



New England (USA) vs. LD Alajuelense (CRC)

Wednesday, March 6, 2024, Gillette Stadium, Foxborough (USA).

New England and LD Alajuelense will face each other again in the CONCACAF Champions League CCC, after 18 years.

LD Alajuelense has two wins, one draw, and one loss GF-6 GC-3.

Series results:

Alajuelense 4-0 NE Revolution (Erick Scott x2, Alejandro Alpízar, and Rolando Fonseca), first leg match in the round of 16 in Alajuela (MAR 23, 2003).

New England Revolution 3-1 Alajuelense (Taylor Twellman, Wolde Harris, and Pat Noonan; Rolando Fonseca), second leg match in the round of 16 in Foxborough (MAR 26, 2003).

New England Revolution 0-0 Alajuelense, first leg match in the quarter-finals in Bermuda (FEB 22, 2006).

Alajuelense 1-0 NE Revolution (Carlos Hernández), second leg match in the quarter-finals in Alajuela (MAR 8, 2006).



New England Revolution (USA)

New England Revolution ganó los dos partidos de la Primera Ronda contra el Club Atlético Independiente de Panamá (0-1 y 3-0).

New England Revolution por 1ra vez en su historia en la CCC (en cinco series de eliminación directa) logró la clasificación a la siguiente ronda del torneo. En las 4 anteriores fue eliminado por Alajuela (CRC) en 2003 y 2006, Joe Public (Trinidad/Tobago) en 2008 y ante Pumas UNAM (MEX) en 2022.

New England Revolution logró la Victoria #190 para los equipos de la MLS en la historia de la CCC desde que participan en el torneo (1996).

The MLS team achieved 50% of the points since the format change in 2008/09 with 3 wins and 3 losses.



If all tournament formats are included, they obtained 3 victories in their 5 home games: they defeated Alajuelense 3-1 in the Round of 16 in 2003, Pumas UNAM 3-0 in the Quarterfinals in 2022, and CAI 3-0 in Round One in 2024.

They kept a clean sheet in their last 2 home matches in the Champions League (3-0 vs. Pumas UNAM in the 2022 Quarterfinals and 3-0 against CAI in Round One of 2024).

They haven't conceded goals in 3 of the last 4 games at their stadium in the history of the CCC.

Coach **Caleb Porter's** team (USA) led in shots with (30) in the 2024 CCC Round One.

Participations in the CONCACAF Champions League CCC (Since 1962): 5 (2003, 2006, 2008/09, 2022, 2024).

Best Result: Quarterfinals 2006, 2022.

Record in the CCC (Since 1962): GP-10 W-4 D-1 L-5 (GF-11 GA-15).

Top scorers in the CCC: Adam Buksa (POL) 2, Tomás Chancalay (ARG) 2, Nacho Gil (ESP) 1, Mark-Anthony Kaye (CAN) 1, Sebastian Lletget (USA) 1, Mauricio Castro (HON) 1.

Players with most appearances in the CCC: Carles Gil (ESP) 4, Matthew Polster (USA) 4, Dejuan Jones (USA) 4, Andrew Farrell (USA) 3, Emmanuel Boateng (GHA) 3.

Since 2008/09: They've scored goals in 4 matches, kept three clean sheets, conceded goals in three matches, and have never drawn a game (0-0).

Record in first leg matches in the KO Phase (since 2008/09): GP-2 W-2 D-0 L-0 (GF-4 GA-0).

Biggest win (since 2008/09): 3-0 vs. Pumas UNAM (Sebastian Lletget and Adam Buksa x2), Quarterfinals - 2022; 3-0 vs. CAI (Nacho Gil, Tomás Chancalay, and Mark-Anthony Kaye), Round One - 2023.

Penalty shootouts: 1 (Lost) (4-3) after a 3-3 draw vs. Pumas UNAM (Quarterfinals - 2022).

Hat-tricks: 0

Participations in the Round of 16: 2003 (vs. Alajuelense).

Record in Round of 16: GP-2 W-1 D-0 L-1 (GF-3 GA-5).

Scorers in Round of 16: Taylor Twellman (USA) 1, Wolde Harris (JAM) 1, and Pat Noonan (USA) 1.

Scorers in the 2024 CCC: Tomás Chancalay (ARG) 2, Nacho Gil (ESP) 1, Mark-Anthony Kaye (CAN) 1.

Assists in the 2024 CCC: Giacomo Vrioni (ALB) 2, Carles Gil (ESP) 1, Esmir Bajraktarevic (USA) 1.

Saves in the 2024 CCC: 4. Goalkeepers: Henrich Ravas (SVK) 5. (0 goals conceded - 2 clean sheets).

How goals were scored: From play (4).

Goal-scoring opportunities created (30). Shots on target (12).

Players to watch:

Tomás Chancalay (ARG): Scored two goals in the First Round series against CAI in addition to six shots.

Carles Gil (ESP): The team captain took five shots against CAI from Panama and provided an assist in the second leg match in Foxborough, Massachusetts (He has 3 assists in 4 appearances in the CCC).

Giacomo Vrioni (ALB): Provided 2 goal assists and took 6 shots against CAI. The forward provided assists to Tomás Chancalay in the first leg match and to Mark-Anthony Kaye in the return leg game.



Alajuelense (CRC)

Alajuelense qualified as one of the 4 semifinalists in the Concacaf Central American Cup 2023.

Alajuelense, a two-time champion of the Concacaf in 1986 and 2004, returns to the tournament for the 27th time and for the second consecutive time after participating in the 2023 edition.

LD Alajuelense has never been able to advance past the round of 16 since the format change in 2008/09.

Alajuelense reached the quarterfinals in the 2013/14 edition (facing Árabe Unido) and 2014/15 edition (against DC United). However, these qualifications were directly from the group stage.

They won 1 match out of the last 7 away games, against the current runner-up (conceding goals in each of those games). They defeated Los Angeles FC 2-1 (Carlos Vela; Giancarlo González and Aarón Suárez for LDA) in the second leg match of the round of 16 in 2023, at the BMO Stadium in Los Angeles (MAR 15, 2023).

Alajuelense was crowned Champion of the inaugural edition of the Concacaf Central American Cup CCAC 2023 by defeating Real Estelí from Nicaragua (4-1 on aggregate score).

Coach Andrés Carevic's team (ARG) had the most points (24), goals (24), victories (7), and total passes (4155) in the CCAC 2023.

Participations in the Concacaf Champions League CCC (since 1962): 27 (1962, 1968, 1971, 1973, 1986, 1988, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2006, 2008/09, 2011/12, 2012/13, 2013/14, 2014/15, 2021, 2023, 2024).

Best Result: Champion 1986 and 2004, Semifinalist in 2013/14, 2014/15.

Record in the Concacaf Champions League (All formats): GP-140 W-70 D-25 L-45 (GF-244 GA-157).

Top scorers since 2008/09: Jonathan McDonald (CRC) 6, Allen Guevara (CRC) 4, Pablo Gabas (ARG) 4, Armando Alonso (CRC) 3, Jerry Palacios (HON) 3.

Players with most appearances (since 2008/09): Johnny Acosta (CRC) 24, Porfirio López (CRC) 19, Patrick Pemberton (CRC) 18, Ariel Rodríguez (CRC) 18, José Salvatierra (CRC) 17.



Since 2008/09: They've scored goals in 22 matches, kept 11 clean sheets, conceded goals in 21 matches, and drew once with a score of 0-0.

Record in first leg matches in the KO Phase (since 2008/09): GP: 7 W-1 D-2 L-4.

Biggest win (since 2008/09): 5-2 vs. DC United (Eithel Rodríguez, José Ortiz x2, Johan Venegas, and Jonathan McDonald; Fabián Espíndola and Steven Bimbaum), in the 2014/15 quarterfinals, at the Alejandro Morera Soto Stadium, Alajuela (FEB 26, 2015).

Penalty shootouts: None since the tournament format change in 2008/09.

Hat-tricks: 0

Braces: Allen Guevara (CRC) vs. Motagua (Grupo A de 2011/12), José Guillermo Ortíz (CRC) vs. DC United (QF 2014/15) y Pablo Gabas (ARG) vs. FC Montreal (SF 2014/15).

Participations in the Round of 16: 4 (vs. Club América in 2002, New England in 2003, vs. Atlanta United in 2021, and Los Angeles FC in 2023).

Record in Round of 16: GP-8 W-4 D-0 L-4.

Scorers in Round of 16: Rolando Fonseca (CRC) 3, Erick Scott (CRC) 2, Giancarlo González (CRC) 1, Aarón Suárez (CRC) 1, Alejandro Alpízar (CRC) 1, Luis Marín (CRC) 1, Wilmer López (CRC) 1.

Players to watch:

Leonel Moreira (CRC): Made 16 saves and 8 clearances in his last appearance in the round of 16 (vs. Los Angeles FC in 2023). The goalkeeper has been in 10 editions of the CCC (2011/12, 2012/13, 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17, 2018, 2021, 2023, and 2024).

Celso Borges (CRC): The historic Costa Rican midfielder was the leader in passes with 530 on the road to winning the CONCACAF Central American Cup 2023.

Joshua Navarro (CRC): Was the leader in assists for Alajuelense in the 2023 Central American Cup (4) in addition to scoring 3 goals, one against Real Estelí and two against Motagua. He will make his debut in the Champions League. In 2021, he scored 3 goals for Forge in the Scotiabank Concacaf League 2021 against FC Motagua, Santos de Guápiles, and FAS.