

Alajuelense vs. Los Angeles FC

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|  |  |  | **9 - March** |  |  |
|  | **10 PM ET** |
| Alajuelense |  |  | **Estadio Alejandro Morera Soto** |  | Los Ángeles FC |

LD Alajuelense and Los Angeles FC will meet for the first time in the SCCL.

Series between clubs from Costa Rica and the USA (Champions Era): the USA teams win the all-time series: G-34 W-18 D-5 L-11.

**LDA matches vs. United States teams**

- 2011/12 (Group A): LA Galaxy 2-0 Alajuelense (Omár González and Chad Barrett), at Dignity Health Sports Park, USA (Aug 25, 2011). Alajuelense 1-0 LA Galaxy (Pablo Gabbas), Alejandro Morera Soto Stadium, CRC (Sep. 21, 2011).

- 2014/15 (first leg QF): Alajuelense 5-2 DC United (Ariel Rodríguez, José Guillermo Ortíz x2, Johan Venegas and Jonathan McDonald; Fabián Espíndola and Steven Birnbaum), Alejandro Morera Soto Stadium, CRC (Feb 26, 2015). DC United 2-1 Alajuelense (Jairo Arrieta and Fabián Espíndola; Johan Venegas), at the Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Stadium, USA (Mar 4, 2015).

- 2021 (round of 16): Alajuelense 0-1 Atlanta United (Esequiel Barco) at the Alejandro Morera Soto Stadium, CRC (6-APR). Atlanta United 1-0 Alajuelense (Jurgen Damm) Fifth Third Bank Stadium (APR-13).

Alajuelense 

**SCCL APPEARANCES:**26th (1962, 1968, 1971, 1973, 1986, 1988, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2008/1,1 /12, 2012/13, 2013/14, 2014/15, 2021, 2023).

 **DEBUT: 1962 (Second Round).**

 **SCCL RECORD**(includes former Concacaf Champions Cup): G: 138 W-69 D-25 L-44 (GF-242 GA-153)

 **HOME RECORD:**G: 63 W-42 D-8 L-9 (GF-131 GA-47)

 **LAST APPEARANCE:**2021 (Eighth final).

 **BEST RESULT:**Champion (1986, 2004). (Former Concacaf Champions Cup)

 **SCCL ERA RECORD:**G: 30 W-16 D-6 L-11 (GF-34 GA-33)

 **SCCL ERA SCORERS:**Jonathan McDonald (CRC) 6, Allen Guevara (CRC) 4, Pablo Gabas (ARG) 4, Armando Alonso (CRC) 3, Jerry Palacios (HON) 3.

 **BRACES IN SCCL ERA:**Allen Guevara (CRC) vs. Motagua (Group A of 2011/12), José Guillermo Ortíz (CRC) vs. DC United (QF 2014/15) and Pablo Gabas (ARG) vs. FC Montreal (SF 2014/15).

 **PLAYERS WITH THE MOST CAPS IN THE SCCL ERA:**Johnny Acosta (CRC) 24, Porfirio López (CRC) 19, Patrick Pemberton (CRC) 18, Ariel Rodríguez (CRC) 18, José Salvatierra (CRC) 17.

 **HOW DID THEY CLASSIFY FOR THE SCCL 2023?**Runner-up Scotiabank Concacaf League 2022.

 **PARTICIPATIONS IN R16 (SCCL ERA):**2021 (was eliminated by Atlanta United).

 **RECORD IN R16 (SCCL ERA):**G: 2 W-0 D-0 L-2.

 **AWAY RECORD (SCCL ERA):**G: 6 W-1 D-2 L-3.

 **LDA's last SCCL win was 4-2 vs. CF Montreal (Pablo Gabbas x2, Allen Guevara and Jonathan McDonald; Jack McInerney and Andrés Romero) at the Alejandro Morera Soto Stadium, CRC, in the Semifinals (Apr 7, 2015).**

 **LDA, runner-up in the SCL in 2022, was the team with the most goals scored (22), most assists (15), points (19), shots (106), shots on target (36), passes (3,614) and ball recoveries (74).**

 **TOP PLAYER**

**Johan Venegas (CRC).**He is the top scorer in the Scotiabank Concacaf League (17 goals and four assists in 20 games between Saprissa and Alajuelense). He was the top scorer in the SCL in 2019 (6) and 2020 (7).

****Los Angeles FC 

**SCCL APPEARANCES:**2nd (2020, 2023).

 **DEBUT: 2020 (**Finalist).

 **RECORD IN SCCL:**G: 5 W-3 D-0 L-2 (GF-9 GA-6)

 **AWAY RECORD:**G-1 W-0-D-0 L-1 (0GF-2GA)

**In 2022 he played the quarterfinal matches in a single game due to the COVID-19 pandemic.**

 **LAST APPEARANCE:**2020 (Finalist).

 **BEST RESULT:**Runner-up 2020.

 **SCCL ERA RECORD:**G: 5 W-3 D-0 L-2 (GF-9 GA-6)

 **SCCL ERA SCORERS:**Carlos Vela (MEX) 5, Diego Rossi (URU) 2, Kwadwo Opoku (GHA) 1, Latif Blessing (GHA) 1.

 **BRACES IN SCCL ERA:**Carlos Vela (vs. Club León in R16 and vs. Club América in Semifinals) in 2020.

 **PLAYERS WITH MOST CAPS IN SCCL ERA:**Eddie Segura (COL) 5, Carlos Vela (MEX) 5, Kenneth Vermeer (SUR) 5, Tristan Blackmon (USA) 5, Diego Palacios (ECU) 5, Diego Rossi (URU) 5, Mark-Anthony Kaye (CAN) 5, Latif Blessing (GHA) 5, Brian Rodriguez (URU) 4, Francisco Ginella (URU) 4.

 **HOW DID THEY CLASSIFY FOR THE 2023 SCCL?**2022 MLS Cup Champion and 2022 MLS Supporters' Shield.

 **PARTICIPATIONS IN R16 (SCCL ERA):**2020 (eliminated Club León).

 **RECORD IN R16 (SCCL ERA):**G-2 1W-0D-1L (3GF-2GA).

 **QF CLASSIFICATIONS (SCCL ERA):**2020 (beat León in the R16, and then they would also win against Cruz Azul in the quarterfinals).

 **SCORERS IN R16 (SCCL ERA):**Carlos Vela (MEX) 2, Diego Rossi (URU) 1.

 **TOP PLAYERS**

 **Carlos Vela (MEX)**scored five goals in 5 SCCL games in 2020 and was the 2nd most-shot player (24). He scored his first goal for LAFC in SCCL history (on February 28, 2020, vs. León, in the Round of 16).

 **Ecuadorian Diego Palacios had the most ball recoveries, with (14) in the 2020 SCCL**.