



## Tauro FC (PAN) vs. San Francisco (PAN)

Group A, Rommel Fernández Stadium, Panama City, August 28, 2024

Two teams with no chance of advancing to the next round will complete their participation in Group A by facing each other for the first time in the Central American Cup and in their history in Concacaf club tournaments.

Tauro FC, with zero points, has faced rivals from its own country twice, securing a win and a draw in the round of 16 of the Scotiabank Concacaf League against Sporting San Miguelito, where Tauro FC won 2-1 on aggregate. In the first leg, they won 1-0 on August 16, 2022, with a goal from Ernesto Sinclair, and in the return leg, they drew 1-1 on August 23, 2022, with Gerardo Negrete scoring for Sporting San Miguelito and Irving Gudiño for Tauro FC.

San Francisco, with only one point, will face a rival from its own country for the first time in a Concacaf club tournament.

In the domestic league series between these two clubs, there have been 31 matches where Tauro won 14 of those games, lost 7, and drew 10. Of the last 5 local tournament encounters, Tauro won 4 and drew 1.

### **Domestic League History**

From the 2008/09 season to the present, Tauro FC and San Francisco have faced each other 41 times in what is known as the "young classic" of the Panamanian First Division. In these encounters, Tauro FC has 22 wins, 10 losses, and 9 draws with 58 goals scored and 43 conceded.

In 1989, Tauro FC won the title against San Francisco, then known as La Previsora. Later, in the 1994/95 season, they met again in the final at the Rommel Fernández stadium, where San Francisco won 1-0 with a goal from Oberto Lynch.

Twelve seasons passed before Tauro FC and San Francisco met again in a final. In 2006, San Francisco was the Apertura champion, while Tauro FC won the Clausura, which had to be decided in a Super final to determine the season's champion.

For the Apertura tournaments of 2007, 2008, and 2010, Tauro FC won 2 (2007 and 2010) and San Francisco in 2008 in extra time of the final.

The most recent final was in the Apertura 2013 when Tauro FC defeated San Francisco 1-0 to add their 12th First Division title with a goal from Israel Sanjur at the Rommel Fernández stadium.



## Tauro FC (PAN)

Tauro FC lost all 3 matches (1-0 against Herediano, 4-1 vs. FC Motagua, and 2-1 vs. Diriangén) and will play for the second time at home in the history of the CCAC.

The current Panamanian football champion has gone 8 matches without a win in international tournaments (3 Draws, 5 Losses). Additionally, they lost their last 5 matches in Concacaf tournaments (including the 2023 Champions Cup and CCAC 2024). Their last victory was against a Panamanian opponent, defeating Sporting San Miguelito 1-0 (Ernesto Sinclair) in the round of 16 of the Scotiabank Concacaf League 2022.

Tauro FC conceded 7 goals in their 3 matches of the CCAC 2024 (6 from play and 1 from a free kick), 6 during the second half. The 2 goals they scored were from play and after the first half.

**Top scorers in the CCAC:** Moisés Véliz (PAN) 1, Cristian Quintero (PAN).

**Saves:** Alex Rodríguez (PAN) 8, Celino Hinojosa (PAN) 7.

**Opportunities to score goals (26).** Shots on target (12).

### Players to watch:

**Cristian Quintero (PAN).** He scored the last goal for Tauro FC (vs. Diriangén). The midfielder has played in all 3 matches of Group A and made 4 shots. He has faced San Francisco 10 times (6-W-2-D-2-L).

**Ricardo Gorday (PAN).** He made 6 shots against Diriangén. The only time he faced San Francisco, he secured a 3-0 victory in March 2024.

**Omar Browne (PAN).** He has 20 appearances in international club tournaments and has scored 5 goals. He scored 1 goal against San Francisco in the last victory in the Panamanian League.



## San Francisco (PAN)

San Francisco lost two matches, 3-2 against Motagua and 0-1 against Herediano, and drew 0-0 with Diriangén.

San Francisco lost 6 of their last 7 matches in Concacaf club tournaments (including their participations in the Concacaf Champions Cup, Scotiabank Concacaf League, and Central American Cup). Their last victory was an 8-0 win against Verdes FC (Jonathan Pinilla, Johnny Ruiz x3, Ervin Zorrilla x2, Moisés Gil, and Eduardo Jiménez) in Group C of the 2015/16 Concacaf Champions Cup.

**Top scorers in the CCAC:** Luis Zúñiga (PAN) 1, Ricardo Clarke (PAN).

**Assists in the CCAC:** Miguel Camargo (PAN) 1, Ricardo Clarke (PAN).

**Saves:** José Guerra (PAN) 5, Samuel Castañeda (PAN) 2.

**Goal scoring situations (24).** Shots on target (11).

**Players to watch:**

**Luis Zúñiga (PAN).** He scored the latest goal for San Francisco (vs. Motagua). The forward has played in two matches and has an 86% passing effectiveness.

**Jorge Méndez (PAN).** The midfielder has made (5) shots, four of which were on target, and completed three ball recoveries in the last match against CS Herediano.

**Ricardo Clarke (PAN).** He has been involved in both of San Francisco's goals (against Motagua and provided 1 assist away). He has scored 6 goals in 15 encounters against Tauro FC.