



# Port Layola (HAI) vs. Olimpia (HON)

GROUP C

Estadio FFB Stadium, Belmopán

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Unprecedented match in the Central American Cup, they have never faced each other in international tournaments.

For the Belizean club, it will be their first encounter against one of the most successful teams in Central America, while for CD Olimpia, it will be the 13th match against Belizean rivals, with a record of 12 wins and 1 draw. It is important to mention that in the 2000 Interclub tournament, CD Olimpia was supposed to face Club Victoria from Belize, but the latter did not show up, so a victory was awarded to CD Olimpia without playing, which is why only 12 games are counted and not 13.

The last encounter between Olimpia and a Belizean team was in the 2016-17 edition of the Concacaf Champions Cup, on September 29, 2016, a 5-1 victory against Police United FC. The goal for Police United was scored by John King, while Carlo Costly (double), Romell Quioto, Kevin Álvarez, and Carlos Wil Mejía scored for the Hondurans.



## Port Layola FC (BLZ)

Port Layola FC debuted with a 1-4 defeat against Antigua GFC from Guatemala on July 30, 2024, at the FFB Stadium in Belmopán. René Leslie scored Port Layola's first goal in his debut.

The defeat against Antigua GFC was the third consecutive one for Belizean clubs in the history of the tournament. Out of the 5 games played by clubs from that country, they have yet to achieve a win (4 losses and 1 draw).

The current champion of the Belize Premier League will look to become the first team from their league to win a match in the Central American Cup, after Verdes FC suffered four defeats in the 2023 edition.

**Top scorers in the CCAC:** Rene Leslie (BLZ) 1.

**Assists in the CCAC:** Latrell Middleton (BLZ) 1.

**Saves in the CCAC:** Oscar Palomino (COL) 5.

**Goal-scoring opportunities** (10). Shots on target (7).

**Players to watch:**

**Norman Anderson (BLZ)** became the first footballer to be present in 2 editions of the Central American Cup, with the caveat that he only played in the 2024 edition since he did not participate with Verdes FC in 2023.

**Latrell Middleton (BLZ)**. He was the player with the most shots in Port Layola's debut in the Central American Cup with (4). He assisted René Leslie for the team's first goal in the tournament.

**René Leslie (BLZ)**. He scored the temporary equalizer in the 4-1 defeat against Antigua in the tournament debut, in addition to three shots.

**Ian Gaynair (BLZ)**. The 38-year-old defender was the leader in passes with (24) and ball recoveries (3) in the defeat against Antigua from Guatemala



## **CD Olimpia (HON)**

CD Olimpia began its participation in the 2024 edition with a 3-0 victory against Club Atlético Independiente of Panama on August 1 at the Chelato Uclés stadium with goals from Michael Chirinos at 30 minutes, Ignacio Colombini at 78 minutes, and José Mario Pinto at 90+3.

With the victory against CAI, CD Olimpia recorded 3 consecutive wins (2-4 vs. FAS, 2-0 vs. Xelajú, and 3-0 vs. CAI) and did not concede goals in the last two. The victory was also the first for Honduran teams in their last 9 matches in the tournament (1W-6L-2D). Likewise, Olimpia tied with FC Motagua as the Honduran clubs with the most wins in the tournament's history with 3.

The champion of the Concacaf Champions Cup (1972 and 1988) and Scotiabank Concacaf League (2017 and 2022) will play away for the third time in the tournament (4-2 win vs. CD FAS and 1-0 loss vs. Real Estelí, both in Group B of 2023).

**Participations in the Central American Cup:** 2 (2023 and 2024).

**Best result in the CCAC:** Group stage 2023.

**Record in the CCAC:** GP-5 W-3 D-1 L-1 (GF-10 GA-4).

**Top scorers in the CCAC:** Jorge Benguché (HON) 3, José Pinto (HON) 2, Carlos Pineda (HON) 1, Kevin López (HON), Yustin Arboleda (COL), Michael Chirinos (HON), Ignacio Colombini (ARG).

**Assists in the CCAC:** Edwin Rodríguez (HON) 3, Yustin Arboleda (COL) 2, Michael Chirinos (HON), José Pinto (HON), Edwin Solano (HON), Jhonatan Paz (HON), Carlos Sánchez (HON).

**Players with the most appearances in the CCAC:** Jorge Álvarez, Yustin Arboleda, José Pinto, Maylor Núñez, Edrick Menjívar (5 Matches), Gabriel Araújo, Edwin Solano, Jerry Bengtson, Jorge Benguché, Jhonatan Paz, Edwin Rodríguez, Carlos Pineda (4).

**Saves in the CCAC:** Edrick Menjívar (HON) 13.

**Assists in the 2024 edition:** Edwin Rodríguez (HON) 2, Michael Chirinos (HON) 1. Goal-scoring opportunities (16). Shots on target (4).

**Players to watch:**

**Ignacio Colombini (ARG)** became the 2nd footballer who, after coming on as a substitute in the entire history of the tournament, needed the most time to score a goal in his first match, 18 minutes, only surpassed by Yostin Obando (HON) of Olancho FC (HON) against Verdes FC (BLZ) in 2023 with 30 minutes.

**Edwin Rodríguez (HON).** He provided two assists in the 3-0 win against CAI and reached three in the tournament in 4 appearances.

**Michael Chirinos (HON).** Scored 1 goal and provided 1 assist in the 3-0 win against CAI. Alongside Colombian Yustin Arboleda, they were the players with the most shots, with 4 in the first match.

**Edrick Menjívar (HON).** Kept a clean sheet and made one save in the victory against CAI. Menjívar has 13 saves and 2 clean sheets in five tournament appearances.