



Wednesday, December 4, 2024

LD Alajuelense (CRC) vs. Real Estelí (NCA)

Estadio Alejandro Morera Soto, Alajuela, CRC

Post-Match Data Real Estelí FC 1-1 LD Alajuelense

With the 1-1 draw in the first leg, LD Alajuelense recorded two consecutive draws in final matches and remains unbeaten in the CCAC (D-6 W-13).

Costa Rican Celso Borges scored his second goal in the CCAC and became the first footballer to score a penalty kick after VAR review in the history of the CCAC.

Real Estelí's coach, Nicaraguan Otoniel Olivas, reached 19 matches managed in CCAC history. In the second leg of the Final, he will set the record as the only coach to be present in every match since its inception in 2023.

Real Estelí recorded their fourth consecutive draw in the CCAC, becoming the club with the second-longest streak of draws in the competition's history, only surpassed by CS Herediano's streak of five draws.

The last time LD Alajuelense drew 1-1 in the first leg of a final in a Concacaf club tournament was during the 2003/2004 Champions' Cup on May 5, 2004, against Deportivo Saprissa. Wilmer López (32') scored for the "Manudos," and Alonso Solís (60') scored for Saprissa. Notably, LD Alajuelense went on to be crowned Concacaf champions on that occasion.

Concacaf Central American Cup Series:

This will be the fourth time they face each other in the CCAC, all in title matches. LD Alajuelense has achieved one victory and two draws.

In the 2023 final, LD Alajuelense won the title with a 4-1 aggregate score.

Real Estelí 0-3 Alajuelense (Joshua Navarro, Michael Barrantes, Freddy Góndola), Final (First Leg) - Estadio Independencia, Estelí, NCA (29-NOV-2023).

Alajuelense 1-1 Real Estelí (Joel Campbell; Byron Bonilla), Final (Second Leg) - Estadio Alejandro Morera Soto, Alajuela, CRC (5-DEC-2023).

Real Estelí 1-1 Alajuelense (Delis Vargas; Celso Borges), Final (First Leg) - Estadio Independencia, Estelí, NCA (27-NOV-2024).

Historical Series:

LD Alajuelense leads the historical series against Real Estelí FC and remains unbeaten with 8 wins and 2 draws.

Concacaf Champions' Cup:

Alajuelense 8-0 Real Estelí, Group B (First Round) - Estadio Alejandro Morera Soto, Alajuela, CRC (14-FEB-1998).

Real Estelí 1-3 Alajuelense, Group B (First Round) - Palmares, Alajuela, CRC (17-FEB-1998).

Real Estelí 0-1 Alajuelense (Allen Guevara), Group 6 (Round 3) - Estadio Independencia, Estelí, NCA (28-AUG-2012).

Alajuelense 1-0 Real Estelí (Álvaro Sánchez Alfaro, penalty), Group 6 (Round 3) - Estadio Alejandro Morera Soto, Alajuela, CRC (26-SEP-2012).

Scotiabank Concacaf League:

Alajuelense 2-1 Real Estelí (Bryan Ruiz and Alonso Martínez; Juan Barrera), Quarterfinals (Single Match) - Estadio Alejandro Morera Soto, Alajuela, CRC (2-DEC-2020).

UNCAF Interclub Cup (1999-2000):

Alajuelense 6-0 Real Estelí (Essinho, Luis Antonio Marín, Harold Medina, Alexander Castro, Alejandro Alpízar, Pablo Izaguirre), Group A (First Round), Estadio Alejandro Morera Soto, Alajuela, CRC (3-FEB-2000).

Real Estelí 1-2 Alajuelense (Carlos Alonso; Heriberto Quirós x2), Group A (First Round), Estadio Independencia, Estelí, NCA (13-FEB-2000).



LD Alajuelense (CRC)

Liga Deportiva Alajuelense is playing in a Concacaf club tournament final for the third consecutive year (Scotiabank Concacaf League 2022, Central American Cup 2023, and 2024).

The defending champion has achieved 5 wins and 6 draws in the knockout stage of the competition.

LD Alajuelense has scored in 18 of their 19 previous matches in the CCAC (failing to score only against Antigua GFC in the first leg of the 2024 semifinals).

LD Alajuelense is the team with the most goals scored in CCAC history (40) and the most points earned (21). In the 2024 edition, they have scored the most goals (16), provided the most assists (11), and are the leader in passes (3491).

LD Alajuelense has faced Nicaraguan opponents 4 times in CCAC history, remaining unbeaten with 1 win and 2 draws after facing Real Estelí in the 2023 and 2024 finals.

Alajuelense has won 3 of their last 4 home matches in international tournaments.

International Titles: Concacaf Champions' Cup (1986, 2004), UNCAF Interclub Cup (2002, 2005), Central American Giants Tournament (1996), Scotiabank Concacaf League (2020), and Central American Cup (2023).

Appearances in the Concacaf Central American Cup: 2 (2023 and 2024).

Best result: Champion in 2023 and finalist in the 2024 edition.

Record in the CCAC: GP-19 W-13 D-6 L-0 (GF-40 GA-16).

Top Scorers: Diego Campos (CRC) 6, Aarón Suárez (CRC) 5, Johan Venegas (CRC) 3, Michael Barrantes (CRC) 3, Joshua Navarro (CRC) 3, Freddy Góndola (PAN) 3, Joel Campbell (CRC) 3, Alexander López (HON) 2, Anderson Cardoso (BRA) 2, Rahir Parkins (CRC) 2, Celso Borges (CRC) 2.

Assists: Carlos Mora (CRC) 4, Joshua Navarro (CRC) 4, Aarón Suárez (CRC) 4, Anderson Cardoso (BRA) 3, Johan Venegas (CRC) 2.

Players with the most appearances in the CCAC: Celso Borges (18 matches), Leonel Moreira (17), Joshua Navarro, Aarón Suárez (15), Alexis Gamboa, Ian Lawrence (14), Carlos Martínez (13).

Saves: Leonel Moreira (CRC) 59 (27 in 2024), Miguel Ajú (CRC) 6.

LDA in the CCAC: Achieved 7 clean sheets, conceded goals in 12 matches, and recorded one 0-0 draw (vs. Antigua GFC, 2024 semifinals).

Biggest win: 5-1 vs. Motagua (Joshua Navarro x2, Doryan Rodríguez, Michael Barrantes, Johan Venegas; Agustín Auzmendi), Group D (Round 5) - Estadio Alejandro Morera Soto, Alajuela (31-AUG-2023).

Record in the CCAC 2024: GP-9 W-6 D-3 L-0 (GF-16 GA-9).

Top Scorers: Diego Campos (CRC) 5, Anderson Cardoso (BRA) 2, Rahir Parkins (CRC) 2, Aarón Suárez (CRC) 1, Jonathan Moya (CRC), Santiago Van Der Putten (CRC), Celso Borges (CRC).

Assists: Aarón Suárez (CRC) 4, Anderson Cardoso (BRA) 3, Iago Falqué (ESP) 1, Diego Campos (CRC), Celso Borges (CRC), Creichel Pérez (CRC).

How goals were scored in CCAC 2024: Open play (9), headers (4), penalties (2), own goals (1).

Chances created: 106. Shots on target: 61.

Youngest scorer in the CCAC: Santiago Van Der Putten (CRC) - 20 years, 63 days (vs. Comunicaciones - Group B 2024).

Oldest scorer in the CCAC: Michael Barrantes (CRC) - 40 years, 56 days (vs. Real Estelí Final 2023).

Fastest goal in the CCAC: Joshua Navarro (CRC) vs. Motagua (Group D - 2023): 4 MIN 01 SEC.

Penalty shootouts: 1. Victory (5-4) vs. Herediano (2023 semifinals). They drew 4-4 on aggregate (2-2 in the first leg and 2-2 in the second leg).

Scorers in Finals: Joshua Navarro (CRC) 1, Joel Campbell (CRC), Michael Barrantes (CRC), Freddy Góndola (PAN), Celso Borges (CRC).

***Joel Campbell scored the fastest goal in a Central American Cup final: 4 MIN 16 SEC (vs. Real Estelí FC - second leg 2023 edition).**

Players to Watch:

Diego Campos (CRC): The top scorer of the 2024 edition (6 goals in matches against CD Marathón -brace-, LA Firpo, Alianza FC -brace-, and Comunicaciones). He also provided 1 assist and is the leader in shots (24) and shots on target (12).

Celso Borges (CRC): Scored a penalty goal in the first leg against Real Estelí. He is the champion's player with the most appearances in the Central American Cup (18). The team captain is also the player with the most attempted passes in the CCAC (973).

Joshua Navarro (CRC): Recovered 4 balls against Real Estelí. The midfielder was on the scoresheet in decisive matches in 2023 against Tren del Norte. He has 15 appearances and 3 goals scored.

Leonel Moreira (CRC): The goalkeeper is a defensive guarantee for LDA with 27 saves in 9 appearances in the 2024 edition (2 clean sheets). He played a decisive role in the 2023 final: with 13 saves, 3 clearances, and a clean sheet in the first leg against Real Estelí. In the first leg of the 2024 edition, he made 4 key saves.



Real Estelí FC (NCA)

Real Estelí remains without a win in CCAC final matches (two draws and one loss against LD Alajuelense).

Real Estelí has an 87.6% passing accuracy in the 2024 edition.

The 2023 runners-up have recorded four consecutive draws in the CCAC and are unbeaten in their last five matches (W-1 D-4). Additionally, Real Estelí is the second team with the most points (32) and wins (8) in CCAC history (with 8 clean sheets in 19 matches across 2 editions).

The Nicaraguan team has lost just one of their last ten matches in international club tournaments (1-0 vs. AD Guanacasteca in Group D of 2024).

Real Estelí has not won in their last two away matches and is on an eight-game winless streak away from home (D-6 L-2). Their only away win came in their first game: a 2-0 victory vs. CD FAS (Juan Barrera x2) in Group B in 2023.

Real Estelí has achieved 2 wins, 5 draws, and 2 losses against Costa Rican opponents in Concacaf club tournaments.

They have faced LD Alajuelense, Deportivo Saprissa, AD Guanacasteca, and CS Herediano.

Real Estelí has not won on Costa Rican soil in the CCAC. Their two victories were at home against Deportivo Saprissa in both editions (1-0 in the 2023 quarterfinals and 2-1 in Group D of 2024).

International Titles: 0

Appearances in the Concacaf Central American Cup: 2 (2023 and 2024).

Best result: Runners-up in the inaugural 2023 edition and finalists in the 2024 edition.

Record: GP-19 W-8 D-8 L-3 (GF-23 GA-17).

Top Scorers: Byron Bonilla (NCA) 4, Juan Vieyra (ARG) 2, Juan Barrera (NCA) 2, Harold Medina (NCA) 2, Bancy Hernández (NCA) 2, Arley Bonilla (COL) 2, Iván Ochoa (MEX) 2.

Assists: Byron Bonilla (NCA) 4, Harold Medina (NCA) 3, Bancy Hernández (NCA) 2, Abel Méndez (ARG) 2, Henry García (NCA) 1, Leyvin Balanta (COL), Agenor Báez (NCA), Josué Quijano (NCA), Henry Niño (NCA) 1.

Players with the most appearances in the CCAC: Ebert Martínez (19 matches), Byron Bonilla (18), Josué Quijano, Harold Medina (17), Marvin Fletes (16), Óscar Acevedo (15).

Saves: Douglas Forvis (NCA) 27, Jason Vega (NCA) 17 (17 in 2024).

Real Estelí in the CCAC: Scored in 15 matches, failed to score in 4, achieved 8 clean sheets, conceded goals in 11 matches, and recorded two 0-0 draws (vs. CD Águila - Quarterfinals Second Leg 2024; vs. CS Herediano - Semifinals First Leg 2024).

Biggest win: 3-0 vs. Managua (Óscar Acevedo, Josué Quijano, and Juan Ignacio Vieyra), Group D (Round 3) - Concacaf Central American Cup 2024, Estadio Independencia, Estelí (14-AUG-2024).

Record in the CCAC 2024: GP-9 W-3 D-5 L-1 (GF-11 GA-7).

Top Scorers: Byron Bonilla (NCA) 3, Iván Ochoa (MEX) 2, Juan Vieyra (ARG) 2, Harold Medina (NCA) 1, Josué Quijano (NCA), Óscar Acevedo (NCA), Delis Vargas (URU).

Assists: Bancy Hernández (NCA) 2, Byron Bonilla (NCA) 2, Agenor Báez (NCA) 1, Josué Quijano (NCA), Harold Medina (NCA), Henry Niño (NCA).

How goals were scored in CCAC 2024: Open play (8), headers (1), free kicks (2).

Chances created: 92. Shots on target: 38.

Youngest scorer in the CCAC: Harold Medina (NCA) - 21 years, 190 days (vs. Olimpia - Group B 2023).

Oldest scorer in the CCAC: Juan Barrera (NCA) - 34 years, 105 days (vs. CD FAS - Group B 2023).

Fastest goal in the CCAC: Byron Bonilla (NCA) vs. Saprissa (Group D - 2023): 6 MIN 11 SEC.

Final scorers: Byron Bonilla (NCA) 1, Delis Vargas (URU).

Players to Watch:

Byron Bonilla (NCA): Scored three goals, provided two assists, and attempted 24 shots in the CCAC 2024. In 18 appearances, he has scored 5 goals and delivered 4 assists. He has been involved in both of the team's goals in CCAC finals (1 goal and 1 assist).

William Parra (COL): Delivered 58 passes and made 5 ball recoveries in the first leg against LD Alajuelense in the 2024 edition. The Colombian defender also attempted 1 shot on target and completed 97% of his passes.

Josué Quijano (NCA): Took 9 shots in Real Estelí's last three matches. The 33-year-old player has made 17 appearances in the CCAC. In Concacaf club tournaments, he has played 34 matches.

Ebert Martínez (NCA): Completed 93% of his passes in the current CCAC edition and leads the Nicaraguan team in ball recoveries (18). He is the player with the most appearances for the "Tren del Norte" in CCAC history (19). Across two CCAC editions, he has recovered 40 balls.