



#55 LD Alajuelense (CRC) vs. Antigua GFC (GUA)

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It will be the second time they face each other after LD Alajuelense and Antigua GFC drew 0-0 in the first leg at Estadio Pensativo, Antigua Guatemala, on October 22, 2024.



LD Alajuelense (CRC)

Liga Deportiva Alajuelense remains undefeated in the Central American Cup after 17 matches, winning 12 and drawing 5. They have scored in 16 of the 17 games and are the team with the most goals in CCAC history, with 38. In the 2024 edition, they have scored 14 goals and provided 10 assists.

Alajuelense has drawn its last two matches in the CCAC and at home in three out of five matches. They are undefeated at home with five wins and three draws, where they managed to score.

LD Alajuelense tied all three of their semifinal matches in the Central American Cup. They advanced via penalty shootout in the 2023 edition by eliminating CS Herediano 5-4 after a 4-4 aggregate score. The defending CCAC champion achieved 4 wins and 5 draws in the knockout stage of the CCAC.

Record in the CCAC: MP-17 W-12 D-5 L-0 (GF-38 GA-15).

Top Scorers in the CCAC: Diego Campos (CRC) 6, Aarón Suárez (CRC) 5, Johan Venegas (CRC) 3, Michael Barrantes (CRC) 3, Joshua Navarro (CRC) 3, Freddy Góndola (PAN) 3, Joel Campbell (CRC) 3, Alexander López (HON) 2, Anderson Cardoso (BRA) 2.

Assists: Carlos Mora (CRC) 4, Joshua Navarro (CRC) 4, Aarón Suárez (CRC) 4, Anderson Cardoso (BRA) 3, Johan Venegas (CRC) 2.

Players with the most appearances in the CCAC: Celso Borges (17 matches), Leonel Moreira (15), Joshua Navarro (14), Aarón Suárez (13), Alexis Gamboa, Carlos Martínez, Ian Lawrence (12), Alexander López (10).

Saves: Leonel Moreira (CRC) 52 (20 in the 2024 edition), Miguel Ajú (CRC) 6.

Top Scorers in the current edition: Diego Campos (CRC) 5, Anderson Cardoso (BRA) 2, Aarón Suárez (CRC) 1, Rahir Parkins (CRC), Jonathan Moya (CRC), Santiago Van Der Putten (CRC).

Assist Leaders in the 2024 edition: Aarón Suárez (CRC) 4, Anderson Cardoso (BRA) 3, Iago Falqué (ESP) 1, Diego Campos (CRC), Celso Borges (CRC).

Goal opportunities (83). Shots on target (45).

Youngest scorer in the CCAC: Santiago Van Der Putten (CRC) - 20 years, 63 days (vs. Comunicaciones - Group B 2024).

Oldest scorer in the CCAC: Michael Barrantes (CRC) - 40 years, 56 days (vs. Real Estelí Final 2023).

Fastest goal in the CCAC: Joshua Navarro (CRC) vs. Motagua (Group D - 2023): 4 MIN 01 SEC.

Scorers in Semifinals: Carlos Mora (CRC) 1, Johan Venegas (CRC), Celso Borges (CRC), Joel Campbell (CRC).

Record in Semifinals: MP-3 W-0 D-3 L-0 (GF-4 GA-4).

Players to follow:

Diego Campos (CRC). He is the top scorer of the 2024 edition (6 goals in matches vs. CD Marathón - brace -, Luis Ángel Firpo, Alianza FC - brace - and Comunicaciones). He also contributed 1 assist and leads in shots (23) and shots on target (11). In the match against Antigua, he had the most attempts with 4.

Manjrekar James (DMA). He was one of the standout players in the 0-0 draw against Antigua GFC in Guatemala. The central defender helped keep a clean sheet with 4 clearances, 6 ball recoveries, and 33 accurate passes.

Celso Borges (CRC). He is the only player from the defending champion to have played in every match in CCAC history (17). The team captain leads with the most passes (915). He also scored in the 2023 semifinals (vs. CS Herediano).



Antigua GFC (GUA)

Club Deportivo Antigua GFC did not concede any goals in their 3 matches in the knockout stage (0-0 and 3-0 vs. Deportivo Saprissa in the quarterfinals and 0-0 vs. Alajuelense in the semifinals).

Club Deportivo Antigua GFC is undefeated in their debut tournament in the CCAC, winning three matches, drawing 4, and achieving 4 clean sheets. They have the lowest average goals conceded (0.4) and managed to keep a clean sheet in 4 of their last 6 matches.

Antigua GFC has a total of 22 saves and 81 clearances, and they are also the team that has received the most shots (107). They have scored 10 goals, 8 of them in the second half. Additionally, they did not concede goals in the last half hour of play, and all 3 goals conceded were from open play.

Record in the CCAC: MP-7 W-3 D-4 L-0 (GF-10 GA-3).

Top Scorers in the CCAC: Santiago Manuel Gómez (ARG) 4, José Ardón (GUA) 3, Dennis Ramírez (GUA) 1, Dewinder Bradley (GUA), Romario da Silva (BRA).

Assists: Romario da Silva (BRA) 3, José Gálvez (GUA) 1, Cristian Hernández (ARG), José Espinoza (GUA).

Players with the most appearances in the CCAC: Luis Morán, José Ardón, Ángel Díaz, José Gálvez, Robinson Flores, Romario Da Silva, Dewinder Bradley (7 matches), Óscar Castellanos, Alexander Robinson, Santiago Manuel Gómez, Cristian Hernández, José Espinoza (6), Brandon De León (5), Dennis Ramírez, Ditter Lang, Kevin Grijalva (4).

Saves: Luis Morán (GUA) 22.

Goal opportunities (82). Shots on target (29).

Youngest scorer in the CCAC: Dennis Ramírez (GUA) - 22 years, 11 months, 11 days (vs. Port Layola - Round 1 - Group C 2024).

Oldest scorer in the CCAC: Romario da Silva (BRA) - 34 years, 5 months, 9 days (vs. CAI - Round 3 - Group C - 2024).

Players to follow:

Santiago Manuel Gómez (ARG). He made (4) shots in the first leg against Alajuelense. The Argentine has scored (4) goals and is the player with the most fouls suffered (11) on the Guatemalan team.

Luis Morán (GUA). His feline reflexes have kept Antigua GFC undefeated. He did not concede goals in the quarterfinals against Deportivo Saprissa and in the first leg of the semifinals against Alajuelense, where he made 11 saves (including a saved penalty). Morán kept a clean sheet in 6 of 12 matches in Concacaf club tournaments.

Óscar Castellanos (GUA). He was the leader in passes with (75) against Alajuelense with a (91% success rate) and made 2 shots against the Ticos.