

LA Firpo (SLV) vs. Comunicaciones (GUA)

GROUP B

Estadio Nacional Jorge Mágico González, El Salvador

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

In general, they have met six times in Concacaf club tournaments with two wins each and two draws.

The last time they met was 19 years ago in the 2005 Interclub Cup with one win and one draw for Luis Ángel Firpo: 4-2 on July 28, 2005, with goals from Adonai Martínez (30'), Manuel Martínez (35' 90'), and Julio Castro (74'), while Comunicaciones' goals were scored by Carlos Pavón (32') and Rolando Fonseca (46'), and 2-2 on August 2, 2005, with goals from Carlos Pavón (20') and Rolando Fonseca (56') for Comunicaciones and Manuel Martínez (53') and José Martínez (81') for Luis Ángel Firpo.



CD LA Firpo (SLV)

Luis Ángel Firpo will make its debut in the 2024 Concacaf Central American Cup. CD Firpo has participated in 11 editions of the Concacaf Champions Cup, with their last appearance in 2013/14, where they were part of Group 7 alongside Tijuana and CD Victoria, winning their last two matches.

They participated in the inaugural edition of the Scotiabank Concacaf Champions League (SCCL) following the format change in 2008/09, sharing a group with Pumas UNAM, San Francisco, and Houston Dynamo. Panamanian Anel Canales and Salvadoran Medardo Guevara scored the last two goals for LA Firpo in their international participation (a 4-1 victory against CD Victoria in Group 7 of the SCCL in 2013/14).

Qualification: Best placed in the cumulative table of the 2023/24 Tournament in El Salvador.

Players to watch:

Styven Vázquez (SLV). He was the top scorer for Firpo in the last season of Salvadoran football with 19 goals in 38 appearances. He has been selected for the El Salvador U-17 team and has made 11 appearances with the senior national team, scoring one goal.

Jomal Williams (TRI). He has 11 international appearances at the club level in Concacaf club tournaments. He has been part of the U-17, U-20, U-23, and senior national teams of Trinidad and Tobago. He scored 5 goals in 12 matches in the last semester of Salvadoran football.



Comunicaciones FC (GUA)

Comunicaciones FC returns to the tournament; in the inaugural edition, they were eliminated in the quarterfinals by CS Herediano of Costa Rica with a 3-2 aggregate score. In Group C, they finished second behind CS Herediano, Real España, Águila, and Diriangén. Comunicaciones was the champion of the Concacaf Champions Cup in 1978 and the Scotiabank Concacaf League in 2021. They played a play-in against CS Cartaginés of Costa Rica, defeating them in penalties and securing qualification for the 2024 Concacaf Champions Cup.

Qualification: Champion of the 2023 Apertura Tournament in Guatemala.

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

Best result in the CCAC: Quarterfinals 2023.

Record in the CCAC: 8 games played, 3 wins, 3 draws, 2 losses (13GF-9GA). *Includes play-in matches.

Top 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) 1, Gerardo Gordillo (GUA) 1.

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

Players with the most appearances in the CCAC: Antonio López, Juan Anangonó, Jorge Aparicio, José Corena, Erik González (8 games), Jorman Aguilar, Stheven Robles, José Contreras, Matías Fracchia, Fredy Pérez (7 games), José Pinto, Lynner García (6 games).

Saves in the CCAC: Fredy Pérez (GUA) 21, Arnold Barrios (GUA) 2.

Players to watch:

Antonio López (GUA). He was the most involved Comunicaciones player in goal production during the 2023 Central American Cup (1 goal and 4 assists). He finished the tournament with 11 shots, 161 passes, and 9 recoveries in 8 appearances.

Diego Casas (URU). The Uruguayan striker, a former player for River Plate of Argentina, had a standout performance with CD Cobán Imperial before joining Comunicaciones, where he looks to contribute his experience and offensive production. Casas was also a U-20 national team player for Uruguay.