



Managua (NCA) vs. CSD Municipal (GUA)

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It will be another match between debutant teams in the Central American Cup.

For Managua FC (NCA), it will be their second participation in a Concacaf club tournament after playing in the Scotiabank Concacaf League in 2019 and 2020, losing one game and drawing another against FC Motagua in 2019 and Olimpia in 2020.

In 2019, they eliminated CD FAS (SLV) in the Preliminary Round and qualified for the round of 16 where they were later eliminated by CD Olimpia from Honduras.

Municipal (GUA) returns to an official competition after participating in the 2022 Scotiabank Concacaf League where they were eliminated by CD Olimpia (HON) in the round of 16.

The last time Municipal faced a Nicaraguan rival was 46 years ago in the 1978 Concacaf Champions Cup when they defeated Universidad Centroamericana UCA 5-1 on May 21, 1978, and 3-0 on May 28, 1978.



Managua FC (NCA)

Managua FC will make its first appearance in the Concacaf Central American Cup after finishing as the second-best placed team on the aggregate points table in Nicaragua's Apertura and Clausura tournaments.

This will be the club's third participation in an international tournament after competing in the Scotiabank Concacaf League in 2019 and 2020, where they failed to win in 4 matches with two draws and the same number of defeats, facing opponents from Honduras and El Salvador. Their only victory came in penalties when they defeated FAS from El Salvador in the Preliminary Round for the SCL 2020. The three international goals were scored by Pablo Gállego, Nahum Peralta, and Ricardo Mendieta in the 2019 and 2020 editions of the Scotiabank Concacaf League.

Qualification: Second-best placed in the cumulative table for the 2023/24 season in Nicaragua.

Players to watch:

Maykel Reyes (CUB). He is one of the new signings for Managua. The Cuban forward played 8 matches in the Concacaf Gold Cup and scored in different editions (2015 and 2023).

Juan Barrera (NCA). He is a historic figure in Nicaraguan football. At the club level, he has scored 6 goals in 33 matches in Concacaf club tournaments (including all competitions). He had a standout performance with Real Estelí in the 2023 Central American Cup, finishing as the runner-up (scored 2 goals in 9 appearances).



CSD Municipal (GUA)

CSD Municipal will be one of the debutants in the Concacaf Central American Cup.

CSD Municipal won the Concacaf Champions Cup in 1974 and was runner-up in 1995. The last time it participated in the Concacaf Champions Cup was in 2015/16, where it shared a group with Real Salt Lake and Santa Tecla. It competed in two editions of the Scotiabank Concacaf League (2020 and 2022) but did not advance past the round of sixteen. In its last participation in 2022, it achieved a record of 2 wins, 1 draw, and 2 losses and was eliminated by the eventual champion, CD Olimpia from Honduras.

Qualification: Winner of the 2024 Clausura Tournament in Guatemala.

Players to watch:

Matías Rotondi (ARG). He was the top scorer for Municipal in the Scotiabank Concacaf League (3 goals in 4 appearances in the 2022 edition). Since his arrival in Guatemalan football, the Argentine striker has scored 67 goals in 137 appearances.

Ramiro Rocca (ARG). He is one of the most effective strikers in the Central American region with an average of 0.79 goals per match in Concacaf club tournaments. He scored 11 goals in his 14 international appearances between Municipal (Concacaf League 2020) and Real España from Honduras (Concacaf League 2022, Concacaf Champions Cup 2023, and Central American Cup 2023). He scored 3 goals in his 58 minutes played in the inaugural edition of the CCC (alongside his compatriot Agustín Auzmendi from FC Motagua, who scored a hat-trick in the 2023 edition).