



## Motagua (HON) vs. Tauro FC (PAN)

### GROUP A

Estadio Nacional Chelato Uclés, Tegucigalpa

13-AGO

FC Motagua and Tauro FC will face each other for the first time in the Central American Cup.

FC Motagua has gone four consecutive matches without a loss against Panamanian opponents, with two wins and a draw. Their last victory was on August 6th in Tegucigalpa, a 3-2 win against San Francisco (with goals from Agustín Auzmendi and Marcelo Santos), and they drew twice in the 2022 edition of the Scotiabank Concacaf League. In the quarterfinals of that tournament, the Honduran team won the series 5-4 on penalties after drawing 0-0 in both matches.

Tauro FC's last win against Motagua was a 2-1 victory in 2018, also in the Scotiabank Concacaf League during the first leg of the semifinals on September 20, 2018, with Edwin Aguilar scoring twice for Tauro and Juan Pablo Montes scoring for Motagua. The Honduran club advanced to the final, which they subsequently lost to CS Herediano (CRC).

### Matches in the UNCAF Interclub Cup:

- Motagua 0-1 Tauro FC (Anel Wiltshire), Group A, Doroteo Guamuch Flores Stadium, Guatemala City (August 17, 2001).
- Motagua 2-1 Tauro FC (Luis Oseguera x2; Juan Carlos Cubillas), Group C, National Stadium of Tegucigalpa (October 30, 2002).

### Results:

- Tauro FC 2-1 Motagua (Edwin Aguilar x2; Juan Pablo Montes), first leg semifinals, Scotiabank Concacaf League, Rommel Fernández Stadium, Panama City (September 20, 2019).
- Motagua 2-0 Tauro FC (Roberto Moreira and Kevin López), second leg semifinals - Scotiabank Concacaf League, Chelato Ucles Stadium, Tegucigalpa (September 27, 2019).

- Motagua 0-0 Tauro FC, first leg quarterfinals - Scotiabank Concacaf League, Chelato Uclés Stadium, Tegucigalpa (September 8, 2022).

- Tauro FC 0-0 (4-5 penalties) Motagua, second leg quarterfinals - Scotiabank Concacaf League, Universitario F.C. Stadium, Penonomé (September 14, 2022).



## **FC Motagua (HON)**

The Aguilas Azules won 1 of their last 7 matches in the CCAC (3-2 vs. San Francisco in week 2 of Group A).

The Honduran club remains undefeated at home in the tournament's history with 3 wins and 2 draws. They kept clean sheets in their first 2 home games (2-0 vs. Sporting SM and 1-0 vs. Olancho FC, in Group D of the 2023 edition).

**CCAC Record:** GP-10, W-4, D-2, L-4 (GF-16, GA- 18). \*Includes Play-in matches.

**Top scorers in CCAC history:** Agustín Auzmendi (ARG) 9, Yeison Mejía (HON) 3, Iván López (HON) 1, Carlos Mejía (HON), Luis Vega (HON), Raúl Santos (HON).

**Assists in the CCAC:** Walter Martínez (HON) 2, Rodrigo Gómez (ARG) 2, Yeison Mejía (HON) 1, Riky Zapata (HON), Kevin Álvarez (HON), Iván López (HON), Raúl Santos (HON), Lucas Campana (ARG), Carlos Mejía (HON), Marcelo Pereira (HON), Jorge Serrano (PAN).

**Saves in the CCAC:** Jonathan Rougier (ARG) 19, Enrique Facussé (HON) 1.

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**Assists:** Rodrigo Gómez (ARG) 2, Carlos Mejía (HON) 1, Jorge Serrano (PAN).

**Goal details in CCAC 2024:** From play (2), Headers (2)

**Goal-scoring opportunities** (20). Shots on target (8).

### **Players to watch:**

**Agustín Auzmendi (ARG).** He is the top scorer in the Central American Cup with 9 goals in 10 matches. Auzmendi scored the 200th goal in the tournament's history with his brace against San Francisco of Panama. To date, he has 6 shots in this edition and a total of 31 shots in two editions of the tournament.

**Rodrigo Gómez (ARG).** He has been involved in goals in both of Motagua's matches in the current edition (2 assists). The Argentine made 3 shots, 60 passes, and has achieved 3 ball recoveries.

**Román Castillo (HON).** The team captain made 3 shots in the victory against San Francisco of Panama. The forward scored 5 goals in 6 matches in the Scotiabank Concacaf League 2018. To date, he has played 17 matches in Concacaf club tournaments.



## **Tauro FC (PAN)**

Tauro FC debuted with a 1-0 loss against CS Herediano and will play away again.

The team, coached by former Panamanian international Felipe Baloy, kept a clean sheet in the first half against CS Herediano. Alex Rodríguez was crucial with 8 saves in that match.

The champions of the 2024 Clausura Tournament of Panama's First Division Soccer have not won in 6 international matches (3 draws, 3 losses). In the three losses, they failed to score (including the 2023 Champions Cup and the 2024 Central American Cup). Their last victory was a 1-0 win against Sporting San Miguelito with a goal from Ernesto Sinclair in the round of 16 of the 2022 Scotiabank Concacaf League.

**Saves in the CCAC:** Alex Rodríguez (PAN) 8.

**Goal-scoring situations** (5). Shots on target (1).

### **Players to watch:**

**Omar Browne (PAN).** He has made 19 appearances in Concacaf club tournaments with 5 goals scored for CAI, San Carlos, Sporting San Miguelito, Forge FC, and Tauro FC. He was chosen as the MVP in the last Panamanian Football League championship.

**Roberto Chen (PAN).** The defender has 19 international appearances with San Francisco, Árabe Unido, CD FAS, Sporting San Miguelito, and Tauro FC. His only goal was against FC Dallas in the 2016/17 Concacaf Champions Cup as a player for Árabe Unido.

**Cristian Quintero (PAN).** He had the most shots in the loss against CS Herediano with (2). The forward was part of the roster in the Scotiabank Concacaf League in 2018, 2019, and 2020.