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# Motagua (HON) vs. Saprissa (CRC)

Estadio Chelato Uclés, Tegucigalpa.

Motagua will seek revenge for the final it lost in the Scotiabank League against Deportivo Saprissa in 2019 when they couldn't win at home (0-0) and lost in the first leg (0-1) in the most recent Concacaf match between the two teams.

Deportivo Saprissa leads the historical series: GP-17 W-10 D-6 L-1 (GF-25 GA-7).

Series in the SCCL/SCL: They have faced each other 8 times.

**Results:**

**Saprissa 4-0 Motagua** (Luis Aguilar, Fernando Hernández, Luis Umaña, Eduardo Chavarría), First leg, first round of the Concacaf Champions' Cup 1969, National Stadium, San José (April 25, 1969).

 **Motagua 1-1 Saprissa** (Dagoberto Díaz (own goal); Eduardo Umaña), Second leg, first round of the Concacaf Champions' Cup 1969, National Stadium, Tegucigalpa (May 1, 1969).

**Motagua 0-3 Saprissa** (Hernán Morales, Fernando Hernández, Edgar Marín), First leg, second round of the Concacaf Champions' Cup 1971, National Stadium, Tegucigalpa (September 19, 1971).

**Saprissa 2-0 Motagua** (Odir Jaques x2), Second leg, second round of the Concacaf Champions' Cup 1971, National Stadium, San José (September 26, 1971).

**Motagua 0-1 Saprissa** (Rolando Fonseca), First leg, first round of the Concacaf Champions' Cup 1995, National Stadium, Tegucigalpa (February 19, 1995).

**Saprissa 3-0 Motagua** (Javier Wanchope, Luis Herra, Oscar Duarte (own goal)), Second leg, first round, Concacaf Champions' Cup 1995, Ricardo Saprissa Stadium, San José (March 12, 1995).

**Saprissa 1-0 Motagua** (Johan Venegas), First leg, Final - Scotiabank Concacaf League 2019, Ricardo Saprissa Stadium, San José (November 8, 2019).

**Motagua 0-0 Saprissa**, Final (Second leg) - Scotiabank Concacaf League 2019, National Stadium, Tegucigalpa (November 27, 2019).

Furthermore, they were rivals in the UNCAF Interclub Cup in 1996/97, 1997/98, 1999, 2000/01, and 2006/07.

** FC Motagua (HON)**

**Record in the Central American Cup:** GP-6 W-3 D-1 L-2 (GF-10 GA-8)

**Top Scorers:** Agustín Auzmendi (ARG) 5, Yeison Mejía (HON) 3, Iván López (HON) 1, Carlos Mejía (1).

**Assists:** Walter Martínez (HON) 2, Yeison Mejía (HON) 1, Riky Zapata (HON) 1, Kevin Álvarez (HON) 1, Iván López (HON) 1, Raúl Santos (HON) 1.

**Record in the quarter-finals:** GP-2 W-0 D-1 L-1 (GF-1 GA-3)

**Saves: 14.** Goalkeepers: Jonathan Rougier (ARG) 13, Enrique Facussé (HON) 1.

**Biggest Victory:** 0-5 vs. Verdes FC (Agustín Auzmendi x3, Iván López, and Carlos Mejía), FFB Stadium, Belmopán (August 2, 2023).

**Players to Watch:**

**Agustín Auzmendi (**ARG). He is one of the top scorers in the 2023 CCAC with (5) goals. In the quarter-finals, he had 5 shots and scored a goal against CAI (1 goal). He was the top scorer in the group stage with (4) goals. So far, he has made 18 shots.

**Walter Martínez (HON).** He has two assists and 4 shots in 120 minutes played.

**Raúl Santos (HON).** He leads in balls recovered (10) for Motagua. He has one assist, 225 successful passes, and one shot in 6 appearances in the 2023 CCAC.

**Jonathan Rougier (ARG).** He didn't concede goals in 3 of his 5 appearances in the 2023 CCAC with 13 saves. He was the goalkeeper with the most saves (82) and clean sheets (17) in the history of the Scotiabank Concacaf League.

**Deportivo Saprissa (CRC)**

**Record in the Central American Cup:** GP-6 W-3 D-2 L-1 (GF-12 GA-3)

**Top Scorers:** Javon East (JAM) 4, Ariel Rodríguez (CRC) 3, Orlando Sinclair (CRC) 3, Michaell Chirinos (HON) 1, Jefferson Brenes (CRC) 1. Type of goal: From open play (8), Header (2), Penalty (1), Olympic (1).

**Assists:** Jorkaeff Azofeifa (CRC) 2, Orlando Sinclair (CRC) 1, Ulises Segura (CRC) 1, Jefferson Brenes (CRC) 1, Ariel Rodríguez (CRC) 1, Kendall Waston (CRC) 1, Michaell Chirinos (HON) 1, David Guzmán (CRC) 1.

**Record in the quarter-finals:** GP-2 W-0 D-1 L-1 (GF-2 GA-3).

**Saves: 24. Goalkeeper:** Esteban Alvarado (CRC) 24.

**Biggest Victory:** 5-0 vs. Cobán Imperial (Ariel Rodríguez, J. East x2, Orlando Sinclair x2), R. Saprissa Stadium, San José (August 29, 2023).

**Players to Watch:**

**Javon East (JAM).** He Is Deportivo Saprissa's top scorer in the 2023 CCAC (4 goals in 10 shots). The Jamaican forward has scored 7 goals in 16 international club appearances.

**Esteban Alvarado (CRC).** In the quarter-finals, he made 6 saves and 1 clearance against Real Estelí. He kept a clean sheet in each of the group stage matches in the 2023 CCAC. He has 24 saves in the 2023 CCAC so far.

**Jorkaeff Azofeifa (CRC).** He has (2) assists, 8 balls recovered (8), and 189 successful passes in 6 appearances.

**Orlando Sinclair (CRC).** He has scored 3 goals and provided 1 assist in the current edition of CCAC in 6 appearances (227 minutes played). The forward has a 50% shot accuracy and has accumulated 47 successful passes. He has scores 5 goals in 12 international appearances.