

Comunicaciones (GUA) vs. Alianza FC (SLV)

GROUP B

Estadio Estadio Cementos Progreso, Ciudad de Guatemala

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

The series between these two clubs consists of 9 matches in official tournaments, with Comunicaciones having the advantage with 5 wins and 4 draws, GF-15 GA-6.

Most of the encounters were in three editions of the UNCAF Interclub Cup in the group stage: Group A 1970/71, 1975/76, and 1996/97.

The only time they faced each other in the Concacaf Champions Cup, they drew 2-2. For Comunicaciones, the goals were scored by Honduran Nicolás Suazo x2; for Alianza, the goals were scored by Horacio Lugo and Erick Dowson Prado, in Group C of the first round, in Guatemala City (March 18, 1998).

The last time they faced each other was in the Round of 16 of the 2021 edition of the Concacaf League. Comunicaciones won both matches, the first leg on September 22, 2021, 2-1 with goals from Andrés Lezcano and Junior Lacayo for Comunicaciones and Duvier Riascos for Alianza, and the second leg on September 29, 2021, 1-0 with a goal from Honduran Junior Lacayo.



Comunicaciones FC (GUA)

Comunicaciones FC drew 1-1 in their first match against Luis Ángel Firpo of El Salvador at the Nacional Jorge Mágico González in El Salvador. The Guatemalan team took the lead with a goal from Carlos Mejía in the 13th minute, and the hosts equalized in the 47th minute with a goal from Gustavo Moura de Souza.

The Concacaf Champions Cup winner in 1978 and the Scotiabank Concacaf League champion in 2021 has drawn their last three matches (1-1) vs. Cartaginés in the two Play-In games in 2023.

Comunicaciones FC has gone 6 matches without a win, with 4 draws and two losses. They haven't won since defeating CD Águila of El Salvador 4-1 with goals from (Carlos Salazar; Jorge Aparicio, José Corena x2, and Lynner García) in Group C of the 2023 edition (August 23). Their last home win was 3-1 vs Real España of Honduras (Jorge Aparicio, Antonio López, and Érik González; Daniel Carter for the Hondurans) in Group C (August 2, 2023).

Participations in the Concacaf Central American Cup: 2 (2023 and 2024).

Best result in the CCAC: Quarterfinals 2023.

Record in the CCAC: GP-8 W-3 D-3 L-2 (GF-13 GA-9). *Includes Play-In matches.

Scorers in the CCAC: José Corena (COL) 3, Jorman Aguilar (PAN) 3, Erik González (GUA) 2, Jorge Aparicio (GUA) 2, Antonio López (MEX) 1, Lynner García (GUA), Gerardo Gordillo (GUA), Carlos Mejía (GUA).

Assists in the CCAC: Antonio López (MEX) 4, Jorge Aparicio (GUA) 2, José Contreras (GUA) 1, Jorman Aguilar (PAN), Anderson Ortiz (GUA), José Corena (COL), Azarías Londoño (PAN).

Players with the most appearances in the CCAC: Antonio López, José Corena, Erik González (9 matches), Juan Anangonó, José Contreras, Jorge Aparicio, Stheven Robles, Fredy Pérez (8), Jorman Aguilar, Matías Fracchia, José Pinto (7).

Saves in the CCAC: Fredy Pérez (GUA) 30, Arnold Barrios (GUA) 2.

Biggest win in the CCAC: 4-1 vs. Águila (Jorge Aparicio, José Corena x2, and Lynner García; Carlos Salazar), Group C, Estadio Cuscatlán, San Salvador (August 23, 2023).

Assists in the 2024 edition: Azarías Londoño (PAN) 1.

Scoring opportunities (8). Shots on target (4).

Players to watch:

- **Fredy Pérez (GUA)**. He was the goalkeeper with the most saves (9) in the first week of the 2024 edition.

- **Carlos Mejía (GUA)**. Scored the goal in the draw against Luis Ángel Firpo. The midfielder from Cuilapa has 17 international appearances and 4 goals in Concacaf club tournaments. This was Mejía's first goal in the tournament.

- **Diego Casas (URU)**. He was the player with the most shots (3) in the draw against Luis Ángel Firpo. The Uruguayan forward averaged 1 goal every 2 matches during his time with Cobán Imperial in the 2023/24 Guatemalan National League.



Alianza FC (SLV)

Alianza FC qualified for the Central American Cup after winning the 2024 Clausura Tournament of El Salvador. This was their 18th league title. Alianza FC won the Concacaf Champions Cup in 1967. The last time they played in a club tournament was in the 2023 edition when they were eliminated in the Round of 16 by Philadelphia Union of the United States.

Players to watch:

- **Marvin Monterroza (SLV)**. He has played 30 international club matches as a player for Isidro Metapán and Alianza FC. This will be his first participation in the Central American Cup after having played in 7 editions of the Concacaf Champions Cup and 5 in the Scotiabank Concacaf League, where he scored 4 goals.

- **Emerson Mauricio (SLV)**. He was one of the standout players of the 2023/24 season of the Salvadoran First Division with 18 goals in 40 appearances.

- **Rodolfo Zelaya (SLV)**. The historic Salvadoran forward will be in international club tournaments of Concacaf for the 5th consecutive year (2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024). He scored 6 goals in 16 appearances between the Scotiabank Concacaf League and the Concacaf Champions Cup.