



22:00 (21:00) *EDT (local)

Real Estelí FC (NCA) vs. Tigres UANL (MEX)

Estadio Independencia (NCA)

Head-To-Head

They will face each other for the third time in the Concacaf Champions Cup. Tigres UANL achieved one win and one draw in Group 6, which also included LD Alajuelense from Costa Rica. Tigres UANL won the group and was later eliminated in the quarterfinals by Seattle Sounders (2-3) on aggregate.

In the 2012-13 edition, Tigres UANL played in the Concacaf Champions Cup as the 2011 Liga MX Apertura Champion, and Real Estelí played as the 2011-12 Nicaragua Champion.

Tigres UANL 4-0 Real Estelí (Edno Roberto Cunha, Fernando Navarro, Taufic Guarch, and José Arturo Rivas), Group 6 – 2012/13, Estadio Universitario, Monterrey, Mexico (August 1, 2012).

Real Estelí 1-1 Tigres UANL (Juan Barrera; Jorge Espericueta), Group 6 – 2012/13, Estadio Independencia, Estelí, Nicaragua (September 18, 2012).

Real Estelí has 4 historical matchups against Mexican clubs in the CCC, with only one win: a 2-1 victory against CF América in the first-leg of the 2024 edition Round of 16 on February 6, 2024, at Estadio Independencia in Estelí, Nicaragua. Goals from Byron Bonilla and Marvin Fletes gave "El Tren del Norte" the win, while Julián Quiñones scored for América. Real Estelí is one of 15 Central American clubs to have at least one win against Mexican clubs in the history of the CCC, and the only Nicaraguan club to achieve this.

Tigres UANL has faced Central American teams 30 times in the Concacaf Champions Cup with a record of 16 wins, 9 draws, and 5 losses. Tigres UANL has not lost to a Central American club since falling 2-1 to Alianza FC (SLV) on February 19, 2020, in the first leg of the Round of 16 of the 2020 edition at Estadio Cuscatlán in San Salvador. This match included a comeback by the Salvadoran club, who won with goals from Felipe Ponce and Omar Blanco, while Juan José Sánchez scored for Tigres UANL.

Tigres UANL has 4 consecutive victories against Central American clubs, marking their best winning streak against Central American rivals in the history of the CCC.



Real Estelí qualifies for the first round of the Champions Cup after finishing in second place in the 2024 Central American Cup.

The Nicaraguan team will make its 13th appearance and second consecutive appearance in the CCC.

In the 2024 edition of the Champions Cup, the Nicaraguan team achieved its first victory in 12 appearances and after 30 matches when it defeated Club América 2-1 (Byron Bonilla and Marvin Fletes; Julián Quiñones) in the First Round.

The only time Real Estelí FC kept a clean sheet was in a 0-0 draw against CF Montreal in the 2008/09 Preliminary Round at the Estadio Municipal Carlos Miranda, HON (2-SEP-2008).

Champions Cup appearances (all formats included): 13th (1991, 1992, 1996, 1998, 2008/09, 2011/12, 2012/13, 2013/14, 2014/15, 2016/17, 2021, 2024, 2025).

Debut: 1991 (First Round).

Overall record in the CCC (all formats included): W-1 D-8 L-23 (GF-16 GA-66).

Top scorers: Rudel Calero (NCA) 2, Manuel Rosas (NCA) 1, Juan Barrera (NCA), Elvis Figueroa (NCA), Rodrigo Valiente (URU), Marvin Fletes (NCA), Byron Bonilla (NCA), Daniel Da Silva (BRA), Juan Berdún (ARG), Samuel Wilson (NCA).

Players with most appearances: Manuel Rosas (NCA) 20, Samuel Wilson (NCA) 19, Rudel Calero (NCA) 17, Franklin López (NCA) 16, Justo Lorente (NCA) 16, Elmer Mejía (HON) 16, Juan Barrera (NCA) 14, Félix Rodríguez (NCA) 14.

Real Estelí FC since 2008/09: It has scored goals in 10 matches, failed to score in 14 games, kept 1 clean sheet, conceded goals in 23 matches, and drew once with a 0-0 scoreline.

Players to watch:

Byron Bonilla (NCA): He had a direct involvement in both goals against Club América in the 2024 First Round (1 goal from a penalty and 1 assist). The forward was one of the key figures in the team that reached the runner-up position in the 2023 and 2024 Concacaf Central American Cup, scoring 4 goals and 4 assists.

Iván Ochoa (MEX): He was the leader in passes with 544 in the 2024 Concacaf Central American Cup. He was crucial with his brace in the semifinals. In his last CCC appearance, the Mexican player took 2 shots and achieved a passing accuracy of 91% in the series against Club América.

Widman Talavera (NCA): He has 11 international appearances and 1 goal scored between the Champions Cup, Central American Cup, and the Scotiabank Concacaf League. He has been selected for the Nicaragua U-17, U-20, and senior national teams.



Tigres UANL qualifies for the 2025 Champions Cup as runners-up of the Apertura 2023 of Liga MX.

The club will participate for the 12th time and will attempt to win the title for the first time since the 2020 edition.

Tigres UANL won the title in 2020, setting the best records for goals (15), shots (86), and assists (10). Tigres was the runner-up in 3 editions of the CCC: 2015/16, 2016/17, and 2019.

The Universitarios have won 10 of their last 17 matches in the Champions Cup. During these matches, they only lost once (3-1) to the eventual 2023 champion, Club León, in the semifinals.

Tigres UANL drew in all 3 of its away games in the 2024 edition (1-1 vs. Vancouver, 0-0 vs. Orlando City, and 1-1 vs. Columbus Crew). Additionally, they have only earned 3 victories in their last 14 away games: 2-0 vs. Houston Dynamo, 1-0 vs. New York City, and 1-0 vs. Motagua in the quarterfinals of 2019, 2020, and 2023, respectively.

Champions Cup appearances (all formats included): 12th (1979, 1981, 1983, 2012/13, 2015/16, 2016/17, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2023, 2024, 2025).

Debut: 1979 (semifinalist).

Last participation: 2024 (quarterfinals).

Overall record in the CCC (all formats included): W-34 D-20 L-14 (GF-121 GA-103).

Titles: Champion (1) 2020, Runner-up (3) 2015/16, 2016/17, 2019.

Qualification for the 2025 edition: Runner-up in the 2023/24 Liga MX Apertura.

Top scorers: André-Pierre Gignac (FRA) 20, Enner Valencia (ECU) 10, Eduardo Vargas (CHI) 7, Luis Quiñones (COL) 6, Alan Pulido (MEX) 4.

Players with most appearances: Nahuel Guzmán (ARG) 41, Guido Pizarro (ARG) 37, Jesús Dueñas (MEX) 36, Javier Aquino (MEX) 35, André-Pierre Gignac (FRA) 34, Hugo Ayala (MEX) 32, Luis Quiñones (COL) 30.

Tigres UANL since 2008/09: They have scored goals in 47 matches, failed to score in 9 games, kept 21 clean sheets, conceded goals in 35 matches, and have drawn 4 times with a 0-0 scoreline.

Players to watch:

André-Pierre Gignac (FRA): He was the player with the most goals (4) and shots (16) for Tigres UANL in the 2024 edition. With 20 goals, the Frenchman ranks 4th among the top scorers in the CCC since the format change in 2008-09. He was part of the roster that won the title in 2020. The forward has scored goals from open play (12), headers (2), penalties (5), and free kicks (1).

Javier Aquino (MEX): He is one of the historic players for the Universitarios, having been a finalist in 4 editions (2015/16, 2016/17, 2019, and 2020). He has 43 appearances in CCC history (including his time as a Cruz Azul player).



Nahuel Guzmán (ARG): He is the player with the most appearances for Tigres UANL in the CCC, with 41. He was one of the standout players in the 2020 title win, where he won the Golden Glove Award (11 saves). In the Round of 16 of that edition, he scored a historic goal against Alianza (SLV). The Argentine has 109 saves in the CCC.