



2024 Concacaf Champions Cup

Saprissa (CRC) vs. Philadelphia (USA)

Wednesday, February 20, 2024

Estadio Ricardo Saprissa, San José, CRC

The two times they have faced each other, Philadelphia Union won both matches with 5 goals scored and none conceded.

Results:

Saprissa 0-1 Philadelphia Union (Kacper Przybyłko), First leg of the round of 16, Ricardo Saprissa Stadium, San José (April 7, 2021).

Philadelphia Union 4-0 Saprissa (Jamiro Monteiro x2, Kacper Przybyłko, Anthony Fontana), Second leg of the round of 16, Subaru Park, Chester (April 14, 2021).

Saprissa (CRC)

Three-time Concacaf Champions Saprissa have qualified for the 2024 Concacaf Champions Cup as one of the two winners of the 2023 Concacaf Central American Cup Play-In. Saprissa are making their first Champions Cup appearance since 2022 and their 37th overall.

Appearances in the Concacaf Champions Cup since 1962: 37 (1963, 1965, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1977, 1978, 1983, 1986, 1987, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1995, 1996, 1998, 1999, 2002, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2008, 2008/09, 2009/10, 2010/11, 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2024).

Debut: 1963 (Third Round).

Last Appearance: 2022 (Round of 16).

Record in the Concacaf Champions Cup since 1962: GP-169 W-73 D-45 L-51 (GF-284 GA-203).

Best Result: Champion (3) 1993, 1995, 2005.

Qualification to 2024 CONCACAF Champions Cup: 2023 CONCACAF Central American Cup play-in winners.

Record 2023 CONCACAF Central American Cup: GP-8 W-4 D-3 L-1 (GS-18 GA-5).

Top Scorers in the Concacaf Central American Cup: Ariel Rodríguez (CRC) 4, Javon East (JAM) 4, Orlando Sinclair (CRC) 4, Michael Chirinos (HON) 2.

Record in the SCCL ERA: GP-48 W-17 D-12 L-19 (GF-64 GA-77)

Best Result in the SCCL ERA: Semifinal in 2010/11.

Top Scorers in the SCCL ERA: Ariel Rodríguez (CRC) 7, Jairo Arrieta (CRC) 5, Marvin Angulo (CRC) 4, Armando Alonso (CRC) 4.

Players with most appearances in the SCCL ERA: David Guzmán (CRC) 26, Jairo Arrieta (CRC) 21, Armando Alonso (CRC) 20, Marvin Angulo (CRC) 19, Walter Centeno (CRC) 18.

Deportivo Saprissa in the SCCL ERA: Has been able to score goals in 34 games, failed to score in 14 of those matches, kept 12 clean sheets, conceded goals in 36 matches, and drew 3 times with a scoreline of (0-0).

Players to Watch:

Ariel Rodríguez (CRC). He was one of Saprissa's top scorers in the Concacaf Central American Cup 2023 (4 in 7 matches). The striker has scored 12 goals in 23 international appearances and is the top scorer of the club in the Concacaf Champions Cup with (7) - since the format change in the 2008/09 edition.

Javon East (JAM). He scored 4 goals and provided 2 assists in 8 matches in the Concacaf Central American Cup 2023. The Jamaican has scored 7 goals in 18 international club appearances (including his participation in the Scotiabank Concacaf League, Scotiabank Concacaf Champions League, and the Central American Cup).



Philadelphia Union (USA)

The Philadelphia Union have qualified for the 2024 Concacaf Champions Cup as the Third-Place finisher in the 2023 Leagues Cup. The Union will begin the tournament in Round One. It marks the third Concacaf Champions Cup qualification for the Union.

Appearances in the Concacaf Champions League since 1962: 3 (2021, 2023, 2024).

Debut: 2021 (Semifinals).

Last appearance: 2023 (Semifinals).

Record in the Concacaf Champions League since 1962: GP-12 W-5 D-4 L-3 (GF-17 GA-11).

Best Result: Semifinals (2) 2021, 2023.

Top Scorers in the SCCL: Kacper Przybylko (GER) 5, Daniel Gazdag (HUN) 3, Jamiro Monteiro (NED) 2, Anthony Fontana (USA) 2, Julián Carranza (ARG) 2, Andrés Perea (USA) 2.

Players with most appearances in the CCL: Alejandro Bedoya (USA) 12, Kai Wagner (GER) 11, Jakob Glesnes (NOR) 11, Andre Blake (JAM) 11, José Martínez (VEN) 10, Jack Elliot (ENG) 10, Leon Flach (USA) 10, Olivier Mbaizo (CAM) 10, Jack McGlynn (USA) 9, Quinn Sullivan (USA) 9.

Philadelphia Union: In the CCL, they have scored goals in 8 matches, managed to score in 4 of those games, kept 6 clean sheets, conceded goals in 6 matches, and drew once with a scoreline of (0-0).

Players to Watch:

Andre Blake (JAM). He has made 11 appearances in the CCL between 2021 and 2023, helping his team to reach the semifinals. He has made 35 saves: 18 (in 2021) and 17 (in 2023).

Julián Carranza (ARG). He was the player with the most shots (15) for Philadelphia Union in the last participation in the CCL, also scoring 2 goals. The Argentine scored 14 goals in his 33 appearances in the 2023 Major League Soccer (MLS) edition.

Dániel Gazdag (HUN). He scored 3 goals from 11 shots in his last participation in the 2023 CCL. The Hungarian midfielder has played in both editions of the CCL with Philadelphia Union.