



Pumas UNAM (MEX) vs. Alajuelense (CRC)

Estadio Universitario (MEX)

Pumas UNAM and Liga Deportiva Alajuelense will face each other for the first time in the Concacaf Champions Cup.



The three-time Concacaf Champions Cup winners 1980, 1982, 1989 advanced to the Round of 16 after making a comeback in Round One against Cavalry with a 3-2 aggregate score. They will once again face a Costa Rican team at this stage, having eliminated Deportivo Saprissa in 2022, a tournament in which they reached the final against Seattle Sounders.

Guillermo "Memote" Martínez from Mexico scored his first two goals in Concacaf Champions Cup history. It had been eight years, three months, and 21 days since a Mexican player last scored a brace for Pumas, when **Eduardo "Lalo" Herrera** and **Jesús Gallardo** did so against W Connection from Trinidad and Tobago in 2016.

Mexican forward Guillermo "Memote" Martínez netted Pumas UNAM's 21st header goal since the 2008-2009 season. With this goal, Pumas tied CF América from Mexico for second place among all clubs with the most header goals since 2008-2009.

Pumas UNAM ended a four-match winless streak in the Concacaf Champions Cup with two losses and two draws. The victory also snapped a two-game losing streak in the tournament and marked just their third win in their last seven matches with three wins, two losses, and two draws.

Pumas UNAM has participated 12 times in Concacaf Champions Cup history, reaching four finals. However, this is only their second time competing in the Round of 16, as previous editions did not include this stage.

Pumas UNAM has won four of its last five home matches in the Concacaf Champions Cup, with the only exception being a two-two draw in the first leg of the 2022 final against Seattle Sounders. They have not lost at home in this tournament since the 2016-2017 edition, when they fell three to zero to Tigres UANL in the quarterfinals.

Pumas UNAM holds a positive record against Central American opponents in the Concacaf Champions Cup since the 2008-2009 edition, with 10 wins, 4 draws, and 4 losses in 18 encounters.

Concacaf Champions Cup appearances in all formats included: 12 in 1978, 1980, 1982, 1989, 1992, 2005, 2008-2009, 2009-2010, 2011-2012, 2016-2017, 2022, 2025.

Best result as champions in 1980, 1982, 1989.

Concacaf Champions Cup record in all formats included: GP- 77 W-39 D-21 L-17 GF-166 GA-78

Top scorers: Juan Francisco Palencia from Mexico and Juan Dinunno from Argentina with 9 goals, Marín Bravo from Argentina and Eduardo Herrera from Mexico with 7 goals.

Most appearances: Fernando Espinosa from Mexico 22, Luis Fuentes from Mexico 22, Darío Verón from Paraguay 19, Javier Cortés from Mexico 18, David Cabrera from Mexico 18, Martín Bravo from Argentina 18.

Since 2008-2009: 34 matches with goals, 11 scoreless games, 15 clean sheets, 30 matches conceding goals, and two scoreless draws.

Penalty shootouts since 2008-2009: one win.

Win four to three against New England Revolution in the 2022 quarterfinals.

Hat-tricks with two occurrences: Dante López from Paraguay against Real España in Group D of the 2009-2010 edition. Martín Bravo from Argentina against Toronto FC in Group C of the 2011-2012 edition.

Round of 16 appearances: two in 2022 against Deportivo Saprissa advancing to the next round and 2025 against Alajuelense.

Round of 16 record: two matches played, one win, one draw, zero losses, six goals for, and three goals against.

Top scorers in the Round of 16 since 2008-2009: Juan Ignacio Dinunno from Argentina with 3, Arturo Ortíz from Mexico with 1, Rogério from Brazil with 1, Washington Corozo from Ecuador with 1.

Top scorers in the Concacaf Champions Cup 2025: Guillermo Martínez from Mexico with 2, Santiago López from Canada with 1.

Assists in the Concacaf Champions Cup 2025: Ignacio Pussetto from Argentina with 1, Pablo Monroy from Mexico with 1.

Saves in the Concacaf Champions Cup 2025: five.

Goalkeeper: Alex Padilla from Mexico with five saves, two goals conceded, one clean sheet.

Goal types: open play 2, header 1.

Goals by foot: right-footed 0, left-footed 2.

Goals by distance: inside the box 2, outside the box 1.

Goal attempts 27. Shots on target 12.

Fastest goal in Concacaf Champions Cup 2025: Santiago López at 43 minutes and 36 seconds against Cavalry in Round One, First Leg.

Players to watch:

Guillermo Martínez from Mexico was the hero in the Round One series against Cavalry with his brace after coming off the bench, showing 50 percent shot efficiency. The forward has made three Concacaf Champions Cup appearances, scoring twice.



Lisandro Magallán from Argentina was one of the players with the most shot attempts for Pumas UNAM in Round One with four. The defender stood out in the second leg against Cavalry with three ball recoveries and a 95 percent pass completion rate.

Adalberto Carrasquilla from Panama, the 2023 Concacaf Gold Cup Golden Ball winner, was a key player in the second leg of the 2025 Round One against Cavalry, registering three shots, 39 successful passes, and three ball recoveries.



Liga Deportiva Alajuelense qualified directly for the Round of 16 as the 2024 Concacaf Central American Cup champion. Head coach Alexandre Guimarães' team was the top club in points with 24, goals with 18, wins with 7, and recoveries with 136 in the 2024 Central American Cup. This will be the club's 28th appearance and its third consecutive participation in 2023, 2024, and 2025.

The Concacaf Champions Cup winners in 1986 and 2004 have never advanced past the Round of 16 since 2008-2009. They reached the quarterfinals in 2013-2014 against Árabe Unido and 2014-2015 against DC United, though both times they qualified directly from the group stage.

LD Alajuelense scored nine goals in its last two victories in the Concacaf Champions Cup, winning five to two against DC United in the Round of 16 and four to two against FC Montreal in the semifinals during their last strong campaign in 2014-2015. Of their last 11 goals in the tournament, eight came in the second half.

The two-time Concacaf Central American Cup champion has lost its last four first-leg matches in the Concacaf Champions Cup knockout stage. Since 2008-2009, they have played eight first-leg matches, recording one win, two draws, and five losses.

Concacaf Champions Cup appearances in all formats included 28 in 1962, 1968, 1971, 1973, 1986, 1988, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2006, 2008-2009, 2011-2012, 2012-2013, 2013-2014, 2014-2015, 2021, 2023, 2024, and 2025.

Debut in 1962 Second Round.

Last appearance in 2024 Round of 16.

Concacaf Champions Cup record in all formats included GP-142 W-70 D-25 L-46 GF- 245 GA-162

Best result as champions in 1986 and 2004. Semifinalists twice in 2013-2014 and 2014-2015.

Top scorers: Jonathan McDonald from Costa Rica with 6, Allen Guevara from Costa Rica with 4, Pablo Gabas from Argentina with 4, Armando Alonso from Costa Rica with 3, Jerry Palacios from Honduras with 3.

Most appearances: Johnny Acosta from Costa Rica 24, Porfirio López from Costa Rica 19, Patrick Pemberton from Costa Rica 18, Ariel Rodríguez from Costa Rica 18, Johan Venegas from Costa Rica 18, José Salvatierra from Costa Rica 18.

Since 2008-2009: 23 matches with goals, 11 scoreless games, 11 clean sheets, 23 matches



conceding goals, and one scoreless draw.

Penalty shootouts since 2008-2009: zero.

Hat-tricks: zero.

Round of 16 appearances: six in 2002 against Club América, 2003 against New England Revolution, 2021 against Atlanta United, 2023 against Los Angeles FC, 2024 against New England Revolution, and 2025 against Pumas UNAM.

Round of 16 record: 10 matches played, 4 wins, 1 draw, 5 losses, 11 goals for, and 14 goals against.

Top scorers in the Round of 16 since 2008-2009: Rolando Fonseca from Costa Rica with 3, Erick Scott from Costa Rica with 2, Giancarlo González from Costa Rica with 1, Carlos Mora from Costa Rica with 1, Aarón Suárez from Costa Rica with 1, Alejandro Alpizar from Costa Rica with 1, Luis Marín from Costa Rica with 1, Wilmer López from Costa Rica with 1.

Concacaf Champions Cup 2024 record: 2 matches played, 0 wins, 1 draw, 1 loss, 1 goal for, and 5 goals against. Eliminated by New England Revolution.

Players to watch:

Diego Campos from Costa Rica was the top scorer with 6 goals and the player with the most shots with 29 in the 2024 Concacaf Central American Cup. He played both Round of 16 matches in the 2024 Concacaf Champions Cup against New England Revolution.

Celso Borges from Costa Rica will look to bring his strong form from the Central American Cup, where he set the tournament record for successful passes with 1028 in 19 matches. He has not scored in the Concacaf Champions Cup since 2008-2009, when he played for Deportivo Saprissa against Marathón.

Alberto Toril from Spain was a key player in winning the 2024 Concacaf Central American Cup, scoring 2 goals in 10 appearances. The Spanish forward is one of Alajuelense's attacking threats, having netted 7 goals in the last six months in Costa Rica's Primera División.