



# 2024 Concacaf Champions Cup

## Toluca FC (MEX) vs. Herediano (CRC)

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Estadio Nemesio Diez, Toluca, MEX

Toluca won 2-1 in the first match on February 7, 2024, at the Alejandro Morera Soto Stadium with goals from Andrés Federico Pereira and Robert Morales, while Deyver Vega scored for CS Herediano. For Pereira and Morales, it was their first goal in the CCC, and Vega reached two goals in the CCC.

- CS Herediano suffered their 4th defeat in their last 6 matches in the Concacaf Champions Cup (4L-1D-1W). As hosts, and following the loss, CS Herediano ended a streak of 3 consecutive games without losing (2W-1D).
- CSH has gone 4 consecutive home matches without being able to win against Mexican clubs (2D-2L), managing to win only 2 of their last 6 matches against Liga MX clubs (2W-2D-2L).
- For the 6th time, CS Herediano loses the first leg of a knockout stage in the CCC, of the previous 5 times, they only managed to qualify once (against Motagua from Honduras in 1975).
- This marks the 57th defeat for Costa Rican clubs against Mexican opponents in the CCC.
- CS Herediano (CRC) is the 3rd club with the most defeats in the CCC against Mexican opponents, with 26 for Saprissa and 16 for LD Alajuelense.
- CD Toluca broke an important streak of 4 consecutive matches without a win in the CCC (2D-2L), with their last two matches ending in defeats, both against Sporting Kansas City in the round of 16 of the 2019 edition.
- Toluca achieved their 2nd consecutive victory on Costa Rican soil, having previously defeated LD Alajuelense in the first leg of the semifinals of the 2013-2014 edition.
- **Robert Morales** is the 4th Paraguayan player to score a goal for CD Toluca in the CCC, following José Saturnino Cardozo, Paulo da Silva, and Édgar Benítez.
- CD Toluca (MEX) has never been eliminated in two-legged ties after winning the first leg, with a record of 7 out of 7.
- CD Toluca (MEX) hadn't won a first-leg match of a knockout stage by a 1-2 scoreline since 2003 when they also defeated CDS Municipal (GUA) away.

• Toluca's victory in the first match marked the 3rd win in the last 4 encounters between Mexican clubs and Costa Rican opponents (3W-1D) and was the 9th victory in the last 16 matches (9W-1L-5D).



## Toluca FC (MEX)

**Appearances in the Concacaf Champions Cup (CCC) (including all formats):** 13 (1968, 1969, 1972, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2003, 2006, 2009/10, 2010/11, 2013/14, 2019, 2024).

**Best Result:** Champion (2) 1968, 2003. Runner-up 1998, 2006, 2013/14.

**Record in the CCC (including all formats):** GP-58 W-29 D-24 L-15 (GF-104 GA-61).

**Record since the 2008/09 edition:** GP-31 W-15 D-8 L-8 (GF-59 GA-30).

**Top Scorers:** Raúl Nava (MEX) 10, Héctor Mansilla (CHI) 9, Juan Cuevas (ARG) 5.

**Players with the most appearances in the CCC:** Alfredo Talavera (MEX) 26, Carlos Esquivel (MEX) 24, Antonio Ríos (MEX) 22, Raúl Nava (MEX) 21, Isaác Brizuela (MEX) 20, Francisco Gamboa (MEX) 17.

**Since 2008/09:** Toluca has scored goals in 23 matches and failed to score in only 8 encounters, kept 10 clean sheets, conceded goals in 21 matches, and has drawn twice with a score of 0-0.

**Record in second-leg matches in the KO phase:** GP-7 W-2 D-2 L-3.

**Biggest Victory (since 2008/09):** Toluca 7-0 Marathón (Isaac Brizuela, Diego de la Torre x2, Raúl Nava x2, Vladimir Marín, Carlos Esquivel), Group Stage 2009/10.

**Penalty shootouts: 1** - Toluca drew 2-2 and then won (5-4) on penalties against San Jose Earthquakes (Quarterfinals 2013/14).

**Hat-tricks:** Héctor Mancilla (vs. CD FAS - Group stage 2010/11).

**Participations in the Round of 16:** 2003 (vs. W Connection FC), 2019 (vs. Sporting Kansas City).

**Assists in the CCC 2024:** Tomás Belmonte (ARG) 1, Carlos Orrantía (MEX) 1.

**Saves in the CCC 2024: 4. Goalkeepers:** Tiago Volpi BRA (4). (1 goal conceded).

**Situations to score goals (8). Shots on target (4).**

### Player to Watch:

**Robert Morales (PAR).** In addition to scoring a headed goal, he was the player with the most shots in the first match in Alajuela. Morales is the 4th Paraguayan player to score a goal for CD Toluca in the CCC, following José Saturnino Cardozo, Paulo da Silva, and Édgar Benítez.

**Carlos Orrantía (MEX).** Provided the assist for Toluca's second goal in Alajuela. The full-back had previously played 18 matches in 8 editions in the CCC with Pumas UNAM, Toluca, Santos Laguna, and Club América.

**Tomás Belmonte (ARG).** Provided the assist for Andrés Pereira's goal and completed 91% of his passes in addition to recovering 2 balls.



## CS Herediano (CRC)

**Participations in the Concacaf Champions Cup CCC (including all): 16** (1962, 1975, 1980, 1987, 1989, 1994, 2009/10, 2011/12, 2012/13, 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17, 2018, 2019, 2024).

**Best Result:** Semifinals (2014/15).

**Record in the CCC (including all formats):** GP-69 W-28 D-17 L-24 (GF-113 GA-111).

**Record since the 2008/09 edition:** GP-41 W-16 D-11 L-15 (GF-66 GA-65).

**Top Scorers:** Yendrick Ruiz (CRC) 10, Jorge Barbosa De Lima (BRA) 6, Víctor Núñez (CRC) 4, Allen Guevara (CRC) 4.

**Players with the most appearances in the CCC:** Pablo Salazar (CRC) 26, Óscar Granados (CRC) 25, José Sánchez (CRC) 24, Christian Montero (CRC) 24, Elías Aguilar (CRC) 21.

**Since 2008/09:** CS Herediano has scored goals in 29 matches and failed to score in only 12 of those 29 games, kept 13 clean sheets, conceded goals in 28 matches, and has drawn with a score of 0-0 four times.

**Record in second-leg matches in the KO phase:** GP-7 W-1 D-2 L-4.

**Biggest victory (since 2008/09):** 1-6 vs. Valencia (Géraldy Joseph; Ismael Gómez, Yendrick Ruiz, Víctor Núñez, José Sánchez, Anllel Porras, Makendy Duverger own goal), Group stage 2013/14.

**Participations in the Round of 16:** 2018 (vs. Tigres UANL), 2019 (vs. Atlanta United).

**Assists in the CCC:** Orlando Galo (CRC) 1.

**Saves in the CCC 2024:** 4. **Goalkeepers:** Aarón Cruz (CRC) 4. (2 goals conceded).

**Situations to score goals (8). Shots on target (4).**

### Players to Watch:

**Deyver Vega (CRC).** Scored his second goal in the CCC after playing 6 matches in 2014/15 and 2015/16 with Deportivo Saprissa, where he scored a goal against W Connection.

**Elías Aguilar (CRC).** Was the player with the most shots (3) and passes (48) in CS Herediano. The team captain has 28 international appearances at club level in Concacaf and scored 3 goals in the CCC (including all formats).

**Orlando Galo (CRC).** Provided an assist, completed 14 accurate passes, and recovered (2) balls in the loss against Toluca in Alajuela, Costa Rica.