



Group B Estadio Olímpico Metropolitano, San Pedro Sula, August 27, 2024

With no chance of advancing to the next round, CD Marathón and Alianza FC are set to face each other for the first time in Group B of the Central American Cup.

These two teams met in the 1986 Concacaf Champions Cup, where each secured a victory. Alianza FC won 1-0 in the first leg on May 4, 1986, with a goal from Ramón "Tanque" Ramírez, and CD Marathón won 3-2 in the second leg. The goals for Marathón were scored by Leonel Machado, Jorge Bueso, and Rodolfo Richardson Smith, while Antonio Garcia and Jorge Suamy Álvarez scored for Alianza. The winner had to be decided from the penalty spot, with the Salvadoran team winning 4-2 in the shootout.

The last time Alianza faced a Honduran club was against FC Motagua in a single match during the round of 16 of the 2020 Scotiabank Concacaf League on November 4, 2020, ending in a 1-1 draw. Rodolfo Zelaya scored for Alianza, and Héctor Castellanos equalized for Motagua, who later won 4-3 in the penalty shootout.



CD Marathón (HON)

The runner-up of Honduran football won 1 of the last 6 matches in international tournaments (the rest were 5 losses) and scored one goal per match in previous encounters in the CCAC 2024.

Record in the CCAC: GP-3 W-1 D-0 L-2 (GF-3 GA-5).

Top scorers in the CCAC: Kenny Bodden (HON) 1, Alexy Vega (HON), Damin Ramírez (HON).

Saves: César Samudio (PAN) 10.

Opportunities to score goals (30). Shots on goal (13).

Players to watch:

Damin Ramírez (HON). Scored a free-kick goal against LA Firpo to give his team their first victory. The team captain also made 2 shots, 2 ball recoveries, 42 passes, and 3 corner kicks.

Alexy Vega (HON). Scored 1 of the 3 goals for Marathón (vs. Comunicaciones). The forward has made 5 shots, 101 passes, and 3 ball recoveries in his 3 appearances in the tournament (completed 82% of his passes).

Javier Arriaga (PAN). Is one of the leaders in passes (141) and ball recoveries (6). In the 1-0 win against Luis Ángel Firpo, he was the player with the most recovered balls (3).



Alianza FC (SLV)

Alianza FC won only one match: 5-2 vs. LA Firpo (they also lost 1-0 to Comunicaciones in Week 2 and 2-1 to Alajuelense in Week 4). Their last away win in a Concacaf tournament was 2-0 against Verdes FC of Belize in the round of 16 of the Scotiabank Concacaf League 2022.

Alianza FC lost in their last 3 away matches (2-0 vs. Alajuelense in the SCL 2022, 4-0 vs. Philadelphia Union in the Concacaf Champions Cup 2023, and 1-0 vs. Comunicaciones in 2024).

The champion of the 2024 Clausura from the Primera División of El Salvador scored 6 goals in their previous 3 matches in the CCAC (an average of 2 per match). However, they failed to score in the first 15 minutes and the final minutes of the tournament.

Record in the CCAC: GP-3 W-1 D-0 L-2 (GF-6 GA-5).

Top scorers in the CCAC: Anyelo Rodríguez (URU) 2, Emerson Mauricio (SLV) 2, Marvin Monterroza (SLV) 1, Juan Portillo (SLV).

Assists in the CCAC: Marvin Monterroza (SLV) 2, Andrés Hernández (SLV) 1, Anyelo Rodríguez (URU).

Saves: Mario González (SLV) 11.

Highest scoring win: 5-2 vs. Luis Ángel Firpo (Marvin Monterroza, Emerson Mauricio, Anyelo Rodríguez x2, and Juan Portillo), Group B (Week 3) Estadio Cuscatlán, San Salvador (AUG 13, 2024).

Goal scoring opportunities (32). Shots on target (8).

Players to watch:

Emerson Mauricio (SLV). Scored the only goal in the last 2-1 loss against Alajuelense. The forward made 6 shots and scored 2 goals in the current CCAC (also scored against LA Firpo).

Marvin Monterroza (SLV). Scored 1 goal and 2 assists. The team captain has (8) shots in two appearances.

Anyelo Rodríguez (URU). Provided 1 assist, scored 2 goals, and made three shots in the CCAC 2024. The Uruguayan forward was fouled 6 times in his 3 appearances.