



## **Club America (MEX) vs. Pachuca (MEX)**

Azteca Stadium, Mexico City (MEX).

**Tuesday, April 23, 2024**

Despite being two of the most decorated clubs in the history of the Concacaf Champions Cup, they will face each other for the first time at any stage of the tournament.

Internationally, they met in the round of 16 of the 2007 CONMEBOL Sudamericana, with Club América securing a (4-3) victory on aggregate, advancing to the next phase of the edition in which they finished as runners-up.

The match between Club América and CF Pachuca will be the 54th encounter between Liga MX rivals in the history of the tournament since 2008-09, all in direct elimination matches.

There have been 12 series (two-legged matches) between Mexican teams in the semifinals of the tournament: Atlante-Santos Laguna (2008/09), Pachuca-Toluca (2009/10), Cruz Azul-Pumas UNAM (2009/10, 2022), Monterrey-Cruz Azul (2010/11, 2021), Monterrey-Pumas UNAM (2011/12), Cruz Azul-Tijuana (2013/14), Querétaro-Tigres UANL (2015/16), América-Santos Laguna (2015/16), Santos Laguna-Tigres UANL (2019), León-Tigres UANL (2023).

### **Series in Liga MX: CF América vs CF Pachuca:**

They have faced each other 65 times since the introduction of Apertura and Clausura tournaments in Liga MX. CF Pachuca has won 27 times, with 21 defeats and 17 draws. In the Copa MX, Club América won (5-2) in the round of 16 of the Clausura 2019.

Pachuca and América have met 6 times in the playoffs of Mexican football. The Águilas won only once, and 5 were won by the Tuzos: Verano 2001 (Pachuca advanced), Clausura 2007 (Pachuca champion), Clausura 2012 (América advanced), Clausura 2015 (Pachuca advanced), Guardianes 2021 (Pachuca advanced), and Clausura 2022 (Pachuca advanced).

### **Last five matches in Liga MX:**

- Pachuca 3-0 América (Romario Ibarra x2 and Erick Sánchez), semifinals - Clausura 2022 - Estadio Hidalgo (May 22, 2022).

- Pachuca 0-3 América (Alejandro Zendejas, Jonathan Rodríguez, and Henry Martín), Match Day 9 - Apertura 2022 - Estadio Hidalgo (August 18, 2022).

- América 0-3 Pachuca (Javier López, Jesús Hernández, and Roberto de la Rosa), Match Day 10  
- Clausura 2023 - Estadio Azteca (March 4, 2023).

- América 4-0 Pachuca (Henry Martín, Alejandro Zendejas, Julián Quiñones, and Jonathan Rodríguez), Match Day 11 - Apertura 2023 - Estadio Azteca (October 3, 2023).

- Pachuca 2-1 América (Erick Sánchez x2; Julián Quiñones), Match Day 7 - Clausura 2024 - Estadio Hidalgo (February 17, 2024).



## Club America (MEX)

Club América is playing its 11th semifinal series, out of the previous 10 series, they qualified in 7 and were only eliminated 3 times by Deportivo Toluca (MEX) in 2002-2003, Toronto FC (CAN) in 2018, and Los Angeles FC (USA) in 2020. The top scorer in semifinals is the Argentine Darío Benedetto with 4 goals (all against CS Herediano (CRC) in 2014-2015).

Club América will play its 3rd semifinal against a Mexican club, previously facing Deportivo Toluca in 2002-2003 (eliminated) and Santos Laguna in 2015-2016 (qualified).

Club América has played 16 semifinal matches throughout the history of the tournament, with a record of 8 wins, 3 draws, and 5 losses, scoring 31 goals and conceding 18.

It is the team with the most titles won in the history of the tournament with (7) (1977, 1987, 1990, 1992, 2006, 2015, 2016, and 2021).

The team led by Brazilian coach **André Jardine** won their 2 quarterfinal matches against New England Revolution GF-9 GC-2. CF América is also the team with the most goals in the 2024 edition of the tournament with (17) and is just two goals away from equaling its best record of (19) when it won the title in 2015-16 under Mexican coach Ignacio Ambriz.

Club América leads in passes in the 2024 edition of the tournament with (3501), Álvaro Fidalgo (386), and Jonathan Dos Santos (330) topping the list in passes.

Club América's record against Liga MX rivals in the Concacaf Champions Cup: Played 15, Won 8, Drawn 4, Lost 3 (60 of these matches were in semifinals or final).

81% of the goals scored by Las Águilas in the history of the semifinals were scored by South American players. Argentine players Darío Benedetto (4) and Emanuel Aguilera, Colombian players Darwin Quintero, Andrés Ibargüen, Mateus Uribe, and Nicolás Benedetti, Ecuadorian player Michael Arroyo, Paraguayan player Richard Sánchez, Brazilian players Irênio Soares and Kléber Boas, and Uruguayan players Marcelo Lipatín (2) and Sebastián Cáceres.

**Participations in the Concacaf Champions Cup (Since 1962):** 15 (1977, 1985, 1987, 1990, 1992, 2002, 2003, 2006, 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16, 2018, 2020, 2021, 2024).

**Best Result:** Champion (7) 1977, 1987, 1990, 1992, 2006, 2014/15, 2015/16. Runner-up 2021.

**Record in the Concacaf Champions Cup (Since 1962):** Played 93, Won 54, Drawn 20, Lost 19



(GF-193 GC-86).

**Top scorers in the history of the Concacaf Champions Cup:** Oribe Peralta (MEX) 10, Darío Benedetto (ARG) 8, Henry Martín (MEX) 8, Carlos Darwin Quintero (COL) 6, Michael Arroyo (ECU) 6, Martín Zúñiga (MEX) 5.

**Players with the most appearances in the history of the tournament (since 2008/09):** Paul Aguilar (MEX) 23, Osvaldo Martínez (PAR) 20, Rubens Sambueza (ARG) 19, Oribe Peralta (MEX) 18, Darwin Quintero (COL) 18, José Guerrero (MEX) 17.

**Club América since 2008/09:** Has scored goals in 41 matches, failed to score in only 7 games, kept 18 clean sheets, conceded goals in 30 games, and only drew once with a score of (0-0).

**Record in first-leg matches in the KO Stage (since 2008/09):** Played 17, Won 9, Drawn 5, Lost 3.

**Biggest win (since 2008/09):** Bayamón (1-10) Club América (Hosman Ramos; Luis Gabriel Rey x3, Gil Giovanni Burón, Gonzalo Díaz, Martín Zúñiga x3, Alfonso Sánchez x2) Group stage 2014/15.

**Penalty shootouts:** (victory). 2-2 (5-3) vs. Comunicaciones (GUA) in the round of 16 in 2020 and (5-3) vs. Comunicaciones (GUA) in the round of 16 in the 2020 edition after a 2-2 draw on aggregate.

Won a match in extra time in the semifinals 2015-16 (1-0) with a goal from Michael Arroyo at 102 minutes against Santos Laguna after a (0-0) draw in regular time and extra time on 5-04.2016.

**Hat-tricks:** Darío Benedetto (4 goals vs. Herediano - semifinals 2015 / 3 goals vs. Montreal FC - final 2015), Martín Zúñiga (vs. Bayamón - group stage 2014/15), Luis Rey (vs. Bayamón - group stage 2014/15).

**Semifinal appearances:** 2003 (vs. Toluca), 2006 (vs. Alajuelense), 2014/15 (vs. Herediano), 2015/16 (vs. Santos Laguna), 2018 (vs. Toronto FC), 2020 (vs. Los Ángeles FC), 2021 (vs. Philadelphia Union), 2024 (vs. Pachuca).

**Record in semifinals:** Played 13, Won 6, Drawn 3, Lost 3.

**Goal scorers in semifinals:** Darío Benedetto (ARG) 4, Marcelo Lipatín (URU) 2.

**Qualifications to the final:** 4 times and eliminated in semifinals 3 times: 2003 (eliminated vs. Toluca), 2006 (advanced vs. Alajuelense), 2014/15 (advanced vs. Herediano), 2015/16 (advanced vs. Santos Laguna), 2018 (eliminated vs. Toronto FC), 2020 (eliminated vs. Los Ángeles FC), 2021 (advanced vs. Philadelphia Union).

**Record in the 2024 CCC:** Played 6, Won 4, Drawn 0, Lost 2 (GF-17 GC-7).

**Top scorers in the 2024 CCC:** Alejandro Zendejas (USA) 4, Julián Quiñones (MEX) 3, Henry Martín (MEX) 3, Brian Rodríguez (URU) 2, Diego Valdés (CHI) 2.

**Most assists in the 2024 CCC:** Diego Valdés (CHI) 3, Julián Quiñones (MEX) 2, Alejandro Zendejas (USA) 1, Henry Martín (MEX) 1, Javairo Dilrosun (NED) 1, Luis Fuentes (MEX) 1, Brian Rodríguez (URU) 1.

**Saves in the 2024 CCC:** 18. **Goalkeeper:** Luis Malagón (MEX) 18. (7 goals conceded - 3 clean sheets).

**How goals were scored:** From open play (12), penalty (2), header (2), own goal (1).

**Chances to score goals** (79). Shots on target (37).

**Fastest goal in the 2024 CCC:** Julián Quiñones (14' 39" vs. Guadalajara - first-leg match round of 16).

### **Players to Watch:**

**Henry Martín (MEX).** He has scored 3 goals (one in the semifinals against Philadelphia Union) and provided 1 assist in the 2024 edition of the tournament, and whenever he scored, his team achieved victory. In 19 encounters against Pachuca, he has scored 7 goals.

**Julián Quiñones (MEX).** He has scored 3 goals, provided 2 assists, and attempted 12 shots in the 2024 edition. He has scored 5 goals in his last 7 matches against Pachuca in the Liga MX (including 3 goals with Atlas). His first goal against Pachuca was in 2017 as a player for Lobos BUAP.

**Diego Valdés (CHI).** He has (3) assists and 2 goals, 8 shots, and 164 passes in 5 appearances in the current edition of the tournament.

**Alejandro Zendejas (USA).** He scored a goal against Real Estelí (Round One), Guadalajara (round of 16), and New England Revolution (quarterfinals). The forward is the team's top scorer with (4) goals and has attempted (16) shots. He scored against Pachuca in 2021, 2022, and 2023 in the Liga MX.



### **Pachuca (MEX)**

Pachuca has been playing in the semifinals since the 2016-17 season, when they won their 5th title.

CF Pachuca is playing its 7th series in the semifinals throughout the history of the tournament. It managed to qualify in 5 out of the previous 6, with 5 consecutive qualifications, something unprecedented in the club's history, considering it started participating in the tournament in the 2000 edition. In that same tournament, it reached the semifinals and recorded the only elimination in this round in its history, on January 19, 2001, against CD Olimpia (HON), after losing 4-0.

Pachuca is undefeated in the current edition (W-3, D-1) and hasn't conceded any goals in the first half since the start of their participation in the round of 16. The team, led by Uruguayan coach **Guillermo Almada**, has scored 13 goals in their last 3 tournament matches and has only conceded 2 goals in their last 7 appearances.

Pachuca has an unbeaten streak of 9 matches (W-5, D-4), including victories such as 3-1 against FC Dallas (Semifinals 2016/17), (1-1) and (1-0) against Tigres UANL (Final 2016/17), (0-0) and (1-1) against FC Motagua (round of 16 2023), (0-0), (6-0) against Philadelphia Union (round of 16 2024), (0-5) and (2-1) against Herediano (quarterfinals 2024). Additionally, they have not conceded goals in their last 3 away games in the tournament.

Pachuca has faced Liga MX rivals 9 times in the tournament's history, with a record of W-4, D-4, L-1. Their only defeat was a 1-2 loss in the first leg of the final against Cruz Azul in 2009-10. The other teams they faced were Monarcas Morelia, Guadalajara, Toluca, Cruz Azul, and Tigres UANL.

Since the format change in 2008-09, Pachuca has played 36 matches, scoring goals in 33 of those games. They have drawn three times with a score of 0-0 and have drawn 4 of their last 8 tournament matches.

**Appearances in the Concacaf Champions Cup (Since 1962):** 10 (2000, 2002, 2004, 2007, 2008, 2009/10, 2014/15, 2016/17, 2023, 2024).

**Best Result:** Champion (5) 2002, 2007, 2008, 2009/10, 2016/17.

**Record in the Concacaf Champions Cup (Since 1962):** Played 60, Won 35, Drawn 14, Lost 11 (Goals For 121, Goals Against 116).

**Top scorers in the Concacaf Champions Cup since 2008/09:** Hirving Lozano (MEX) 9, Ulises Mendivil (MEX) 9, Salomón Rondón (VEN) 7, Franco Jara (ARG) 6, Érick Gutiérrez (MEX) 5, Paul Aguilar (MEX) 5, Ariel Nahuelpán (ARG) 5, Edgar Benítez (PAR) 5.

**Players with the most appearances in the tournament's history (since 2008/09):** Érick Gutiérrez (MEX) 14, Hirving Lozano (MEX) 13, Edgar Benítez (PAR) 13, Alfonso Blanco (MEX) 12, Javier Muñoz Mustafá (ARG) 12, Gerardo Rodríguez (MEX) 12, Damián Manso (ARG) 12, Juan Carlos Rojas (MEX) 12.

**Record in first-leg matches in the KO Phase:** Played 11, Won 2, Drawn 7, Lost 2.

**Biggest victory (since 2008/09):** (11-0) vs. Police United (Mateus Gonçalves, Franco Jara, Hirving Lozano x4, Rubén Botta x2, José Esquivel x2, and Erick Gutiérrez), Group E of 2016/17, at FFB Field in Belmopan (09/13/2016).

**Penalty shootouts:** In 2004, lost (3-0) vs. Saprissa in the Quarterfinals after a (2-2) aggregate draw. In 2007, defeated CD Guadalajara (7-6) to win the title after a (2-2) draw in the final.

**Hat-tricks:** Hirving Lozano (4 goals) vs. Police United (Group E - 2016/17), Abraham Carreño vs. Municipal (Group 1 - 2014/15), Ulises Mendivil vs. Deportivo Jalapa (2009/10), Salomón Rondón vs. Philadelphia Union (round of 16 2024) and Herediano (quarterfinals 2024).

**Semifinal appearances:** 2000 (vs. Olimpia), 2002 (vs. Alajuelense), 2007 (vs. Houston Dynamo), 2008 (vs. DC United), 2009/10 (vs. Toluca), 2016/17 (vs. FC Dallas).

**Record in semifinals:** Played 11, Won 5, Drawn 1, Lost 5.

**Top scorers in semifinals:** Christian Giménez (ARG) 3, Gabriel Caballero (ARG) 2, Luis Montes (MEX) 2, Hirving Lozano (MEX) 2, Franco Jara (ARG) 2.

**Qualifications for the final:** Advanced 5 times and was eliminated once.

**Record in the 2024 CCC:** Played 4, Won 3, Drawn 1, Lost 0 (Goals For 13, Goals Against 1).

**Top scorers in the 2024 CCC:** Salomón Rondón (VEN) 7, Alán Bautista (MEX) 2, Nelson Deossa (COL) 1, Oussama Idrissi (NED) 1, Alexei Domínguez (MEX) 1, Bryan González (MEX) 1.

**Most assists in the 2024 CCC:** Oussama Idrissi (NED) 4, Érick Sánchez (MEX) 2, Javier López (MEX) 2, Miguel Rodríguez (MEX) 1, Salomón Rondón (VEN) 1, Nelson Deossa (COL) 1, Bryan González (MEX) 1.

**Saves in the 2024 CCC:** 10. Goalkeeper: Carlos Moreno (MEX) 10. (3 clean sheets).

**How the goals were scored:** From open play (11), from penalty (1), with the head (1).

**Chances to score goals (62).** Shots on target (26).

**Fastest goal in the first half in the 2024 CCC:** Salomón Rondón (02' 49" first leg quarterfinal vs. Herediano).

#### **Players to Watch:**

**Salomón Rondón (VEN).** He's the top scorer in the 2024 Concacaf Champions Cup with (7) goals (including 2 hat-tricks). The Venezuelan forward also has one assist and 12 shots. He's two goals away from equalling Ulises Mendivil and Hirving Lozano as the team's top scorers in the tournament with (9).

**Érick Sánchez (MEX).** He scored a brace in the last match in the 2-1 victory against Club América in Liga MX and has 7 shots in three appearances. He has faced América 12 times, with a record of 5 wins, 2 draws, and 5 losses.

**Gustavo Cabral (ARG).** He has a passing accuracy of 97% and 2 clearances. The 38-year-old Argentine player has completed 94 successful passes in his 3 appearances in the tournament.

**Oussama Idrissi (MAR).** He has 4 assists and one goal scored in the 2024 edition of the tournament. He is the team leader in shots (15) and shots on target (10).