



San Francisco (PAN) vs. Herediano (CRC)

Group A, Estadio Universitario, Panama, August 22, 2024

It will be the first meeting in the Central American Cup and in history for both teams.

For San Francisco, it will be their 5th match against a Costa Rican opponent, where they have yet to achieve a win, with 1 draw and 3 losses.

The last time San Francisco faced a Costa Rican opponent was in the 0-1 loss against Alajuelense (goal by Jurguens Montenegro) in the single match of the Round of 16 of the Scotiabank Concacaf League on November 24, 2020.

CS Herediano has a history of 11 encounters against Panamanian teams, achieving 8 wins, 1 draw, and 1 loss (0-1) in the second leg of the Scotiabank Concacaf League semifinals against Deportivo Árabe Unido, with a goal by Alexis Palacios on September 27, 2018. However, CS Herediano advanced to the final by winning (2-0) in the first leg and later went on to lift the title by defeating FC Motagua 3-2 on aggregate in Tegucigalpa.



San Francisco FC (PAN)

San Francisco FC debuted in the 2024 edition with a 2-3 away loss against FC Motagua and drew 0-0 at home against Diriangén FC.

San Francisco has lost 5 of their last 6 matches (including their participation in the Concacaf Champions Cup, Scotiabank Concacaf League).

Their last victory was 8-0 against Verdes FC of Belize, with goals by (Jonathan Pinilla, Johnny Ruiz x3, Ervin Zorrilla x2, Moisés Gil, and Eduardo Jiménez) in Group C of the 2015-16 Concacaf Champions Cup.

Panamanian clubs recorded their worst streak of consecutive matches without a win, with 8 games (2D-6L), equaling the streak of 8 consecutive winless matches by Honduran clubs (2D-6L) achieved between the last 6 matches in the 2023 edition (4L-2D) and the first 2 matches in 2024 (2L).

With San Francisco FC's 0-0 draw against Diriangén FC (NCA), Panamanian clubs ended their worst streak of consecutive defeats (5), the same streak experienced by Salvadoran clubs in 2023 with the losses of Jocoro FC (2), CD FAS (2), and CD Águila (1).

Top Scorers in the CCAC: Luis Zúñiga (PAN) 1, Ricardo Clarke (PAN).

Assists in the CCAC: Miguel Camargo (PAN) 1, Ricardo Clarke (PAN).

Saves in the CCAC: Samuel Castañeda (PAN) 2, José Guerra (PAN) 3.

Goal-scoring opportunities: 14.

Shots on target: 6.

Players to Watch:

Miguel Camargo (PAN): Took 3 shots in the 0-0 draw against Diriangén. He has a total of 4 shots in two games.

Kevin Calderón (PAN): He leads the team in passes with 101 and ball recoveries with 6. Of the 101 passes, 82 were successful.

Ricardo Clarke (PAN): He contributed to both of the team's goals against FC Motagua (1 goal and 1 assist). He also took two shots in two appearances.



CS Herediano (CRC)

CS Herediano has won both matches with goals scored in the second half (1-0 vs. Tauro and 1-0 vs. Diriangén).

CS Herediano remains unbeaten with 6 wins and 4 draws. Additionally, they have won 5 consecutive matches in the group stage (5 wins and 1 draw). They have drawn two of their last three away matches (0-0 vs. Comunicaciones in the 2023 quarterfinals and 2-2 vs. Alajuelense in the 2023 semifinals). They won 1-0 vs. Diriangén.

CCAC Appearances: 2 (2023 and 2024).

Best result in the CCAC: 2023 Semifinals.

CCAC Record: GP-10 W-6 D-4 L-0 (GF-17 GA-10).

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

Assists in the CCAC: Haxzel Quirós (CRC) 3, Gerson Torres (CRC) 2, John Jairo Ruíz (CRC) 2.

Saves in the CCAC: Aarón Cruz (CRC) 27 (4 in the 2024 edition).

Top Scorers in the 2024 edition: John Jairo Ruíz (CRC) 1, José de Jesús González (MEX).

Assist Providers in the 2024 edition: Elías Aguilar (CRC) 1.

Goal-scoring opportunities: 18.

Shots on target: 12.

Players to Watch:

Marcel Hernández (CUB): He has 18 international appearances and has scored 4 goals. Two of the 4 goals were penalties (both with Cartaginés). He has 10 appearances in the CCAC.

Miguel Basulto (MEX): He leads the team in passes with 207, with a 92% accuracy rate (190 of the passes were successful). He has played in 10 CCAC matches.

José de Jesús González (MEX): Scored the goal in the last victory (vs. Diriangén). The Mexican forward has played 56 minutes and taken 2 shots.