



## #14 Antigua GFC (GUA) vs. Seattle Sounders FC (USA)

### Estadio Pensativo (GUA)

This will be the first time they meet in the Concacaf Champions Cup and in their history.

Antigua GFC will face an MLS club for the second time in its history. They previously played against New York Red Bulls in their CCC debut in the 2016/2017 edition, on matchday one of Group F on August 3, 2016, at Red Bull Arena in Harrison (USA), with a 3-0 victory for the locals. The goals were scored by José Carlos Pinto, Alexander Muyl, and Sacha Kljestan. The second match was on matchday five of the same group at Estadio Dorotheo Guamuch Flores in Guatemala City, where they drew 0-0.

Seattle Sounders FC has faced Central American clubs 23 times in the history of the Champions Cup, with 10 wins, 5 draws, and 8 losses. The only and last defeat to a Guatemalan club was against Comunicaciones FC in the 1996 edition, on matchday one of the Final Round. Comunicaciones FC won 2-0 with goals from Nicolás "Nico-Gol" Suazo and José Fernández on July 15, 1997, at Estadio Dorotheo Guamuch Flores in Guatemala City. More than 26 years have passed since that match.



Antigua GFC qualified for the first round after reaching the semifinals of the Concacaf Central American Cup. This will be the club's second appearance after debuting in the 2016/17 edition as the Guatemalan league champion.

Antigua GFC will be searching for its first-ever victory in the competition, having recorded 2 draws and 2 losses in its 2016/17 debut when it competed in Group F alongside New York Red Bulls and Alianza FC.

The club scored 2 goals in its 4 Group F matches during its only CCC appearance in 2016/17, both coming in the second half (Mauro Portillo vs. Alianza FC and Manfred Russell vs. Alianza FC).

Antigua GFC's qualification for the semifinals of the 2024 Central American Cup marked a historic achievement. In its previous club tournament appearances, it failed to progress past the first stage (Group Stage of the CCC 2016/17, Preliminary Round of the 2019 Concacaf League, and Round of 16 in the 2020 Concacaf League).

**Appearances in the Concacaf Champions Cup (including all formats):** 2nd (2016/17, 2025).

**Debut:** 2016/17 (Group Stage).

**Last participation:** 2016/17 (Group Stage).

**Champions Cup record** (including all formats): GP-4 W-0 D-2 L-2 (GF-2 GA-7).

**Best result:** Group Stage (1) 2016/17.

**Top scorers:** Manfred Russell (CRC) 1, Mauro Portillo (GUA) 1.

**Players with the most appearances:** José Carlos Pinto (GUA) 4, Hugo Acosta (COL) 4, Agustín Herrera (MEX) 4, Manfred Russell (CRC) 4, Alejandro Galindo (GUA) 4, Enrique Miranda (GUA) 4, Roberto Peña (COL) 3, Fabián Castillo (ARG) 3, Sixto Betancourt (GUA) 3, Fredy Thompson (GUA) 3.

**Antigua GFC since 2008/09:** Scored in 2 matches, failed to score in 2 games, recorded 1 clean sheet, conceded goals in 3 matches, and played to a 0-0 draw once.

**Players to watch.**

**Óscar Santis (GUA).** The 2021 Scotiabank Concacaf League champion with Comunicaciones (3 goals in 10 appearances) will make his second Champions Cup appearance (3 matches in 2022).

**Romario Da Silva (BRA).** Set to make his Concacaf Champions Cup debut in 2025 after impressing in the Central American Cup (1 goal in 8 appearances). The Brazilian has played the last 4 seasons in Guatemala's Liga Nacional, scoring 27 goals in 148 matches.

**Alexander Robinson (CRC).** The experienced Costa Rican defender has 31 international club appearances and 1 goal. He has participated in 5 Concacaf Champions Cup editions as a Deportivo Saprissa player (2008/09, 2009/10, 2010/11, 2014/15, and 2018).



Seattle Sounders FC qualified as the third-best club in the overall standings of the 2024 Major League Soccer (MLS) season. This will be the club's eighth appearance and its first since the 2022 edition, when it was crowned champion for the first time.

Seattle Sounders' last 10 Concacaf Champions Cup victories were all at home: 3-1 vs. Marathón (Group 4, 2012/13), 3-1 vs. Tigres UANL (QF, 2012/13), 2-1 vs. CD Olimpia (Group F, 2015/16), 3-0 vs. Vancouver Whitecaps (Group F, 2015/16), 4-0 vs. Santa Tecla (R16, 2018), 1-0 vs. CD Guadalajara (QF, 2018), 5-0 vs. Motagua (R16, 2022), 3-0 vs. León (QF, 2022), 3-1 vs. New York City FC (SF, 2022), and 3-0 vs. Pumas UNAM (Final, 2022).

Seattle Sounders remained unbeaten during its last CCC campaign in 2022, when it lifted the trophy (4W-4D). All four draws in that historic run came in away matches.

The team has drawn its last five away games and is winless in its last 12 road matches (7D-5L). Its last away victory was a 3-2 win over CD Marathón in Group D of the 2012/13 edition at Estadio Olímpico in San Pedro Sula (September 19, 2012).

**Appearances in the Concacaf Champions Cup (including all formats):** 9th (1996, 2010/11, 2011/12, 2012/13, 2015/16, 2018, 2020, 2022, 2025). \*Includes participation as Seattle Sounders in the 1996 Concacaf Champions Cup, prior to the club's MLS expansion.



**Debut:** 1996 (Final Round).

**Last participation:** 2022 (Champion).

**Champions Cup record (including all formats):** GP-50 W-21 D-11 L-18 (GF-87 GA-75).

**Best result:** Champion (1) 2022.

**Top scorers:** Fredy Montero (COL) 9, Nicolás Lodeiro (URU) 7, Michael Fucito (USA) 5, Brad Evans (USA) 4, Lamar Neagle (USA) 4, Jordan Morris (USA) 4, Álvaro Fernández (URU) 4.

**Players with the most appearances:** Fredy Montero (COL) 25, Osvaldo Alonso (USA) 22, Leonardo González (CRC) 21, Zach Scott (USA) 20, Cristian Roldán (USA).

**Seattle Sounders since 2008/09:** Scored in 37 matches, failed to score in 9 games, recorded 11 clean sheets, conceded goals in 35 matches, and has played to a 0-0 draw once.

### **Players to watch.**

**Stefan Frei (SUI).** A key figure in the 2022 CCC title run, he was among the goalkeepers with the most saves (25), tied with finalist Alfredo Talavera (Pumas UNAM). He has played in seven CCC editions: 2009/10 (2 matches), 2010/11 (3), and 2011/12 (1) with Toronto FC, and 2015/16 (3 matches), 2018 (4), 2020 (2), and 2022 (8) with Seattle Sounders.

**Cristian Roldán (USA).** Led the 2022 edition in assists (5), playing a crucial role in the team's title run. He also ranked first in completed passes (286) and was the most fouled player (17).

**Jordan Morris (USA).** Has scored 4 goals across 4 different CCC editions. He featured in 2015/16 (2 matches), 2018 (1), 2020 (1 goal in 2 matches), and 2022 (3 goals in 8 matches).