



Los Angeles FC (USA) vs. Columbus Crew (USA)

BMO Stadium (USA)

This will be their first-ever meeting in the Concacaf Champions Cup.

They have faced each other six times across Major League Soccer (MLS) and the 2024 Leagues Cup final. The series is evenly matched, with three wins per team and 10 goals scored.

MLS Matches:

LAFC 2-0 Columbus Crew (Laurent Ciman and Adama Diomandé), Matchday 4, Banc of California Stadium, Los Angeles, USA (June 23, 2018).

Columbus Crew 0-3 LAFC (Mark-Anthony Kaye, Adama Diomandé, and Carlos Vela), Matchday 3, MAPFRE Stadium, Columbus, USA (May 11, 2019).

Columbus Crew 0-2 LAFC (Carlos Vela and José Cifuentes), Matchday 4, Lower.com Field, Columbus, USA (May 21, 2022).

Columbus Crew 2-1 LAFC (Cucho Hernández and Yaw Yeboah; Denis Bouanga), Final, Lower.com Field, Columbus, USA (December 9, 2023).

LAFC 1-5 Columbus Crew (Nathan Ordaz; Christian Ramírez x2, Cucho Hernández, Diego Rossi, and Alexandru Măţan), Matchday 24, BMO Stadium, Los Angeles, USA (July 13, 2024).

2024 Leagues Cup Final: Columbus Crew claimed the title with a 3-1 victory over LAFC (Cucho Hernández x2 and Jacen Russell-Rowe; Olivier Giroud) at Lower.com Field, Columbus, USA (August 25, 2024).



In the second leg of Series One against Columbus Crew, Los Angeles FC ended its worst losing streak in the Concacaf Champions Cup with three consecutive defeats. The team secured its eighth win in 15 matches, marking the first time they won with a 1-0 scoreline and achieving their sixth clean sheet.

Los Angeles FC will compete in the Round of 16 for the third time, having always advanced past this stage. They previously qualified against Club León from Mexico in 2020 and LD Alajuelense from Costa Rica in 2023.

LAFC has lost its last two first-leg matches in the knockout stage, falling 2-1 against León in the 2023 final and 2-1 against Colorado Rapids in Round One of 2025.

Runners-up in the 2020 and 2023 editions, LAFC has won eight of its last 14 matches in Concacaf Champions Cup history. Six of those victories came with a clean sheet. The Los Angeles-based club has repeated the same winning scoreline five times, securing 3-0 victories.

LAFC has won three of its last four home matches in the Concacaf Champions Cup, all with clean sheets. The victories include a 3-0 win against Vancouver Whitecaps in the 2023 quarterfinals, a 3-0 win over Philadelphia Union in the 2023 semifinals, and a 1-0 triumph against Colorado Rapids in Round One of 2025.

Founded in 2014, LAFC will face an American opponent in the Concacaf Champions Cup for the fifth time. They have successfully advanced in both previous knockout series against Philadelphia Union in the 2023 semifinals and Colorado Rapids in Round One of 2025.

Concacaf Champions Cup appearances in all formats included 3 in 2020, 2023, and 2025.

Best result as runners-up in 2020 and 2023.

Concacaf Champions Cup record in all formats included 15 matches played, 8 wins, 1 draw, 6 losses, 26 goals for, and 14 goals against.

Top scorers: Carlos Vela from Mexico with 8, Denis Bouanga from France with 7, Kwadwo Opoku from Ghana with 3, Diego Rossi from Uruguay with 2, Timothy Tillman from Germany with 1, Latif Blessing from Ghana with 1, José Cifuentes from Ecuador with 1, Kellyn Acosta from the USA with 1, Aaron Long from the USA with 1, Mark Delgado from the USA with 1.

Most appearances: Carlos Vela from Mexico 13, Diego Palacios from Ecuador 13, Jesús Murillo from Colombia 10, José Cifuentes from Ecuador 10, Kwadwo Opoku from Ghana 10, Denis Bouanga from France 10, Timothy Tillman from Germany 10, Aaron Long from the USA 9, Ryan Hollingshead from the USA 9.

Since 2008-2009: 13 matches with goals, 2 scoreless games, 6 clean sheets, 9 matches conceding goals, and no goalless draws.

Penalty shootouts since 2008-2009: zero.

Hat-tricks: one. Denis Bouanga from France against Alajuelense in the Round of 16 of 2023.

Round of 16 appearances: three in 2020 against León, 2023 against Alajuelense, and 2025 against LA Galaxy.

Round of 16 record: 4 matches played, 2 wins, 0 draws, 2 losses, 7 goals for, and 5 goals against.

Top scorers in the Round of 16: Denis Bouanga from France with 3, Carlos Vela from Mexico with 3, Diego Rossi from Uruguay with 1.

Concacaf Champions Cup 2025 record: 2 matches played, 1 win, 0 draws, 1 loss, 2 goals for, and 2 goals against.

Top scorers in the Concacaf Champions Cup 2025: Aaron Long from the USA with 1, Mark Delgado from the USA with 1.

Assists in the Concacaf Champions Cup 2025: Denis Bouanga from France with 1, David Martínez from Venezuela with 1.



Saves in the Concacaf Champions Cup 2025: 4.

Goalkeeper: Hugo Lloris from France with 4 saves, 2 goals conceded, 1 clean sheet.

Goal types: open play 1, header 1.

Goals by foot: right-footed 1, left-footed 0.

Goals by distance: inside the box 2, outside the box 0.

Goal attempts 25. Shots on target 19.

Fastest goal in Concacaf Champions Cup 2025: Mark Delgado at 48 minutes and 3 seconds against Colorado Rapids in Round One, Second Leg.

Players to watch:

Mark Delgado from the USA scored his first goal in the Concacaf Champions Cup and became the third American-born player to score for LAFC. He is also the second-youngest to do so at 29 years, 7 months, and 27 days, only behind Kellyn Perry, who scored at 27 years, 9 months, and 2 days against Philadelphia Union on April 26, 2023.

Denis Bouanga from France netted three goals in his last Concacaf Champions Cup Round of 16 appearance against Alajuelense. He led the team with 10 shots against Colorado Rapids in Round One of 2025. The French forward has been directly involved in 11 of LAFC's last 17 goals in the tournament with 7 goals and 4 assists. He was also the top scorer in the 2023 edition with 7 goals.

Ryan Hollingshead from the USA provided 2 assists in the Round of 16, both to Denis Bouanga against Alajuelense in 2023. He led the team in ball recoveries with 6 in the series against Colorado Rapids.

Eddie Segura from Colombia was the leader in total passes with 116 against Colorado Rapids in Round One of 2025. The Colombian defender completed 96 percent of his passes with 111 accurate deliveries in his two appearances in the current edition of the Concacaf Champions Cup.



Columbus Crew qualified directly for the Concacaf Champions Cup Round of 16 as the 2024 Leagues Cup champion. This will be its sixth appearance after debuting in 2003.

Columbus Crew holds the record for the most ball recoveries in the Concacaf Champions Cup with 115.

In 2024, they finished as runners-up after losing the final against CF Pachuca, following a commanding 5-2 aggregate win over CF Monterrey in the semifinals. They became the first MLS team to eliminate two or more Liga MX clubs in a single edition since Seattle Sounders achieved the feat in 2022 en route to the title.

Columbus Crew has lost just one of its last seven Concacaf Champions Cup matches, winning three and drawing three. They conceded eight goals in the 2024 edition and shared points in three of their last six games, including a 1-1 draw against Houston Dynamo in the Round of 16 and two 1-1 draws against Tigres UANL in the quarterfinals.

Columbus Crew has lost two of its last six away matches, both on Mexican soil, falling 3-0 at Estadio BBVA against Monterrey in the 2021 quarterfinals and 3-0 at Estadio Hidalgo against Pachuca in the 2024 final.

Concacaf Champions Cup appearances in all formats included 6 in 2003, 2009-2010, 2010-2011, 2021, 2024, and 2025.

Best result in the Concacaf Champions Cup era: runners-up in 2024.

Debut in 2003 quarterfinals.

Concacaf Champions Cup record in all formats included 31 matches played, 13 wins, 8 draws, 10 losses, 42 goals for, and 43 goals against.

Best result: runners-up in 2024.

Top scorers: Steven Lenhart from the USA with 4, Andrés Mendoza from Peru with 3, Emilio Rentería from Venezuela with 3, Diego Rossi from Uruguay with 3, Guillermo Barros Schelotto from Argentina with 2, Gyasi Zardes from the USA with 2, Robbie Rogers from the USA with 2, Juan Camilo Hernández from Colombia with 2, Jacen Russell-Rowe from Canada with 2.

Most appearances: Emmanuel Ekpo from Nigeria 14, Eddie Gaven from the USA 13, Adam Moffat from Scotland 12, Eric Brunner from the USA 12, Andy Iro from England 11, Steven Lenhart from the USA 11, Darlington Nagbe from the USA 10, Brian Carroll from the USA 10, Emilio Rentería from Venezuela 10.

Since 2008-2009: 21 matches with goals, 6 scoreless games, 9 clean sheets, 18 matches conceding goals, and one goalless draw.

Penalty shootouts since 2008-2009: one win. Win four to three against Tigres UANL in the 2024 quarterfinals after a 2-2 aggregate draw with back-to-back 1-1 results.

Hat-tricks: zero.

Round of 16 appearances: four in 2003 against Árabe Unido, 2021 against Real Estelí, 2024 against Houston Dynamo, and 2025 against Los Angeles FC.

Round of 16 record: 6 matches played, 4 wins, 1 draw, 1 loss, 11 goals for, and 3 goals against.

Top scorers in the Round of 16 since 2008-2009: Edson Buddle from the USA with 3, Gyasi Zardes from the USA with 2, Kyle Martino from the USA with 1, Bradley Wright-Phillips from England with 1, Jonathan Mensah from Ghana with 1, Pedro Santos from Portugal with 1, Alexandru Mățaș from Romania with 1, Cucho Hernández from Colombia with 1.

Players to watch:

Darlington Nagbe from the USA. The 34-year-old midfielder is set to reach 20 appearances in the Concacaf Champions Cup. He stood out as one of the tournament's top ball winners in 2024,



recovering 17 balls alongside Aidan Morris.

Diego Rossi from Uruguay. Columbus Crew's top scorer in the 2024 Leagues Cup with six goals. He netted three goals in the 2024 Concacaf Champions Cup across seven matches.

Patrick Schulte from the USA. The goalkeeper recorded the most saves in the 2024 Concacaf Champions Cup with 36. Schulte played a key role in the team's run to the final, proving decisive in the penalty shootout against Tigres UANL in the quarterfinals with two stops and making 15 saves in the semifinals against CF Monterrey.