



Cruz Azul (MEX) vs. Seattle Sounders FC (USA)

Estadio Olímpico Universitario (MEX)

They drew 0-0 in the first leg, Lumen Field Stadium, Seattle, USA (March 6, 2025).

The 0-0 draw marked the **154th match** in Concacaf Champions Cup history. This was also the 12th time a U.S. club has drawn 0-0 in the first leg of a two-legged series at home. Of the previous 11 instances, only one U.S. club managed to advance—NY Pancyprian Freedoms against Club Puebla in the 1984 North & Central America Second Round. U.S. clubs have since suffered eight consecutive eliminations when drawing 0-0 at home in the first leg.

They will face each other for the third time in the history of the competition.

Cruz Azul defeated Seattle Sounders 11-0 in Group A of the 1996 Concacaf Champions Cup. Goals scored by Francisco Palencia, Carlos Hermosillo (3), Julio César Yegros (3), Héctor Adomatis, Benjamín Galindo, Kieran Barton (own goal), and Francisco Ramírez.

Group A - Concacaf Champions Cup 1996 (July 20, 1997).

*Seattle Sounders' participation in the 1996 Concacaf Champions Cup is considered under the team that later expanded into MLS as a franchise.

Seattle Sounders winless in last seven matches against Liga MX clubs

Seattle Sounders are on a seven-match winless streak against Liga MX teams in Mexico (3D-4L). When closing out a series as the away team in Mexico, Seattle has never won (2D-3L). Of those five series, they were eliminated four times (against Santos Laguna in the 2012 quarterfinals and 2013 semifinals, CF América in the 2016 quarterfinals, and Chivas in the 2018 quarterfinals), with their only qualification coming against Club León in the 2022 quarterfinals.

The 0-0 draw was the second time Cruz Azul has played a goalless first-leg draw as a visitor in the Champions Cup. The first was against SC Elizabeth in the 1971 North America First Round, where they advanced to the next phase. Historically, whenever Cruz Azul has failed to win the first leg as a visitor in the U.S., they have still progressed (0-0 vs. SC Elizabeth in 1971 and 1-0 loss vs. Kansas City in 2014).

Cruz Azul will host a U.S. opponent for the ninth time in tournament history, having won all previous home encounters. In all five series against U.S. clubs, the Mexican side has always advanced (1970 vs. NY Greek American, 1971 vs. SC Elizabeth, 1980 vs. Brooklyn Italians, 1988 vs. Seattle Mitre Eagles, and 2014 vs. Kansas City).



Concacaf Champions Cup Appearances (including all formats): 18th (1969, 1970, 1971, 1980, 1981, 1988, 1996, 1997, 1998, 2008/09, 2009/10, 2010/11, 2013/14, 2014/15, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2025).

Best Result: Champion (6) – 1969, 1970, 1971, 1996, 1997, 2013/14.

Record (including all formats): GP-112 W-65 D-24 L-23 (GF-257 GA-91).

Top Scorers: Javier Orozco (MEX) 23 goals, Emanuel Villa (ARG) 11, Pablo Zeballos (PAR) 9.

Most Appearances: Julio César Domínguez (MEX) 44, Alejandro Castro (MEX) 40, Manuel Vela (MEX) 35, Rogelio Chávez (MEX) 34, Gerardo Torrado (MEX) 33.

Since 2008/09: 55 matches with goals, 17 matches without scoring, 36 clean sheets, 36 matches conceding goals, 7 matches ending 0-0.

Penalty Shootouts (since 2008/09): 1 (1 win). (4-2 vs. Puerto Rico Islanders - 2008/09 Semifinals).

Hat-tricks: (8) Javier Orozco (MEX) x4, Jaime Lozano (MEX), Emanuel Villa (ARG), Mariano Pavone (ARG), Achille Edzimbi (CAM).

Additionally, Javier Orozco (MEX) scored a four-goal game in the 2010/11 edition.

Round of 16 Appearances: 4 (2020 vs. Portmore United, 2021 vs. Arcahaie, 2022 vs. Forge FC, 2025 vs. Seattle Sounders).

Round of 16 Record: GP-7 W-5 D-2 L-0 (GF-18 GA-2).

Round of 16 Top Scorers (since 2008/09): Walter Montoya (ARG) 2, Lucas Passerini (ARG) 2, Juan Marcelo Escobar (PAR) 2.

Top Scorers in CCC 2025: Ángel Sepúlveda (MEX) 3, Gabriel Fernández (URU) 2, Andrés Montaña (MEX) 1.

Assists in CCC 2025: Mateusz Bogusz (POL) 2, Ignacio Rivero (URU) 1, Ángel Sepúlveda (MEX) 1, José Suárez (VEN) 1.

Saves in CCC 2025: 6. Goalkeepers: Andrés Gudiño (MEX) 5, Kevin Mier (COL) 1. (0 goals conceded - 3 clean sheets).

Goal Types:

Open play (5), own goal (1), header (1).

Right-footed goals: 2. Left-footed goals: 3.

Goals from inside the box: 3. Goals from outside the box: 3.

Goal Attempts:

46 goal opportunities, 21 shots on target.

Fastest Goal in CCC 2025:

Ángel Sepúlveda (20' 24" vs. Real Hope - Round One - Leg 2).

Players to Watch:

Ángel Sepúlveda (MEX). Cruz Azul's top scorer in CCC 2025 (3 goals and 1 assist). The forward also leads the team in shots (11) in 174 minutes on the field.

Gonzalo Piovi (ARG). The Argentine defender leads the team in ball recoveries (13) and has a 95% passing accuracy (143 completed passes).

Gabriel Fernández (URU). Scored 2 goals in Round One against Real Hope and had the most shots against Seattle Sounders (2) in the first leg of the Round of 16. He is also Cruz Azul's most-fouled player (8).



Concacaf Champions Cup Appearances (including all formats): 9th (1996, 2010/11, 2011/12, 2012/13, 2015/16, 2018, 2020, 2022, 2025).

Best Result: Champion 2022.

Record (including all formats): GP-53 W-23 D-12 L-18 (GF-93 GA-77).

Top Scorers: Fredy Montero (COL) 9, Nicolás Lodeiro (URU) 7, Michael Fucito (USA) 5, Brad Evans (USA) 4, Lamar Neagle (USA) 4, Jordan Morris (USA) 4, Álvaro Fernández (URU) 4.

Most Appearances: Fredy Montero (COL) 25, Cristian Roldán (USA) 22, Osvaldo Alonso (USA) 22, Leonardo González (CRC) 21, Zach Scott (USA) 20, Stefan Frei (SUI) 19, Jordan Morris (USA) 16, Lamar Neagle (USA) 16.

Since 2008/09: 39 matches with goals, 10 matches without scoring, 12 clean sheets, 37 matches conceding goals, 2 matches ending 0-0.

Penalty Shootouts (since 2008/09): 1 (1 loss). Lost its only shootout 4-2 vs. Olimpia (HON) in the 2020 Round of 16 after a 4-4 aggregate draw.

Hat-tricks: (0).

Round of 16 Appearances: 4 (2018 vs. Santa Tecla, 2020 vs. Olimpia, 2022 vs. FC Motagua, 2025 vs. Cruz Azul).

Top Scorers in CCC 2025: Pedro De La Vega (ARG) 3, Paul Arriola (USA) 2, Albert Rusnak (SVK) 1.

Assists in CCC 2025: Jesus Ferreira (USA) 2, Joao Paulo (BRA) 1, Obed Vargas (MEX) 1, Georgi Monoungou (CIV) 1.

Saves in CCC 2025: 9. Goalkeepers: Stefan Frei (SUI) 5, Andrew Thomas (USA) 4. (2 goals conceded - 1 clean sheet).



Goal Types:

Open play (6).

Right-footed goals: 5. Left-footed goals: 1.

Goals from inside the box: 4. Goals from outside the box: 2.

Goal Attempts:

33 goal opportunities, 16 shots on target.

Fastest Goal in CCC 2025:

Paul Arriola (2' 37" vs. Antigua GFC, Round One - Leg 1).

Players to Watch:

Jordan Morris (USA). Took (3) shots in the first match against Cruz Azul. The forward, champion in the 2022 edition, has scored 4 goals in 16 Concacaf Champions Cup appearances.

Pedro De La Vega (ARG). The Argentine forward leads Seattle Sounders in passes (161), goals (3), and shots (8) in this edition. He has committed 5 fouls and suffered 6 fouls in 240 minutes played.

Yeimar Gómez Andrade (COL). Leads Seattle Sounders in ball recoveries (10). The Colombian defender has made 7 clearances and 105 successful passes with an (80% accuracy).