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| **FACTS** |

* **They will face each other for the first time in history in all kinds of competition.**
* Forge FC is one of the debutant teams in SCCL, meanwhile, Cruz Azul will become the Mexican representative with the most appearances in the SCCL with (8) (Champions Era) since the new format in 2008/09.
* **Canadian and Mexican clubs have faced each other 30 times in the SCCL**. Liga MX teams won 14 times, 6 Canadians and 10 draws.
* **CD Guadalajara MEX (champion in the inaugural edition in 1962)**, Racing Haitien -HAI- (1963), Alianza FC -SLV- (1967), Toluca FC -MEX- (1968), Cruz Azul -MEX- (1969), Atlético Español -MEX- (1975), Club América -MEX- (1977), Leones Negros -MEX- (1978) and Atlante -MEX- (1983) **were the debutant champions in the history of the contest.**
* **The best performance of a debutant club in the Concacaf Champions League belongs to Cruz Azul MEX,** which won the competition under the name of Concacaf Champions Cup, the first, second and third time it played it, in the years 1969, 1970 and 1971.

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|  | **FORGE FC (CAN)** |

# **Highlights of FORGE FC in the history of the SCCL:**

* **Forge FC, along with Santos de Guápiles (CRC) and Cavaly AS (HAI), will be the debutant teams in the SCCL 2022.**
* **Of the rookie teams in the last 2 editions of SCCL (2020 and 2021), Los Angeles FC (USA) was the club that achieved the best result, coming out runner-up in 2020.**
* Details of the debut of the last 6 teams that played for the first time in SCCL: AD San Carlos -CRC- (defeat 3-5 vs. New York City FC -USA- in 2020), Los Angeles FC -USA- (defeat 2-0 vs. León -MEX- in 2020), Portmore United -JAM- (defeat 1-2 vs. Cruz Azul -MEX- in 2020), New York City FC -USA- (victory 3-5 vs. AD San Carlos -CRC- in 2020), Arcahaie -HAI- (0-0 vs. Cruz Azul -MEX- in 2021) and Philadelphia Union -USA- (0-1 victory over Dep. Saprissa -CRC- in 2021).
* **Forge FC will be the 4th Canadian team to participate in the SCCL (from the new format in 2008/09).** Joins the Vancouver Whitecaps, CF Montreal (Runner-up in 2014/15) and Toronto FC (Runner-up in 2018).
* **It is the only Canadian team to play in the Scotiabank Concacaf League SCL (2019, 2020 and 2021, where it advanced to the semifinals)** where it was eliminated by FC Motagua (HON).
* **Goalkeeper Triston Henry (CAN), was a key player** **to achieve the qualification to the SCCL 2022, occupying the first place with most minutes played (768')**. Henry holds the record for most international matches played at Forge FC (with 16 and 45 saves).
* **Molhman Babouli (CAN)** The striker scored 3 goals, contributed 2 assists and was selected in the Ideal XI of the SCL 2021.
* **David Choiniere (CAN) scored goals in all of Forge FC's SCL appearances.** He played 3 matches in 2019 (2 goals), 4 in 2020 (1 goal) and 8 in 2021 (1 goal).  **Together with Mo Babouli they are the club's top scorers in international tournaments (4).**
* **APPEARANCES:** 1st (2022).
* **QUALIFICATION METHOD:** Semifinalist of the Scotiabank Concacaf League 2021.

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|  | **CRUZ AZUL (MEX)** |

# **Highlights of CRUZ AZUL in the history of the SCCL:**

* **Cruz Azul, winner of the Concacaf** **Club Tournament**  6 times (**1969, 1970, 1971, 1996, 1997 and 2013/14) is back for the third consecutive year** as Champion of the 2021 Liga MX Guardians Tournament.
* **No Liga MX team has participated more times in the SCCL (Champions Era)** than Cruz Azul, which will make its 8th appearance in the 2022 edition.
* **Cruz Azul has been 6 times Champion (1969, 1970, 1971, 1996, 1997 and 2013/14)** and was a finalist in 3 editions of the SCCL ERA 2008/09 (Runner-up), 2009/10 (Runner-up) and in 2013/14 (Champion).
* **Together with CF Monterrey (MEX) they are the teams with the highest number of titles won consecutively (3):** 1969, 1970, 1971.
* **Mexico's Javier Orozco is Cruz Azul's all-time top scorer in the SCCL Era (23).** Orozco is also the top scorer of the SCCL (24). **He has been the only Cruz Azul player to be able to score four goals (vs. Real Salt Lake USA in Group A in 2010/11).**
* **71% of Cruz Azul's goals in knockout series in the SCCL ERA were scored by South American footballers (10 out of 14):** Walter Montoya x2, Lucas Passerini x2 (ARG), Pablo Ceppelini and Jonathan Rodríguez (URU), Yoshimar Yotún (PER), Juan Escobar (PAR), Jonathan Borja and Bryan Angulo (ECU).
* **Cruz Azul drew in 11.1% of the first leg of the KO Phase in the SCCL Era), both without goals:** vs. Toluca FC (MEX) in the 2013/14 final, and vs. Arcahaie (HAI) in the knockout stages in 2021.
* **Has faced Canadian clubs 4 times in the SCCL,** all against Toronto FC with 2 wins and 2 losses (Group A 2010/11 and in QF 2021).
* **Santiago Giménez (MEX) was the leader of assists with (3) of the Mexican team in the SCCL 2021**: all vs. Arcahaie (HAI) in the knockout stages.
* **Julio César Domínguez (MEX),** managed to be champion of the SCCL in 2013/14, **is the third player with the most presences in the history of the SCCL with (43** **matches)**. The first place is occupied by Oribe Peralta MEX (48) followed by Carlos Darwin Quintero COL (46).
* **Pablo Aguilar (PAR), won two consecutive titles with Club América in 2014/15 and 2015/16.**  He has 25 appearances and 3 goals in the SCCL (playing for Xolos, Club América and Cruz Azul).
* **TOTAL APPEARANCES (includes former Concacaf Champions Cup):** 17th (1969, 1970, 1971, 1980, 1981, 1988, 1996, 1997, 1998, 2008/09, 2009/10, 2010/11, 2013/14, 2014/15, 2020, 2021 and 2022).
* **BEST RESULT:** 6 times Champion (1969, 1970, 1971, 1996, 1997 and 2013/14).
* **LAST PARTICIPATION:** Semifinals in 2021.
* **DEBUT IN CLUB TOURNAMENT:** 1969 Concacaf Champions Cup. They drew 0-0 vs. Toluca FC in the Second Round of the 1969 edition, at the 10 de diciembre stadium (12-JUN-1969).
* **SCCL DEBUT ERA:** 2008/09. Defeated Verdes FC (BLZ) 6-0 in the Preliminary Round on 26-AGO-2008 goals: (Gerardo Torrado, Edgar Andrade x2 and Javier Orozco x3).
* **OVERALL RECORD (includes former Concacaf Champions Cup):** GP-103 W-60 D-21 L-22 (GF-244 GA-87). 65.1% effectiveness. \* Unknown result of an away game in 1982.
* **RECORD IN THE SCCL ERA:** GP-63 W-37 D-11 L-15 (GF-132 GA-51). 64.6% effectiveness.
* **OVERALL RECORD OF VISITOR IN SCCL:** GP-59 W-19 D-10 L-30 (GF-71 GA-109). 37.8% effectiveness. \* Unknown result of an away game in 1982.
* **TOP SCORERS IN THE HISTORY OF THE SCCL ERA:** Javier Orozco (MEX) 23 goals, Emanuel Villa (ARG) 11, Pablo Zevallos (PAR) 9.
* **TOP SCORERS IN R16:** Lucas Passerini (ARG) and Walter Montoya (ARG) 2.
* **TOP SCORERS PER SEASON IN SCCL (Era) (+ 1 goal):** Javier Orozco (MEX) 7 goals in 2008/09; Javier Orozco (MEX) and Pablo Zevallos (PAR) 5 in 2009/10; Javier Orozco (MEX) 11 in 2010/11; Mariano Pavone (ARG) 5 in 2013/14; Lucas Passerini (ARG) 2 in 2020; Bryan Angulo (ECU) 5 in 2021.
* **PLAYERS WITH MOST PRESENCES (SCCL Era):** Julio César Domínguez (MEX) 43, Alejandro Castro (MEX) 39, Manuel Vela (MEX) 35.
* **HAT-TRICKS IN SCCL (Era) (8):** Javier Orozco (MEX) x4, Jaime Lozano (MEX), Emanuel Villa (ARG), Mariano Pavone (ARG), Achille Edzimbi (CAM), Javier Orozco (MEX) scored four goals in 2010/11.
* **DOUBLES IN SCCL (SCCL Era) (10):** Edgar Andrade (MEX), Javier Orozco (MEX) x2, Nicolás Vigneri (URU), Pablo Zevallos (PAR), Maximiliano Biancucchi (ARG), Emanuel Villa (ARG) x2, Walter Montoya (ARG) and Bryan Angulo (ECU).
* **LAST DOUBLE IN SCCL (SCCL Era):** Bryan Angulo (ECU) in the 3-1 win vs. Toronto FC first leg, QF 2021, Raymond James Stadium (27-APR-2021).
* **YOUNGEST SCORER IN SCCL (Era):** Jesús Lara (MEX) with 19 years, 4 months and 21 days in the 2-1 win vs. Valencia (HAI) Group 3 (29-AUG-2013).
* **OLDEST SCORER IN THE SCCL (Era):** Gerardo Torrado (MEX) with 35 years, 5 months and 22 days tie 1-1 vs. Alajuelense (CRC) Group 6, (21-OCT-2014).
* **WINS WITH THE MOST GOALS:** 8-0 WIN vs. Arcahaie HAI (Alexis Gutiérrez, Yoshimar Yotún, Elías Hernández, Walter Montoya x2, Josué Reyes, Bryan Angulo and Juan Escobar) second leg of the SCCL 2021 final, Estadio Azteca (13-APR-2021).
* Win 12-2 vs. Verdes FC (BLZ) in the Preliminary Round of the 1988 Champions and Runners-up tournament.
* **DEFEAT WITH MOST GOALS AGAINST:** 1-4 vs. CF Monterrey (MEX), SCCL Semifinals 2021 (last presentation of the team at the Azteca Stadium).
* **DEFINITIONS BY PENALTIES (SCCL Era):** (1). **WON:** 1.  **LOSS:** 0. 4-2 win vs. Puerto Rico Islanders (PUR) in Semifinals, 2008/09.
* **In the SCCL ERA:** Has managed to score in 48 games, in 15 games he could not score goals, in 30 he did not concede goals and in 33 games he allowed goals and 5 times he drew 0-0.
* **RECORD IN THE FIRST LEG OF PHASE KO IN SCCL:** GP-18 W-9 D-2 L-7. 53.7% EFFECTIVENESS.