



## Antigua GFC (GUA) vs. CAI (PAN)

### GROUP C

Estadio Pensativo, Antigua

13-AGO

Antigua GFC and Club Atlético Independiente will face each other for the first time in the Central American Cup.

The only time they faced each other in a Concacaf club tournament was during the 2020 Scotiabank Concacaf League, in the preliminary round of a single match on October 21, 2020, where Antigua GFC won 4-2 on penalties after a 0-0 draw in regulation time.

C.A.I.'s record against Guatemalan clubs stands at 1 win, 1 draw. Their only victory was in the inaugural edition of the Central American Cup on August 16, 2023, when they defeated Xelajú 3-1 in Group B. The goals were scored by Jorge Serrano, Gilberto Hernández, and Anthony Stewart, while Juan Cardona scored for the Guatemalan club.

Antigua GFC drew 0-0 in their second group match against Águila from El Salvador. CAI did not play in week two and lost 0-3 away against Olimpia on the first date.



### Antigua GFC (GUA)

Antigua GFC will play their third match in the CCAC 2024, where they remain undefeated with a record of 1 win and 1 draw. They will seek their first home victory after drawing 0-0 against CD Águila in their last outing.

To date, they have an average ball possession of 60.5%. Their most decisive victory was in the first match of Group C, defeating Port Layola 4-1 in Belmopán.

So far, they have not conceded any goals in the second half of the tournament and have not held a lead at halftime in any of their previous matches.

**Record in the CCAC 2024:** GP-2 W-1 D-1, L-0 (GF-4 GA- 1).

**Top scorers in the CCAC:** José Ardón (GUA) 3, Dennis Ramírez (GUA) 1.

**Assists in the CCAC:** Romario da Silva (BRA) 2, José Galvez (GUA) 1.

**Saves in the CCAC:** Luis Morán (GUA) 5.

**Goal details:** From play (3), Header (1)

**Goal-scoring opportunities** (25). Shots on target (9).

**Players to watch:**

**José Ardón (GUA).** The defender scored a hat-trick on his debut in the CCAC 2024. The team captain has made 5 shots and 67 passes with an accuracy of 93% so far.

**Cristian Hernández (ARG).** Leads in passes with (101). The Argentine has made 3 shots and recovered 4 balls in this edition.

**Romario da Silva (BRA).** Made 4 shots in his 2 appearances. The 34-year-old striker provided 2 assists in the opening match against Port Layola.



### **CA Independiente (PAN)**

After losing 0-3 in the opener against CD Olimpia of Honduras in Tegucigalpa, CAI will seek to recover at the Pensativo Stadium where they last won as visitors.

Club Atlético Independiente has played 9 matches over two appearances in the CCAC and has gone 3 games without a win in the tournament (1 draw, 2 losses).

CAI lost their 2 away games without scoring (1-0 vs. Real Estelí in the 2023 semifinals and 3-0 vs. Olimpia in Group C in 2024). Their only away victory was a 3-1 win against Xelajú of Guatemala with goals from Jorge Serrano, Gilberto Hernández, and Anthony Stewart; Juan L. Cardona) in Group B of 2023, at the Pensativo Stadium in Antigua.

The semifinalist of the first edition scored 16 goals in the tournament (12 from open play, 2 penalties, and 2 headers). CAI was one of the clubs with the highest number of penalty goals scored (2) in the 2023 edition, alongside CS Herediano and CS Cartaginés.

**Record in the CCAC:** GP- 9, W- 4, D- 3, L- 2 (GF 16, GA 10).

**Top scorers in the CCAC:** Carlos Small (PAN) 5, Jorge Serrano (PAN) 2, Rafael Águila (PAN) 2, Víctor Ávila (PAN) 1, Gilberto Hernández (PAN) 1, Héctor Hurtado (PAN) 1, Anthony Stewart (PAN) 1, Jefferson Murillo (COL) 1, Ángel Valverde (PAN) 1, Davis Contreras (PAN) 1.

**Assists in the CCAC:** Marlon Ávila (PAN) 2, Víctor Ávila (PAN) 2, Jorge Serrano (PAN) 1, Rafael Águila (PAN) 1, Sergio Cunningham (PAN) 1, Jefferson Murillo (COL) 1, Carlos Small (PAN) 1.

**Saves in the CCAC:** Eddie Roberts (PAN) 37.

**Goal-scoring situations in the CCAC 2024** (4). Shots on target (1).

**Players to watch:**

**Eddie Roberts (PAN).** Made 4 saves and 2 clearances in the loss against CD Olimpia in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. He has 37 saves in two editions of the tournament. He was the second goalkeeper with the most saves (33) in the inaugural edition in 2023.

**Jefferson Murillo (COL).** Was the player who recovered the most balls for CAI in the first match in the loss against CD Olimpia in Tegucigalpa. The striker born in Colombia has made 8 appearances in the CCAC and scored a goal vs Real Estelí (2023).

**Héctor Hurtado (PAN).** Led in passes (42) against CD Olimpia. The midfielder was one of the leaders in passes (333) in the 2023 edition, only surpassed by the Costa Rican Celso Borges (Alajuelense) with 477 and Marlon López (Real Estelí) with 336.