



## Alajuelense (CRC) vs. Comunicaciones (GUA)

Group B Alejandro Morera Soto, Alajuela, August 27, 2024

Alajuelense, the defending champion of the Central American Cup and leader of Group B with 9 points, will face Comunicaciones for the first time in the Central American Cup.

In the history of Concacaf club tournaments, these two teams have faced each other 16 times, with Alajuelense winning 11, drawing 2, and losing three.

The last time they met was in the quadrangular of the 2002 Interclub Cup on December 18, a 5-0 victory for Alajuelense with a brace from Erick Scott, Luis "yiyo" Marín, and a brace from Vicente Rosella.

The last victory for Comunicaciones against Alajuelense was 2-1 in the first leg of the First Round of the 1993 Concacaf Champions Cup on June 23, 1993, with a brace from Roderico Méndez. Alajuelense won the series with a total score of 5-2 after winning 4-0 in the second leg.

LD Alajuelense has faced Guatemalan clubs in official matches 46 times, winning 25, drawing 11, and losing 10. On the other hand, Comunicaciones has played 68 official matches against Costa Rican clubs, recording 18 wins, 16 draws, and 34 losses.

### **Results in the Concacaf Champions Cup:**

- Comunicaciones 3-1 Alajuelense, Second Round (First Leg) - Concacaf Champions Cup 1962, Doroteo Guamuch Flores Stadium, Guatemala City (April 15, 1962).
- Alajuelense 3-2 Comunicaciones, Second Round (Second Leg) - Concacaf Champions Cup 1962, Alajuela Stadium, Alajuela (April 29, 1962).
- Comunicaciones 1-2 Alajuelense, Group A - Concacaf Champions Cup 1971, Doroteo Guamuch Flores Stadium, Guatemala City (March 19, 1971).
- Comunicaciones 2-1 Alajuelense, First Round (First Leg) - Concacaf Champions Cup 1993, Doroteo Guamuch Flores Stadium, Guatemala City (June 23, 1993).
- Alajuelense 4-0 Comunicaciones, First Round (Second Leg) - Concacaf Champions Cup 1993, Alejandro Morera Soto Stadium, Alajuela (June 30, 1993).
- Alajuelense 4-2 Comunicaciones, Playoff (First Leg) - Concacaf Champions Cup 1998, Alejandro Morera Soto Stadium, Alajuela (July 26, 1998).

- Comunicaciones 1-1 Alajuelense, Playoff (Second Leg) - Concacaf Champions Cup 1998, Guatemala City Stadium, Guatemala (July 29, 1998).

- Comunicaciones 2-3 Alajuelense, Quarterfinals (First Leg) - Concacaf Champions Cup 2002, Doroteo Guamuch Flores Stadium, Guatemala City (April 14, 2002).

- Alajuelense 3-0 Comunicaciones, Quarterfinals (Second Leg) - Concacaf Champions Cup 2002, Alejandro Morera Soto Stadium, Alajuela (April 24, 2002).



## **LD Alajuelense (CRC)**

LD Alajuelense is undefeated in the CCAC over 13 matches (W-10 D-3) with 1 title (2023). It is the only club that has scored in every match and has the highest goal count with (33).

The defending champion won all 7 group stage matches (4 in 2023 and 3 in 2024), scoring 9 goals and conceding 5.

LDA had the most points (24), goals (24), wins (7), and passes (4155) in the CCAC 2023, achieving a perfect record in the group stage.

**Best result in the CCAC:** Champion in 2023.

**Record in the CCAC:** GP-13 W-10 D-3 L-0 (GF-33 GA-12).

**Top scorers in the CCAC:** Diego Campos (CRC) 5, 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.

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

**Saves in the CCAC:** Leonel Moreira (CRC) 42 (10 in the 2024 edition), Miguel Ajú (CRC) 6.

**Highest scoring win:** 5-1 vs. Motagua (Joshua Navarro x2, Doryan Rodríguez, Michael Barrantes, Johan Venegas; Agustín Auzmendi), Group D, Alejandro Morera Soto Stadium, Alajuela (AUG 31, 2023).

**Top scorers in the 2024 edition:** Diego Campos (CRC) 5, Aarón Suárez (CRC) 1, Rahir Parkins (CRC), Jonathan Moy (CRC), Anderson Cardoso (BRA).

**Assists:** Aarón Suárez (CRC) 3, Anderson Cardoso (BRA) 2, Iago Falqué (ESP) 1, Diego Campos (CRC).

**Goal scoring opportunities (40).** Shots on target (21).

**Players to watch:**

**Diego Campos (CRC)**. He is the team's top scorer with 5 goals scored against Marathón, Luis Ángel Firpo, and a brace vs. Alianza FC. He made 9 shots in the previous 3 matches.

**Anderson Cardoso (BRA)**. The Brazilian scored a goal (vs. Marathón) and 2 assists in addition to 7 shots and 5 fouls against him.

**Celso Borges (CRC)**. He is the only player on LDA's roster who has played in all 13 matches in the two editions of the CCAC and is the leader in passes with (167) and ball recoveries with (6).



## **Comunicaciones FC (GUA)**

Comunicaciones FC is unbeaten in 3 matches in the CCAC 2024 and has achieved two consecutive victories: 1-0 vs. Alianza FC and 2-1 vs. Marathón, at the Cementos Progreso Stadium, Guatemala City.

Comunicaciones FC has not lost in their last 5 matches in the CCAC (W-2 D-3) and has drawn their last two away games: 1-1 vs. Cartaginés in the 2023 Play-In and 1-1 vs. LA Firpo, in Group B in 2024.

Comunicaciones has not won in their last 3 away matches (D-2 L-1) and has never beaten Costa Rican opponents after 5 encounters (D-3 L-2), facing CS Herediano three times and CS Cartaginés twice in 2023.

**Best result in the CCAC:** Quarterfinals in 2023.

**Record in the CCAC:** GP-11 W-5 D-4 L-2 (GF-17 GA-11). \*Includes Play-in matches.

**Top scorers in the CCAC:** José Corena (COL) 3, Jorman Aguilar (PAN) 3, Erik González (GUA) 2, Jorge Aparicio (GUA) 2, Antonio López (MEX) 1, Lynner García (GUA), Gerardo Gordillo (GUA), Carlos Mejía (GUA), Diego Casas (URU), Azarías Londoño (PAN).

**Assists in the CCAC:** Antonio López (MEX) 4, Jorge Aparicio (GUA) 2, José Contreras (GUA) 1, Jorman Aguilar (PAN), Anderson Ortiz (GUA), José Corena (COL), Azarías Londoño (PAN), Carlos Mejía (GUA).

**Saves:** Fredy Pérez (GUA) 38 (17 in the current edition), Arnold Barrios (GUA) 2.

**Highest scoring victory:** 4-1 vs. Águila (Jorge Aparicio, José Corena x2 and Lynner García; Carlos Salazar), Group C, Estadio Cuscatlán, San Salvador (AUG 23, 2023).

**Record in CCAC 2024:** GP-3 W-2 D-1 L-0 (GF-4 GA-2).

**Scorers:** Carlos Mejía (GUA) 1, Diego Casas (URU), Azarías Londoño (PAN).

**Assists:** Azarías Londoño (PAN) 1, Carlos Mejía (GUA).

**Goal scoring situations (28).** Shots on target (11).

**Players to watch:**

**Diego Casas (URU).** The Uruguayan forward scored 1 goal (vs. Marathón) and was the player with the most shots (9) in the previous Group B matches.

**Azarías Londoño (PAN).** Has scored one goal (vs Marathon) and provided an assist against Luis Ángel Firpo. The Panamanian has played three matches, made 5 shots in 258 minutes on the field.

**José Corena (COL).** Leads the team in passes (105) and ball recoveries (8). Has played in all 11 matches, scoring 3 goals and providing 1 assist.