



Real Estelí FC (NCA) vs. CD Águila (SLV)

Wednesday September 25, 2024 Estadio Independencia, Estelí, NCA

It will be the 100th match in the history of the CCAC (including the group stage, quarterfinals, semifinals, Play-in, and final).

They will face each other for the first time in the Central American Cup.

Real Estelí and CD Águila have only met once in Concacaf club tournaments. In the 2017 edition of the Scotiabank Concacaf League, CD Águila eliminated Real Estelí (4-3) in a penalty shootout after the series ended tied (1-1).

In the first leg, CD Águila won 1-0 on August 2, 2017, with a goal from Víctor García; in the return match in Estelí (NCA) on August 8, 2017, the Nicaraguan club won 1-0, with a goal from Nahún Peralta.

Real Estelí FC will seek to advance to the semifinals of an official tournament for the third time in its history and the second time in the CCAC.

The first time they played in the quarterfinals was in the 2020 edition of the Scotiabank League in a single match, losing 1-2 against LD Alajuelense with goals from the legendary Bryan Ruiz and Alonso Martínez for the hosts, and Juan "the enlightened" Barrera scored for the visitors.

The second and last time was in the 2023 edition of the Central American Cup, where they eliminated Deportivo Saprissa 3-2 on aggregate.

In the first leg on September 27, 2023, in Estelí (NCA), the locals won 1-0, with a goal from Bancy Hernández; in the return match in San José (CRC) on October 4, 2023, they drew 2-2. Javon East and Orlando Sinclair scored for the Costa Ricans, and an own goal by Fidel Escobar and Marvin Fletes were the goals for the Nicaraguan club.

On the other hand, CD Águila (SLV) will seek to advance to the semifinals of an official tournament for the second time in its history, after having reached the quarterfinals of the Scotiabank Concacaf League 2017, where they were eliminated by CD Árabe Unido from Panama 2-1 on aggregate.

In the first leg on August 16, 2017, in San Salvador, Deportivo Árabe Unido won 2-0 with a brace from Carlos Small; in the return leg on August 23, 2017, in Panama City (PAN), CD Águila won 1-0 with a goal from Javier Lezcano.

CD ÁGUILA – Knockout stages Games						
Tournament	Year	Club	Club	Round	AGG	Win
Fraternidad C.A.	1973	CD Águila	Saprissa (CRC)	Final	3x3	SAP
Champions Cup	1976	CD Águila	Diriangén FC (NCA)	3rd	11x2	AGU
Fraternidad C.A.	1980	CD Águila	Suchitepéquez (GUA)	1st	4x6	AGU
Fraternidad C.A.	1980	CD Águila	Alianza FC (SLV)	2nd	2x7	ALI
Fraternidad C.A.	1981	CD Águila	Marathón (HON)	1st	1x7	MAR
INTERCLUBES	2006	CD Águila	Marathón (HON)	R16	1x3	MAR
Concacaf League	2017	CD Águila	Árabe Unido (PAN)	QF	1x2	ARA

REAL ESTELÍ FC – LAST 5 YEARS						
Tournamet	Year	Club	Club	Round	AGG	Win
Champions Cup	2021	Real Estelí	Columbus (USA)	R16	0x5	COL
Central American Cup	2023	Real Estelí	Saprissa (CRC)	4tos	3x2	EST
Champions Cup	2024	Real Estelí	CF América (MEX)	1st	2x3	AME



Real Estelí FC (NCA)

Real Estelí Football Club won 50% of their matches in the CCAC (7 out of 14). The 2023 runner-up lost 1 of their last 5 matches. All 4 of their draws in the history of the CCAC were away games.

Real Estelí achieved 6 victories in their 7 home matches. Their only home defeat was in the final against Alajuelense (0-3). Playing at home, they have kept 5 clean sheets.

In 2023, they eliminated Deportivo Saprissa in the quarterfinals with a global score of (3-2). Additionally, they defeated the only Salvadoran rival they faced in the CCAC: 2-0 against CD FAS (Juan Barrera x2) in Group B of the 2023 edition at Estadio Las Delicias (August 15, 2023).

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

Best result in the CCAC: Runner-up in the 2023 edition.

Record in the CCAC: GP-14 W-7 D-4 L-3 (GF-18 GA-13).

Top scorers in the CCAC: Byron Bonilla (NCA) 3, Juan Barrera (NCA) 2, Harold Medina (NCA) 2, Bancy Hernández (NCA) 2, Arley Bonilla (COL) 2.

Most assists in the CCAC: Byron Bonilla (NCA) 3, Bancy Hernandez (NCA) 2, Abel Méndez (ARG) 2, Harold Medina (NCA) 2, Henry García (NCA) 1, Leyvin Balanta (COL), Agenor Báez (NCA), Josué Quijano (NCA).

Players with the most appearances in the CCAC: Josué Quijano, Ebert Martínez (14 Matches), Harold Medina, Marvin Fletes, Byron Bonilla (13), Óscar Acevedo (12), Fabián Monserrat, Arley Bonilla, Marlon López, Douglas Forvis, Leyvin Balanta (10).

Saves: Douglas Forvis (NCA) 27, Jason Vega (NCA) 4 (all in the 2024 edition).

How goals were scored in the CCAC 2024: Open Play (4), Header (1), Free Kick (1)

Goal-scoring opportunities (37). Shots on goal (16).

Youngest scorer in the CCAC: Harold Medina (NCA) - 21 years and 190 days (vs. Olimpia - Group B 2023).

Oldest scorer in the CCAC: Juan Barrera (NCA) - 34 years and 105 days (vs. CD FAS - Group B 2023).

Fastest goal: Byron Bonilla (NCA) vs. Saprissa (Group D - 2023): 6 MIN 11 SEC.

Quarterfinal record: GP-2 W-1 D-1 L-0 (GF-3 GA-2).

Top scorers in QF: Marvin Fletes (NCA) 1, Bancy Hernández (NCA) *One own goal.

Players to watch:

Harold Medina (NCA). Was the player most fouled against (11). Scored 1 goal and took 6 shots in the 2024 edition. He has scored 2 goals and provided 1 assist in his 13 appearances in the CCAC.

Byron Bonilla (NCA). Was Real Estelí's top scorer in the group stage (2 goals and 1 assist). Also led in shots with (13). He has played 13 matches in the CCAC with 4 goals scored and 3 assists.

Iván Ochoa (MEX). Was the player with the most passes (229) and ball recoveries (7) in the group stage. Completed 89% of his passes (203 effective) and took 4 shots in 4 appearances.



CD Águila (SLV)

For the first time in two editions, they will play in the quarterfinals. They defeated the only Nicaraguan opponent they faced in the Central American Cup: 1-0 vs. Diriangén (Darwin Cerén), in Group C in 2023.

In the 2024 edition, they are undefeated with three wins and one draw.

They have kept a clean sheet in 3 of their 4 group stage matches (0-0 vs. Antigua GFC, 2-0 vs. Olimpia, and 0-3 vs. CAI).

The Salvadoran team is coming off 3 consecutive victories in the Central American Cup. Their last 6 goals in the competition were scored in the second halves. They aim to achieve two consecutive away wins for the first time in their history in the competition (they defeated CAI 3-0 in their last trip).

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

Best result in the CCAC: Quarterfinals 2024.

Record in the CCAC: GP-8 W-4 D-1 L-3 (GF-12 GA-10).

Top scorers in the CCAC: Carlos Salazar (COL) 3, Dionatan Machado (BRA) 2, Darwin Cerén (SLV) 2, Herberth Díaz (SLV), Melvin Cartagena (SLV), Dixon Rivas (SLV), Ronald Rodríguez (SLV), Blas Sosa (ARG).

Most assists in the CCAC: Santos Ortíz (SLV) 4, Julio Ramírez (ARG) 1, Herberth Díaz (SLV), Carlos Salazar (COL), Dionatan Machado (BRA), Alexander Larín (SLV).

Players with the most appearances in the CCAC: Julio Sibrián, Dixon Rivas, Darwin Cerén (8 Matches), Herberth Díaz, Melvin Cartagena, Santos Ortíz, Ronald Rodríguez (7), Carlos Salazar, Walter Pineda, Benji Villalobos (5).

Saves: Benji Villalobos (SLV) 16 (all in the 2024 edition), Rafael García (URU) 4.

How goals were scored in the CCAC 2024: Open Play (8), Header (2)

Goal-scoring opportunities (67). Shots on goal (26).

Youngest scorer in the CCAC: Herberth Díaz (SLV) - 23 years and 238 days (vs. Port Layola - Group C 2024).

Oldest scorer in the CCAC: Darwin Cerén (SLV) - 34 years and 241 days (vs. CAI - Group C 2024).

Fastest goal: Dionatan Machado (BRA) vs. Port Layola (Group C 2024): 03 MIN 05 SEC.

Players to watch:

Santos Ortíz (SLV). Has provided four goal assists in the CCAC 2024, made 9 shots, and received 11 fouls in the group stage.

Darwin Cerén (SLV). Was the player with the most passes (176) and ball recoveries (7) in the group stage. The experienced midfielder scored against Diriangén FC in 2023, in the only victory against a Nicaraguan opponent in the history of the CCAC.

Carlos Salazar (COL). Is the top scorer for CD Águila in the CCAC with (3). In the 2024 edition, he has scored two goals and provided one assist along with his teammate Dionatan Machado.