2024 CONCACAF Champions Cup

# CS Herediano (CRC) vs. Toluca FC (MEX)

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**All-Time series:** They will face each other for the first time.

**CS Herediano (CRC)**

CS Herediano has qualified for the 2024 CONCACAF Champions Cup as one of the four semifinalists in the 2023 CONCACAF Central American Cup. Herediano will compete in their 16th Champions Cup and their first since the 2019 edition. The Costa Rican club’s best finish came in the 2015/16 tournament when they were semifinalists.

**Appearances in the Concacaf Champions Cup:** 16 (1962, 1975, 1980, 1987, 1989, 1994, 2009/10, 2011/12, 2012/13, 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17, 2018, 2019, 2024).

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

**Last participation:** 2019 (Round of 16).

**Record in the Champions Cup (including SCCL ERA):** GP-68 W-28 D-17 L-23 (GF-112 GA-109)

**Best Result:** Semifinalist 1 (2014/15).

**Record in the 2023 CONCACAF Central American Cup:** GP-8 W-4 D-4 L-0 (GF-15 GA-10).

**Top scorers in the 2023 CCAC:** Jesús Godínez (MEX) 3, Alejandro Bran (CRC) 2, Fernán Faerron (CRC) 2, David Sayago (ARG) 2.

**Record in the SCCL ERA:** GP-40 W-16 D-11 L-14 (GF-65 GA-63)

**Top scorers in the SCCL ERA:** Yendrick Ruiz (CRC) 10, Jorge Barbosa De Lima (BRA) 6, Víctor Núñez (CRC) 4, Allen Guevara (CRC) 4

**Players with the most appearances in the SCCL ERA:** Pablo Salazar (CRC) 26, Óscar Granados (CRC) 25, José Sánchez (CRC) 24, Christian Montero (CRC) 24, Elías Aguilar (CRC) 20.

**In the SCCL ERA:** Managed to score goals in 28 games, couldn't score in 12 matches, kept 13 clean sheets, conceded goals in 27 encounters, and had 4 draws with a 0-0 scoreline.

**Players to watch:**

**Jesús Godínez (MEX).** Scored 3 goals and completed 19 shots in the 2023 Central American Cup. The Mexican was part of the 2018 team that won the title with Guadalajara, where he played 7 matches and scored a goal. He also participated in the 2020 and 2021 editions with Club León in Liga MX.

**Elías Aguilar (CRC).** Had 7 appearances in the 2023 Central American Cup. With CS Herediano, he has played in 5 editions of the SCCL: 2012/13 (2 goals in 6 matches), 2014/15 (1 goal in 6 games), 2015/16 (4 matches), 2016/17 (3 games), and 2018 (1 match).

**Aarón Cruz (CRC).** Played all 8 matches in the 2023 Concacaf Central American Cup. He was a champion in the Scotiabank Concacaf League SCL 2019 and a runner-up in 2020 with Deportivo Saprissa. He participated in 6 editions of the SCCL (2016/17 - didn't play minutes, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022).

**Toluca FC (MEX)**

As 2022 Liga MX Apertura runners-up, Toluca have qualified for their first CONCACAF Champions Cup since the 2019 edition. Toluca were winners of the CONCACAF Champions Cup in 1968 and 2003 and runners-up in 2013/14.

**Appearances in the Concacaf Champions Cup:** 13 (1968, 1969, 1972, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2003, 2006, 2009/10, 2010/11, 2013/14, 2019, 2024).

**Debut:** 1968 (Second Round).

**Last participation:** 2019 (Round of 16).

**Record in the Champions Cup (including SCCL ERA):** GP-57 W-28 D-24 L-15 (GF-102 GA-60).

**Best Result:** Winner (2) 1968, 2003. Runner-up 1998, 2006, 2013/14.

**Record in the SCCL ERA:** GP-30 W-14 D-8 L-8 (GF-57 GA-29)

**Top scorers in the SCCL ERA:** Raúl Nava (MEX) 10, Héctor Mansilla (CHI) 9, Juan Cuevas (ARG) 5.

**Players with the most appearances in the SCCL ERA:** Alfredo Talavera (MEX) 26, Carlos Esquivel (MEX) 24 PJ, Antonio Ríos (MEX) 21 PJ.

**In the SCCL ERA:** Scored goals in 22 games, only failed to score in 8 matches, kept 10 clean sheets, conceded goals in 20 encounters, and had 2 draws with a 0-0 scoreline.

**Players to watch:**

**Thiago Volpi (BRA).** Played in all 17 matches of the 2023 Liga MX Apertura and scored 4 goals. He participated in 4 matches in the SCCL 2015/16 with Querétaro.

**Juan Pablo Domínguez (MEX).** Was one of the top scorers for Toluca in the 2023 Liga MX Apertura with 4 goals in 12 appearances.

**Fernando Navarro (MEX).** Was a champion in the inaugural edition of the Scotiabank Concacaf Champions League 2008/09 with Atlante FC, playing in 10 matches and scoring 2 goals. He also participated in the 2012/13 edition with Tigres UANL (2 matches) and in the 2014/15, 2020, and 2021 editions with Club León (8 games).