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# Cavalry FC (CAN) vs. Pumas UNAM (MEX)

# Starlight Stadium (CAN)

#### Head-To-Head

This will be the first time they meet in the Concacaf Champions Cup and in their history.

Cavalry FC has played 2 matches in its only Concacaf Champions Cup participation, in the 2024 edition when they faced Orlando City (USA) in the first round. The Canadian club scored only 1 goal in the series (Myer Bevan), conceding 6 goals and losing both matches (0-3 and 3-1). Along with Serbian White Eagles FC (whose goal in the 1975 edition was scored by Mike Wareika against CF Monterrey), they are the only Canadian clubs to score just 1 goal in their Concacaf Champions Cup participation.

Pumas UNAM will face another Canadian club 13 year after playing against Toronto FC in Group C of the 2011-12 edition. In the first match on September 14, 2011, at Estadio Olímpico Universitario CU, Pumas won 4-0 with a hat-trick by Martín "La Rata" Bravo and another goal by Efraín "El Chispa" Velarde. In the second match on September 27, 2011, at BMO Field in Toronto, they drew 1-1. Toronto FC's goal was scored by Peri Marosevic, while Marco "Pikolín" Palacios scored for Pumas. Pumas UNAM with 11 points and Toronto FC with 10 points advanced in the group, finishing 1st and 2nd, respectively.



Cavalry FC qualifies for the 2025 Champions Cup by reaching the final of the 2024 Canadian Premier League season and finishing as runners-up in the Supporters' Shield.

This will be the club's second consecutive appearance in the Champions Cup.

In the 2024 edition, the team lost both matches against Orlando City (0-3 and 3-1).

New Zealander Myer Bevan scored the only goal for Cavalry FC in the CCC in the 3-1 loss in the second-leg of the First Round against Orlando City in 2024.

Champions Cup appearances (all formats included): 2nd (2024, 2025).

Debut: 2024 (First Round).

CCC record (all formats included): W-0 D-0 L-2 (GF-1 GA-6).

**Top scorer**: Myer Bevan (NZL) 1.

Players with most appearances: Marco Carducci (CAN), Daan Klomp (NED), Callum Montgomery (CAN), Fraser Aird (CAN), Sergio Camargo (COL), Diego Gutiérrez (CAN), Eryk Kobza (CAN), Bradley Kamdem Fewo (FRA), Shamit Shome (CAN), Charles Trafford (CAN), William Akio (SSD), Myer Bevan (NZL), Ali Musse (SOM), Tobias Warschewski (GER) 2.

### Players to watch:

**Tobias Warschewski (GER)**: He scored 14 goals in 26 appearances in the 2024 Canadian Premier League. The German forward played 105 minutes in the 2024 CCC.

**Daan Klomp (NED)**: He was one of the key players for Cavalry in the 2024 Canadian Premier League with 6 goals in 29 appearances. He played in both matches against Orlando City in the 2024 CCC edition and completed all 57 of his passes.

**Marco Carducci (CAN)**: He was Cavalry's goalkeeper in their Concacaf Champions Cup debut in 2024, making 6 saves in his 2 appearances against Orlando City (6 goals conceded).



Pumas UNAM, three-time Champions Cup winners (1980, 1982, 1989), will make their 12th appearance and their first since finishing as runners-up in 2022.

They qualified for the 2025 edition as one of the best clubs in the general table of Liga MX 2023/24.

Pumas UNAM scored 13 goals and 10 assists in their last Champions Cup appearance in 2022 when they reached the final. They were the team with the most goal-scoring opportunities (88) and saves (29) in the 2022 edition.

The Pumas have a 6-match winless streak as visitors in the Champions Cup (3D-3L) and have not scored in 3 away games (3-0 vs. New England Revolution, 0-0 vs. Cruz Azul, and 3-0 vs. Seattle Sounders in the quarterfinals, semifinals, and final of 2022, respectively).

The last win for Pumas UNAM away from home in the Champions Cup was a 4-2 victory over W Connection (Hughtun Hector and Jamal Ray Charles; Luis Quintana, Josecarlos Van Rankin, José Alfonso Nieto, and Omar Islas) at the Ato Boldon Stadium in Couva in the 2016/17 Group A (3-AUG-2017).

**Champions Cup appearances (all formats included**): 12th (1978, 1980, 1982, 1989, 1992, 2005, 2008/09, 2009/10, 2011/12, 2016/17, 2022, 2025).

Debut: 1978 (Second Round).

Last participation: 2022 (Runner-up).



Overall record in the CCC (all formats included): W-38 D-21 L-16 (GF-163 GA-76).

Titles: (3) 1980, 1982, 1989, Runner-up 2022.

Qualification for the 2025 edition: One of the top 3 teams in the global table of Liga MX 2023/24.

**Top scorers**: Juan Francisco Palencia (MEX) and Juan Dinenno (ARG) 9 goals, Marín Bravo (ARG), Eduardo Herrera (MEX) 7.

**Players with most appearances**: Fernando Espinosa (MEX) 22, Luis Fuentes (MEX) 22, Darío Verón (PAR) 19, Javier Cortés (MEX), David Cabrera (MEX) 18, Martín Bravo (MEX) 18.

**Pumas UNAM since 2008/09**: They have scored goals in 32 matches, failed to score in 11 games, kept 14 clean sheets, conceded goals in 29 matches, and drew 2 times with a 0-0 scoreline.

## Players to watch:

**César Huerta (MEX):** He scored 5 goals and 4 assists in his 17 appearances in the last semester of Mexican football. The forward represented Mexico in the Concacaf Nations League and the 2024 Copa América.

**Guillermo Martínez (MEX)**: He scored 6 goals and 1 assist in 19 games of the Apertura 2024 of Liga MX. His last appearance in the Champions Cup was in 2014-15 as a member of Pachuca.

**Rogelio Funes Mori (MEX)**: He has 15 appearances and 2 titles in the Champions Cup (2019 and 2021) as a player of CF Monterrey. He scored 5 goals and was one of the standout players in Monterrey's title wins.

