Rica with 1, Randall Azofeifa from Costa Rica with 1, Esteban Granados from Costa Rica with 1, Yendrick Ruiz from Costa Rica with 1, Getsel Montes from Honduras with 1.

**Concacaf Champions Cup 2025 record:** 2 matches played, 1 win, 1 draw, 0 losses, 2 goals for, and 1 goal against.

**Top scorers in the Concacaf Champions Cup 2025:** Elías Aguilar from Costa Rica with 1, Randy Vega from Costa Rica with 1.

**Assists in the Concacaf Champions Cup 2025:** Joaquín Alonso Hernández from the USA with 1.

**Saves in the Concacaf Champions Cup 2025:** 8.

**Goalkeeper:** Dany Carvajal from Costa Rica with 8 saves, 1 goal conceded, 1 clean sheet.

Goal types: open play 1, penalty 1.

Goals by foot: right-footed 0, left-footed 2.

Goals by distance: inside the box 0, outside the box 2.

Goal attempts 20. Shots on target 3.

**Fastest goal in Concacaf Champions Cup 2025:** Elías Aguilar at 69 minutes and 35 seconds against Real Salt Lake in Round One, Second Leg.



## Players to watch:

**Elías Aguilar from Costa Rica.** Scored the equalizer in Herediano's comeback victory against Real Salt Lake in Round One of 2025, reaching four career goals for the club in the Concacaf Champions Cup. Aguilar had not scored in the tournament since August 21, 2014, when he found the net against Isidro Metapán of El Salvador on Matchday 2 of Group 7, a gap of 10 years, six months, and a few days. He is also Herediano's all-time appearance leader since the format change, with 28 matches played, including one goal against LA Galaxy in the 2012-2013 quarterfinals.

**Allan Cruz from Costa Rica.** Took 1 shot and completed 94 total passes with 89 percent accuracy in the series against Real Salt Lake. The midfielder has 22 appearances in Concacaf club tournaments and has scored 2 goals. He won the 2018 Scotiabank Concacaf League title.

**Getsel Montes from Honduras.** Scored a goal in the first leg of the 2024 Round of 16, when Herediano defeated SV Robinhood 2-0 at home. The Honduran defender has netted 5 goals in 22 international club appearances.



LA Galaxy qualified directly for the Round of 16 as the 2024 MLS Cup champion. This will mark their 11th appearance and their first since the 2015-16 edition. Their best result came in 2000 when they lifted the trophy as Concacaf Champions.

The Los Angeles-based club has won 50 percent of its matches since the tournament format changed in 2008-09, securing 15 victories in 30 games. They have participated in five editions since the competition was restructured.

LA Galaxy is currently on a four-match winless streak in the Concacaf Champions Cup with three draws and one loss. Their last victory came in a commanding 5-0 win over Comunicaciones in the 2015-16 Group D stage.

LA Galaxy has not won an away match in the Concacaf Champions Cup in its last five outings, with three losses and two draws. Their last road victory was a 3-0 triumph over CS Cartaginés, with goals from John McBean, Chandler Hoffman, and Laurent Courtois, in the Group H stage of the 2013-14 edition.

**Concacaf Champions Cup appearances in all formats included** (11) in 1997, 1999, 2000, 2003, 2006, 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14, 2015-16, and 2025.

**Debut:** 1997 (Runner-up).

**Last appearance:** 2015-16 (Quarterfinals).

**Concacaf Champions Cup record in all formats included** 44 matches played, 20 wins, 11 draws, 13 losses, 74 goals for, and 57 goals against.

**Best result:** Champion in 2000, runner-up in 1997. Semifinalist in 2012-13.

**Top scorers:** Robbie Keane from Ireland with 9, Alan Gordon from the USA with 5, Jack McBean from the USA with 5, Vitor Gomes Pereira Junior from Brazil with 4.

**Most appearances:** Adolph DeLaGarza from the USA 20, Juninho from Brazil 18, Landon Donovan from the USA 18, Todd Dunivant from the USA 17, Michael Stephens from the USA 16, Robbie Keane from Ireland 16, Mike Magee from the USA 16, Omar González from the USA 15.

**Since 2008-09:** 23 matches with goals, 7 scoreless games, 12 clean sheets, 18 matches conceding goals, and 3 goalless draws.

Penalty shootouts since 2008-09: zero. Hat-tricks: zero.

**Round of 16 appearances:** (2) in 2003 against Motagua FC, where they advanced, and 2025 against Herediano.

**Round of 16 record:** 2 matches played, 1 win, 1 draw, 0 losses, 3 goals for, and 2 goals against.

**Top scorers in the Round of 16:** Alexi Lalas from the USA with 2, Carlos Ruiz from Guatemala with 1.

#### **Players to watch:**

**Gabriel Pec from Brazil.** The forward scored 19 goals in 38 matches during the 2024 Major League Soccer season, his first campaign since moving from Brazilian football. He also netted 2 goals in 3 appearances in the 2024 Leagues Cup.

**Joseph Paintsil from Ghana.** Tallied 14 goals and 8 assists in 34 matches during his debut season in North American football after moving from Belgium. His contributions spanned both the MLS regular season and the MLS Cup Playoffs.

**Marco Reus from Germany.** Set for his first-ever appearance in the Concacaf Champions Cup. The veteran played 15 seasons in Germany's Bundesliga, representing Borussia Mönchengladbach and Borussia Dortmund before making his move to MLS in 2024.