



Real Esteli (NCA) vs. Saprissa (CRC)

Group D, Estadio Independencia, Esteli, August 20, 2024

They will face each other for the third time in the Concacaf Central American Cup.

The last time they met was in the quarterfinals of the 2023 edition. In the first leg on September 27, 2023, Real Estelí won 1-0 with a goal by Bancy Hernández. In the second leg on October 4, 2023, they drew 2-2, with goals from Javon East and Orlando Sinclair for Deportivo Saprissa and an own goal by Fidel Escobar and Marvin Fletes for Real Estelí. The draw allowed the Nicaraguan team to advance to the semifinals of the tournament.

In total, they have faced each other 11 times, with Deportivo Saprissa winning 7 matches, drawing 3, and losing 1. GF-22 GC-6.

Match Results - Concacaf Champions Cup

- Saprissa 4-1 Real Estelí (Luis Herra x2, Víctor Badilla, Eddy Picado; Libio Avendaño), First Round, Estadio Ricardo Saprissa, San José (April 10, 1991).
- Real Estelí 1-4 Saprissa (Arriola; Mario Orta x3, Ronald Caravaca), First Round, Estadio Rigoberto López Pérez, Managua (April 28, 1991).
- Real Estelí 1-1 Saprissa (Rodrigo Valiente; Ariel Rodríguez), Group B - 2014/15 Edition, Estadio Independencia, Estelí (August 7, 2014).
- Saprissa 3-0 Real Estelí (Ariel Rodríguez x3), Group B - 2014/15 Edition, Estadio Ricardo Saprissa, San José (August 27, 2014).



Real Estelí (NCA)

Real Estelí achieved 50% victories in the history of the Central American Cup (6 out of 12). Additionally, the runner-up of the first edition is unbeaten in 3 matches (W-1 D-2). Real Estelí has drawn three of their last 5 matches in the tournament but has never drawn when playing at home.

Of the five matches won at home, they did not concede any goals, defeating (1-0 vs. Xelajú, 1-0 vs. Olimpia, 1-0 vs. Deportivo Saprissa, 1-0 vs. Club Atlético Independiente, and 3-0 vs. Managua).

Appearances in the CCAC: 2 (2023 and 2024).

Best result in the CCAC: Runner-up in 2023.

Record in the CCAC: GP-12 W-6 D-4 L-2 (GF-16 GA-11).

Top scorers in the CCAC: Juan Barrera (NCA) 2, Harold Medina (NCA) 2, Bancy Hernández (NCA) 2, Arley Bonilla (COL) 2, Abel Méndez (ARG) 1, Ewerton Bezerra (BRA), Marvin Fletes (NCA), Byron Bonilla (NCA), Josué Quijano (NCA), Óscar Acevedo (NCA), Juan Vieyra (ARG)

Assists in the CCAC: Byron Bonilla (NCA) 3, Bancy Hernandez (NCA) 2, Abel Méndez (ARG) 2, Harold Medina (NCA) 2, Henry García (NCA) 1, Leyvin Balanta (COL), Agenor Báez (NCA)

Saves in the CCAC: Douglas Forvis (NCA) 27 - Jason Vega (NCA) 2 (2 in the current edition)

Top scorers in the CCAC 2024: Harold Medina (NCA) 1, Josué Quijano (NCA), Óscar Acevedo (NCA), Juan Vieyra (ARG)

Assists in the CCAC 2024: Bancy Hernandez (NCA) 2, Agenor Báez (NCA) 1, Byron Bonilla (NCA)

Chances to score: 17, Shots on target: 6

Players to watch:

Ebert Martínez (NCA): He is the team's passing leader with 71 passes and a 92% completion rate. Along with his teammate Josué Quijano, he has played in all of the Central American Cup matches (12).

Byron Bonilla (NCA): He has made 4 shots. The forward has played in 11 matches in the CCAC and scored 2 goals (1 in 2024 and 1 against Alajuelense in the 2023 final). He is the team's assists leader with 3 in the tournament's history.

Bancy Hernández (NCA): He has 2 assists in the 2024 edition and has been involved in 4 of the team's 11 goals in the tournament (2 goals and 2 assists).



Deportivo Saprissa (CRC)

Deportivo Saprissa won the last 3 matches of the tournament: 4-0 vs. Motagua (in the 2023 Play-In), 5-0 vs. Guanacasteca, and 3-2 vs. Managua in Group D in the 2024 edition. They have scored 12 goals and conceded only 2.

Deportivo Saprissa has 2 away victories: 4-0 vs. Jocoro (Ariel Rodríguez x2, Jefferson Brenes, and Michael Chirinos) in Group A in 2023 and 3-2 vs. Managua in Group D in 2024.

Deportivo Saprissa was the team that scored the most headers (5) in the 2023 edition. In 2024, they have scored 8 goals in their two matches, seven from open play and one own goal.

Participations in the CCAC: 2 (2023 and 2024)

Record in the CCAC: GP-10 W-6 D-3 L-1 (GF-26 GA-7) *Includes Play-In matches

Top scorers in the CCAC: Javon East (JAM) 6, Orlando Sinclair (CRC) 5, Ariel Rodríguez (CRC) 4, Jefferson Brenes (CRC) 3, Michael Chirinos (HON) 2

Assists in the CCAC: Javon East (JAM) 4, Jorkaëff Azofeifa (CRC) 2, Ariel Rodríguez (CRC) 2, Ulises Segura (CRC) 2, Orlando Sinclair (CRC) 1, Jefferson Brenes (CRC), Kendall Waston (CRC), Michael Chirinos (HON), David Guzmán (CRC), Mariano Torres (ARG), Jeffry Valverde (CRC)

Saves in the CCAC: Esteban Alvarado (CRC) 37 (3 in the 2024 edition)

Top scorers in the 2024 edition: Jefferson Brenes (CRC) 2, Javon East (JAM) 2, Mariano Torres (ARG) 1, Luis Díaz (CRC), Orlando Sinclair (CRC)

Assists in the CCAC 2024: Javon East (JAM) 2, Mariano Torres (ARG) 1, Jeffry Valverde (CRC), Ariel Rodríguez (CRC)

Chances to score: 33 Shots on target: 13

Players to watch:

Javon East (JAM): He has been involved in 50% of Saprissa's goals in the 2024 edition (2 goals and 2 assists). The Jamaican forward has played 10 matches in the tournament's history, scoring 6 goals and providing 4 assists.

Eduardo Anderson (PAN): He is Saprissa's leading passer (86) in the 2024 edition. He was part of Panama's roster that finished as runners-up in the 2023 Concacaf Gold Cup. He has 6 international matches across the Concacaf League, Central American Cup, and Concacaf Champions Cup.

Jefferson Brenes (CRC): The midfielder has scored in both of Saprissa's matches in the 2024 edition and is the player with the most shots on the team (7). In total, he has scored 3 goals and provided 1 assist in the tournament's history.