

## Monterrey (MEX) vs. FC Cincinnati (USA)

Estadio BBVA, Monterrey (MEX)

FC Cincinnati lost (0-1) the first match on March 7, 2024, with a goal from Brandon Vázquez at TQL Stadium, Cincinnati. The defeat against CF Monterrey ended FC Cincinnati's two-game winning streak in the 2024 CCC and was the first of the three matches they have played in which they couldn't score goals.

CF Monterrey extended their unbeaten streak to 14 consecutive games in the CCC with 12 wins and two draws, marking their second-best streak in the history of the competition for the Liga MX team. With the 1-0 victory on March 7, 2024, CF Monterrey became the Mexican team with the most away wins against MLS clubs with 6 victories.

The triumph against Cincinnati was their 6th in the last 7 away games in the CCC, improving their record to 6 wins and only one draw.

When CF Monterrey won the first leg, they were never eliminated in the 9 series they played in the CCC, and in 10 of those games, they did not concede goals.

CF Monterrey, after winning the first leg against an MLS opponent in the knockout stage, qualified for the next round on 8 occasions in any stage of the tournament, they eliminated St. Louis Kutis in 1987 and Los Angeles Galaxy in 2013.



## **CF Monterrey (MEX)**

Monterrey has managed to advance in both rounds of the round of 16 they have played in the CCC, in 2019 against El Salvador's Alianza FC and in 2021 against the Dominican Republic's Club Atlético Pantoja. Since 2008/09, CF Monterrey has won 7 times in first-leg matches of knockout phases as visitors (3 with a clean sheet), and they have always managed to overcome the series.

CF Monterrey has played 27 two-legged series in the history of the CCC and advanced in 21 of them. Of the five times they were eliminated, it was never by a US rival but rather against teams from Central America (3) and Mexico (2). In 2005, Costa Rica's Deportivo Saprissa eliminated them in the semifinals via penalty shootout after a 3-3 draw in regular time.



CF Monterrey is the team with the most passes in the 2024 CCC with 1783, followed by FC Cincinnati with 1779, and Club América with 1751.

**Appearances in the Concacaf Champions Cup 2024 (Since 1962): 12** (1975, 1987, 1994, 2004, 2005, 2010/11, 2011/12, 2012/13, 2016/17, 2019, 2021, 2024).

**Best Result**: Champion (5) 2010/11, 2011/12, 2012/13, 2019, 2021.

**Record in the CCC** (Since 1962): GP-76 W-48 D-18 L-10 (GF-148 GA-60).

**Top scorers in the history of the CCC**: Humberto Suazo (CHI) 16, Aldo De Nigris (MEX) 16, Abraham Carreño (MEX) 9.

Players with the most appearances in the CCC: Aldo de Nigris (MEX) 30, Walter Ayoví (ECU) 30, Neri Cardozo (ARG) 28, Jonathan Orozco (MEX) 27, Jesús Zavala (MEX) 27.

Record in second-leg matches in the KO Phase: GP-17 W-11 D-4 L-2.

Penalty shootouts (since 2008/09): 0.

**Hat-tricks**: Abraham Carreño (vs. Herediano - Group stage 2011/12), Ángel Reyna (vs. Universitario - Group stage 2012/13).

**Appearances in the round of 16**: 2019 (vs. Alianza FC), 2021 (vs. Atlético Pantoja), and 2024 (vs. FC Cincinnati).

Record in the round of 16: GP-5 W-4 D-1 L-0.

**Top scorers in the round of 16**: Vincent Janssen (NED) 2, Brandon Vázquez (USA) 1, Nicolás Sánchez (ARG) 1, Luis Sánchez (MEX), José Alvarado (MEX) 1, Arturo González (MEX) 1, Jesús Gallardo (MEX) 1.

**Top scorers in the 2024 CCC**: Brandon Vázquez (USA) 2, Germán Berterame (ARG), Alfonso González (MEX), Jesús Gallardo (MEX), Rodrigo Aguirre (URU), Héctor Moreno (MEX), Jesús Corona (MEX).

Assists in the 2024 CCC: Maximiliano Meza (ARG) 2, Germán Berterame (ARG) 1, Stefan Medina (COL) 1, Jesús Gallardo (MEX) 1, Jordi Cortizo (MEX) 1, Rodrigo Aguirre (MEX) 1.

**Saves in the 2024 CCC**: 13. Goalkeeper: Esteban Andrada (ARG) 13. (1 goal conceded - 2 clean sheets).

How the goals were scored: From play (5), headers (3).

**Opportunities to score goals** (44). Shots on target (23).

Players to watch:

**Brandon Vázquez (USA)**. Scored the winning goal in the first match against FC Cincinnati. The US forward has two goals in the 2024 CCC and has the most shots on his team with (7).



**Maximiliano Meza (ARG).** Provided the assist for Brandon Vázquez's goal. The Argentine has scored 4 goals and provided 5 assists in 14 matches, winning the Concacaf Champions Cup twice (2019 and 2021).

**Jesús Gallardo (MEX)**. Was one of the players with the most passes in the first match against FC Cincinnati alongside Jorge Rodríguez and Gerardo Arteaga with (44). The defender, who won the title twice with Monterrey in 2019 and 2021, has made 124 passes in the 2024 CCC.



FC Cincinnati will play their second away match in the CCC. In the first, they defeated Cavalier 2-0 with goals from Sergio Santos and Malik Pinto in Round One.

They are the second team with the most passes (1779) and have made 50 shots, closely followed by their rival Monterrey, who has 44 shots in the 2024 CCC.

FC Cincinnati was the team with the most shots in Round One with 41, and forward **Aaron Boupendza** has made 12 shots to date.

In three matches, FC Cincinnati has not conceded any goals in the second half, and all 6 goals scored were from plays, with none in the first 15 minutes of the first half.

**Record in the Concacaf Champions Cup** (Since 1962): GP-3 W-2 D-0 L-1 (GF-6 GA-1).

**Top scorers in the CCC**: Sergio Santos (BRA) 1, Malik Pinto (USA) 1, Alvas Powell (JAM) 1, Aaron Boupendza (GAB), Isaiah Forster (USA) 1, Gerardo Valenzuela (USA) 1.

**Players with the most appearances in the CCC**: Roman Celentano (USA) 3, Sergio Santos (BRA) 3, Ian Murphy (USA) 3, Gerardo Valenzuela (USA) 3, Luciano Acosta (USA) 3, Obinna Nwobodo (NIG) 3, Matthew Miazga (USA) 3, Bret Halsey (USA) 3.

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**Assists in the 2024 CCC**: Bret Halsey (USA) 3, Arquimidez Ordoñez (GUA) 1, Gerardo Valenzuela (USA) 1, Luciano Acosta (ARG) 1.

**Saves in the 2024 CCC**: 9. Goalkeeper: Roman Celentano (USA) 9. (1 goal conceded - 2 clean sheets).

How the goals were scored: From play (6).

Opportunities to score goals (50). Shots on target (23).

Players to watch:



**Matt Miazga (USA)**: He was the player with the most passes (89) in all the matches of the round of 16. The central defender had a pass accuracy of 98% and also made 1 clearance against CF Monterrey.

**Aaron Boupendza (GAB)**: He is the leader in shots in the 2024 CCC with 12 and with more chances to score goals in the first half with 9. He made 6 shots and scored a goal in the series against Cavalier in Round One.

**Luciano Acosta (USA)**: He has played in all 3 matches of FC Cincinnati in the 2024 CCC. The midfielder has 8 shots (50% on target), 1 assist, 3 fouls against him, and took 21 corner kicks.

