



Tigres UANL (MEX) vs. Columbus Crew (USA)

Tuesday, April 9, 2024, Universitario Stadium, San Nicolás de los Garza (MEX)

The match on Tuesday will be the **108th** since the format change in 2008/09 between rivals from the United States and Mexico in the Concacaf Champions Cup (84 in the knockout phase). Columbus Crew and Tigres UANL drew 1-1 in the first match, with goals from Diego Rossi for Columbus and André-Pierre Gignac for Tigres, at Lower.com Field, Columbus (April 2, 2024).

For Columbus Crew, it was the 2nd consecutive draw in the CCC and the 1st time in their participation that the American club has drawn twice as a home team consecutively (against Houston Dynamo and Tigres UANL in 2024).

For Columbus Crew, it was the 3rd consecutive game without a win against Mexican clubs in the history of the CCC (2D-1L). However, as a home team, they added the 4th consecutive game without losing (3D-1W) against Mexican clubs, but they only managed to win 1 out of those 4 matches.

It's the 4th time that Columbus Crew has drawn the first leg in any round, according to historical records in the CCC; they have never managed to advance to the next round. Previously, they lost the qualification against Toluca (MEX) in 2010, against Real Salt Lake (USA) in 2011, and against CF Monterrey (MEX) in 2021.

For Tigres UANL, it was the 5th consecutive game without losing in the CCC (3D-2W). The Liga MX team has only lost 1 of their last 16 matches in the CCC (1L-5D-10W).

Tigres UANL achieved their 3rd consecutive draw as visitors in the CCC, and for the first time in their entire history, they drew 3 consecutive games in the CCC playing away, since their first participation in 1979.

Tigres UANL has gone unbeaten for 12 consecutive matches against MLS clubs in the history of the Concacaf Champions Cup (5D-7W). The only defeat against an MLS opponent occurred on March 12, 2013, against Seattle Sounders in the second leg of the quarterfinals of the 2012-2013 edition. With that loss, the Mexican club was eliminated from the semifinals in that edition.

64% of the time (7/11) that Tigres UANL (MEX) has drawn the first leg in any round, they have advanced in the tournament. The last time Tigres UANL was eliminated after drawing the first leg was against Suchitepéquez (GUA) in 1983, in the Second Round of North & Central America. They drew 1-1 in Monterrey on August 13, 1983, with goals from Eduardo Méndez (5') for the Mexicans and a penalty by Luis Fernández (89') for the Guatemalans. They then lost 3-0 in Guatemala City on August 28, 1983, with goals from José Luis González (43'), Adán Paniagua (72'), and Walter Claverí (79'). That was over 40 years ago.



Tigres UANL (MEX)

Tigres UANL has managed to advance to the next round in the Concacaf Champions Cup on the 5 previous occasions when they drew in the first leg while playing away: 1981 (vs. Xelajú), 2016 (vs. Querétaro), 2018 (vs. Herediano), 2024 (vs. Vancouver Whitecaps and Orlando City).

Tigres UANL has been able to advance to the next round 5 times out of 7 attempts, and they reached the final in 4 of those instances: 2015/16 (vs. Real Salt Lake), 2016/17 (vs. Pumas UNAM), 2019 (vs. Houston Dynamo), 2020 (vs. New York City), 2023 (vs. Motagua). In 2023, they were eliminated in the semifinals by the eventual champion, Club León.

Tigres UANL has won their last 4 home matches in the CCC, with a goal difference of 13 goals scored and 3 conceded (5-0 vs. Motagua, 2-1 vs. Club León, 3-0 vs. Vancouver Whitecaps, and 4-2 vs. Orlando City). They have 6 matches undefeated at home and have not conceded goals in 3 of their last 5 home matches.

The only defeat Tigres suffered against American opponents since the format change in 2008/09 was against Seattle Sounders, losing 3-1 (DeAndre Yedlin, Djimi Traoré, and Eddie Johnson; Elías Hernández) in the second leg of the quarterfinals on March 12, 2013.

Appearances in the Concacaf Champions Cup since 1962: 11 (1979, 1981, 1983, 2012/13, 2015/16, 2016/17, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2023, 2024).

Best Result: Champion (1) 2020. Runner-up 2015/16, 2016/17, 2019.

Record in the Concacaf Champions Cup since 1962: GP-67 W-34 D-19 L-14 (GF-120 GA-102).

Top scorers in the history of the Concacaf Champions Cup: André-Pierre Gignac (FRA) 19, Enner Valencia (ECU) 10, Eduardo Vargas (CHI) 7, Luis Quiñones (COL) 6, Alan Pulido (MEX) 4.

Players with the most appearances in the Concacaf Champions Cup: Nahuel Guzmán (ARG) 41, Jesús Dueñas (MEX) 36, Guido Pizarro (ARG) 36, Javier Aquino (MEX) 34, André-Pierre Gignac (FRA) 33, Hugo Ayala (MEX) 32, Luis Quiñones (COL) 29.

Record in second leg matches in the KO Phase: GP-20 W-12 D-3 L-5

Hat-tricks: Alan Pulido (vs. Alajuelense - Group Stage 2012/13), Enner Valencia (vs. Saprissa - Round of 16 2019).

Participations in the quarterfinals: 2012/13 (vs. Seattle Sounders), 2015/16 (vs. Real Salt Lake), 2016/17 (vs. Pumas UNAM), 2018 (vs. Toronto FC), 2019 (vs. Houston), 2020 (vs. New York City), 2023 (vs. Motagua), and 2024 (vs. Columbus Crew).

Record in quarterfinals: 15 GP: 10 W-3 D-2 L-0.

Top scorers in the quarterfinals: André-Pierre Gignac (FRA) 7, Eduardo Vargas (CHI) 4, Jürgen Damm (MEX) 3, Luis Quiñones (COL) 3.

How many times did they qualify for the semifinals? 5 times, and they were eliminated twice in the quarterfinals. In 2012/13 by Seattle Sounders, in 2015/16 they qualified against Real Salt Lake, in 2016/17 they advanced after defeating Pumas UNAM, in 2018 they were eliminated by Toronto FC, in 2019 they surpassed Houston Dynamo, in 2020 they eliminated New York City, and in 2023 they eliminated Motagua.

Record in the 2024 Concacaf Champions Cup: GP-5 W-2 D-3 L-0 (GF-9 GA-4).

Top scorers in the 2024 Concacaf Champions Cup: André-Pierre Gignac (FRA) 3, Ozziel Herrera (MEX) 1, Luis Quiñones (COL) 1, Juan Pablo Vigón (MEX) 1, Fernando Gorriarán (URU) 1, Marcelo Flores (CAN) 1, Sebastián Córdova (MEX) 1.

Assists in the 2024 Concacaf Champions Cup: Diego Laínez (MEX) 2, Ozziel Herrera (MEX) 1, André-Pierre Gignac (FRA) 1, Rafael Carioca (BRA) 1, Juan Pablo Vigón (MEX) 1.

Saves in the 2024 Concacaf Champions Cup: 8. Goalkeepers: Felipe Rodríguez (MEX) 5, Nahuel Guzmán (ARG) 3. (4 goals conceded - 2 clean sheets).

How goals were scored: From open play (4), headers (3), free kicks (1), penalties (1).

Chances to score goals (48). Shots on target (20).

Players to Watch:

André-Pierre Gignac (FRA). Scored his 19th goal in the history of the Concacaf Champions League, ranking him as the 4th highest scorer since the 2008-2009 season. Gignac leads in goals (3) and shots (10) for Tigres UANL in the 2024 Concacaf Champions League. The French forward scored his goals from open play (11), headers (2), penalties (5), and free kicks (1).

Diego Laínez (MEX). Has two assists, one of them in the goal against Columbus Crew by André-Pierre Gignac.

Javier Aquino (MEX). Had 6 ball recoveries in the first match. The midfielder reached 40 games in the history of the Concacaf Champions League in 8 editions between Cruz Azul and Tigres UANL.



Columbus Crew (USA)

Columbus Crew has never been able to qualify for the semifinals in the four times it played in the quarterfinals (2003, 2009/10, 2010/11, and 2021).

After drawing at home in the first match of a knockout stage, it was eliminated: 2009/10 vs. Toluca (2-2 and 3-2), 2010/11 vs. Real Salt Lake (0-0 and 4-1), and 2021 vs. CF Monterrey (2-2 and 3-0).

It only won one match out of the last 5, which was as a visitor: 1-0 vs. Houston Dynamo in the first leg of the round of 16 in 2024. It has 3 victories in its last 5 matches despite the defeat, with the last one being in Mexico, 3-0 against CF Monterrey in the quarterfinals of 2021.

Columbus has faced 9 Liga MX teams in the history of the Concacaf Champions Cup since 2008/09 and only managed to defeat Santos Laguna in Group B in 2009/10.

Participations in the Concacaf Champions Cup since 1962: 5 (2003, 2009/10, 2010/11, 2021, 2024).

Best Result: quarterfinals (2003, 2009/10, 2010/11, 2021).

Record in the Concacaf Champions Cup since 1962: GP-27 W-11 D-7 L-9 (GF-36 GA-37).

Top scorers since 2008/09: Steven Lenhart (USA) 4, Andrés Mendoza (PER) 3, Emilio Rentería (VEN) 3.

Players with the most appearances (since 2008/09): Emmanuel Ekpo (NIG) 14, Eddie Gaven (USA) 13, Adam Moffat (SCO) 12, Eric Brunner (USA) 12, Andy Iro (ENG) 11, Steven Lenhart (USA) 11, Brian Carroll (USA) 10, Emilio Rentería (VEN) 10.

Record in second leg matches in the KO Phase (since 2008/09): GP: 5 W-1 D-1 L-3.

Participations in the quarterfinals: 2003 (vs. Morelia), 2009/10 (vs. Toluca), 2010/11 (vs. Real Salt Lake), 2021 (vs. Monterrey), and 2024 (vs. Tigres UANL).

Record in quarterfinals: GP-9 W-1 D-4 L-4.

Top scorers in the quarterfinals: Steven Lenhart (USA) 2, Guillermo Barros Schelotto (ARG) 2.

Record in the 2024 Concacaf Champions Cup: GP-3 W-1 D-2 L-0 (GF-3 GA-2).

Top scorers in the 2024 Concacaf Champions Cup: Alexandru Mățan (ROM) 1, Juan Camilo Hernández (COL) 1, Diego Rossi (URU) 1.

Assists in the 2024 Concacaf Champions Cup: Aidan Morris (USA) 2, Christian Ramírez (USA) 1.

Saves in the 2024 Concacaf Champions Cup: 9. Goalkeeper: Patrick Schulte (USA) 9. (2 goals conceded - 1 clean sheet).

How goals were scored: From open play (3).

Players to watch:

Marino Hinestroza (COL). Had three shots in the first match against Tigres UANL. The 21-year-old forward has played 5 matches in the Concacaf Champions Cup (he played for Pachuca in the 2023 edition).

Diego Rossi (URU). Scored his 3rd goal in the Concacaf Champions Cup, the second one against Tigres, previously scoring in the 2020 Final, on that occasion as a player for Los Angeles FC (USA). The Uruguayan forward has made 8 appearances in the history of the Concacaf Champions League.

Darlington Nagbe (USA). Was the player with the highest number of passes (97) in the first match against Tigres UANL (93 of them successful). The midfielder has the best passing accuracy (96%), with 178 touches in the current Concacaf Champions Cup.