



## CS Herediano (CRC) vs. FC Motagua (HON)

Estadio José Rafael Fello Meza, Cartago, CRC, Wednesday, October 2nd, 2024  
22:15 (20:15) \*EDT (Local Time)

They will face each other for the seventh time in history.

Herediano 1-1 Motagua (John Jairo Ruíz; Román Rubilio Castillo), Group A (Week 5) - CCAC 2024, National Stadium, San José (August 28, 2024).

Motagua 2-2 Herediano (Román Rubilio Castillo and Rodrigo Auzmendi; José de Jesús González and Everardo Rubio), quarterfinals (first leg) - Chelato Uclés National Stadium, Tegucigalpa (September 25, 2024).

Motagua 2-1 Herediano (Salvador Bernárdez and Pedro Caetano; Vicente Wanchope), First Round first leg - Concacaf Champions Cup 1975, National Stadium, Tegucigalpa (May 4, 1975).

Herediano 2-0 Motagua (Fernando Montero and Rafael Camacho), First Round second leg - Concacaf Champions Cup 1975, Eladio Rosabal Cordero Stadium, Heredia (May 15, 1975).  
Herediano 2-0 Motagua (Jimmy Marín and Allan Cruz), Final (first leg) - Scotiabank Concacaf League 2018, Eladio Rosabal Cordero Stadium, Heredia (October 26, 2018).

Motagua 2-1 Herediano (Román Rubilio Castillo x2; Jimmy Marín), Final (second leg) - Scotiabank Concacaf League 2018, Tiburcio Carías Andino Stadium, Tegucigalpa (November 2, 2018).

### FC Motagua (HON) 2x2 CS Herediano (CRC)

- 4th consecutive game without defeat for FC Motagua in the competition (2W-2D), however, it is the 2nd consecutive game without a win (2D).
- FC Motagua continues undefeated at home in the tournament's history (3D-4W), however, the draw ended a streak of 2 consecutive home wins.
- FC Motagua has yet to win in direct elimination matches in the history of the competition, accumulating 5 consecutive games without a win in such matches (3D-2L).
- 3rd draw in the same number of first-leg matches for FC Motagua in home-and-away series in the competition: 1x1 against C.A.I. (PAN) in the 2023 quarterfinals, 2x2 against Saprissa (CRC) in the Champions Cup qualifying playoff, 2x2 against CS Herediano (CRC) in the 2024 quarterfinals.
- 5th game managed by Diego Vázquez (ARG) with FC Motagua in the competition's history, becoming the 2nd coach with the most games managed for a club from Honduras, only surpassed by Pedro Troglio (ARG) who managed 8 games for Club Olimpia.

- FC Motagua reached 23 goals in the tournament's history; Rodrigo Gómez (ARG) scored his 1st goal in the competition, while Rodrigo Auzmendi (ARG) scored his 2nd goal in the tournament.
- Rodrigo Auzmendi's (ARG) goal was the 7th headed goal scored for FC Motagua, making it the club with the most headed goals in the history of the Central American Cup. Followed by CS Herediano (CRC) with 6 and LD Alajuelense (CRC) with 5.
- It is the 4th time in a Central American Cup match that 2 headed goals are scored in the second half, Rodrigo Auzmendi from FC Motagua (HON) at the 79th minute and Everardo Rubio (MEX) from CS Herediano (CRC) at the 90+7th minute.
- 3rd home match for FC Motagua against CS Herediano (CRC) in the history of CONCACAF tournaments and the Honduran club remains undefeated (2W-1D), in fact, it is the 1st draw at home for FC Motagua against the "tico" club in the history of their encounters.
- 13th unbeaten game for CS Herediano in the tournament's history (6D-7W), it is one of the 2 clubs that remain unbeaten in the competition, the other being LD Alajuelense (CRC).
- 7th consecutive unbeaten visit for CS Herediano in the competition, however, the draw ended their best streak of consecutive away wins, which stands at 2.
- The last time CS Herediano drew 2x2 in an official international tournament was on August 4, 2011, in the Preliminary Round of the Champions Cup 2011-2012 against Alpha United (GUY); the match took place in Georgetown (GUY), Anthony Abrams and Travis Grant scored for the home club, while Carlos Hernández and Jorge "la flecha" Barbosa scored for the visitors.
- CS Herediano reached 26 goals scored in the tournament's history, José "tepa" González Muñoz (MEX) scored his 2nd goal in the tournament, while Everardo Rubio (MEX) also scored his 2nd goal in the tournament.
- Everardo Rubio's (MEX) headed goal was the latest header ever scored in the history of the tournament [96m29s].
- It is the first game in the history of the Central American Cup where 2 Mexican footballers (José "tepa" González Muñoz and Everardo Rubio for CS Herediano) scored a goal each for their club.
- Jafet Soto (CRC), coach of CS Herediano, reached 3 games managed in the competition (1W-2D).



## CS Herediano (CRC)

Club Sport Herediano is undefeated in the 2024 CCAC (3 wins, 2 draws) and in the two editions of the tournament, with 7 wins and 6 draws.

CS Herediano has one of the most secure defenses alongside Antigua GFC and CD Águila (3 goals conceded). It scored in 12 of its 13 matches and achieved clean sheets in 5 encounters in the CCAC.

In the 2024 edition, they have won three matches with goals scored in the second half (1-0 against Tauro, 1-0 against Diriangén, and 0-1 vs. San Francisco). 100% of their goals (6) were scored in the second half.

**Participations in the CCAC:** 2 (2023 and 2024).

**Best result:** Semifinals 2023.

**Record:** Played 13, Won 7, Drawn 6, Lost 0 (Goals For 21, Goals Against 13).

**Top scorers:** Jesús Godínez (MEX) 3, David Sayago (ARG) 2, Fernán Faerron (CRC) 2, Alejandro Bran (CRC) 2, José de Jesús González (MEX) 2, Jhon Jairo Ruiz (CRC) 2.

**Assists:** Haxzel Quirós (CRC) 3, Gerson Torres (CRC) 2, John Jairo Ruiz (CRC) 2, Elías Aguilar (CRC) 2, Ronaldo Araya (CRC) 2.

**Players with the most appearances in the CCAC:** Aarón Cruz, Miguel Basulto (13 appearances), Elías Aguilar (12 appearances), Haxzel Quirós, Gerson Torres (11 appearances), Darryl Araya (10 appearances), John Jairo Ruiz, Fernán Faerron, Ronaldo Araya, Yeltsin Tejeda, Everardo Rubio (9 appearances), Jesús Godínez (8 appearances).

**Saves:** Aarón Cruz (CRC) 34 (11 in the current edition).

**Opportunities to score goals** (43). Shots on target (20).

**Youngest scorer:** Andy Rojas (CRC) - 17 years and 268 days (vs. Comunicaciones - Group C - 2023).

**Oldest scorer:** Yendrick Ruiz (CRC) - 37 years and 132 days (vs. San Francisco - Group A 2024).

**Fastest goal:** Jesús Godínez (MEX) vs. CD Águila (Group C - 2023): 21 minutes 26 seconds.

**Penalty shootouts:** 1 / Loss 5-4 vs. Alajuelense (Semifinals 2023).

**Participations and performance in quarterfinals:** (2) 2023 (eliminated Comunicaciones) and 2024 (tied 2-2 vs. Motagua in the first leg).

**Quarterfinal record:** Played 3, Won 1, Drawn 2, Lost 0 (Goals For 5, Goals Against 4).

**Quarterfinal top scorers:** David Sayago (ARG) 2, Fernán Faerron (CRC) 1, José de Jesús González (MEX), Everardo Rubio (MEX).

**Players to watch:**

**José de Jesús González (MEX).** Scored a crucial goal in the first leg of the quarterfinals in Tegucigalpa. The Mexican striker scored 2 goals in his 5 appearances in the tournament (50% shooting effectiveness).

**Allan Cruz (CRC).** Made (2) shots against Motagua at Chelato Uclés National Stadium. The 28-year-old midfielder has 5 shots and 102 accurate passes in the 2024 edition.

**Marcel Hernández (CUB).** Provided the assist for one of the goals in the first leg. He has scored 4 goals in 12 games in the CCAC, 2 of them penalties (100% in 2023 as a player of CS Cartaginés). He also scored in the quarterfinals in 2023 against Alajuelense with Cartaginés.



**FC Motagua (HON)**

FC Motagua won 2 of the last 10 matches (3-2 vs. San Francisco and 4-1 vs. Tauro FC, in Group A of 2024) and has the best shooting accuracy percentage (22%) in the 2024 edition of the CCAC.

They have not been able to win in the quarterfinals of the CCAC (2 draws, 1 loss). They were eliminated in the 2023 edition (vs. CAI). They played 5 matches against Costa Rican teams without securing victories, drawing 3 and losing 2 between 2023 and 2024 (faced LD Alajuelense, Saprissa, and Herediano).

FC Motagua is undefeated in 4 matches (2 wins, 2 draws). Their 4 losses in the history of the CCAC were away. They won only 1 point out of the last 15 possible when playing away. Their only away win was against Verdes FC by 5-0 (Group D 2023).

**Participations in the CCAC:** 2 (2023 and 2024).

**Best result:** Quarterfinals 2023 and 2024.

**Record in the CCAC:** Played 13, Won 5, Drawn 4, Lost 4 (Goals For 23, Goals Against 22).

\*Includes Play-in matches.

**Top scorers:** Agustín Auzmendi (ARG) 9, Yeison Mejía (HON) 5, Román Rubilio Castillo (HON) 3, Rodrigo Auzmendi (ARG) 2.

**Assists:** Rodrigo Gómez (ARG) 4, Jorge Serrano (PAN) 3, Walter Martínez (HON) 2, Yeison Mejía (HON) 1, Riky Zapata (HON), Kevin Álvarez (HON), Iván López (HON), Raúl Santos (HON), Lucas Campana (ARG), Carlos Mejía (HON), Marcelo Pereira (HON), Rodrigo Auzmendi (ARG).

**Players with the most appearances in the CCAC:** Raúl Marcelo Santos, Yeison Mejía, Agustín Auzmendi, Carlos Argueta (13 matches), Jonathan Rougier (12 matches), Walter Martínez (10 matches), Carlos Mejía (9 matches), Juan Delgado, Luis Vega, Denis Meléndez (8 matches), Riky Zapata (7 matches).

**Saves:** Jonathan Rougier (ARG) 27 (9 in the current competition), Enrique Facussé (HON) 1.

**Opportunities to score goals** (50). Shots on target (17).

**Youngest scorer:** Luis Vega (HON) - 22 years and 153 days (vs. Diriangén - Group A 2024).

**Oldest scorer:** Román Rubilio Castillo (HON) - 32 years, 9 months, and 28 days (vs. Herediano - Quarterfinals - Leg 1 - 2024).

**Fastest goal:** Román Rubilio Castillo (HON) vs. Herediano (Quarterfinals - first leg - 2024): 2 minutes 2 seconds.

**Hat-trick:** Agustín Auzmendi (ARG) vs. Verdes FC (Group D - 2023).

**Quarterfinal record:** Played 3, Won 0, Drawn 2, Lost 1 (Goals For 3, Goals Against 5).

**Quarterfinal top scorers:** Agustín Auzmendi (ARG) 1, Román Rubilio Castillo (HON), Rodrigo Auzmendi (ARG).

**Players to watch:**

**Agustín Auzmendi (ARG).** He is the top scorer in the CCAC with 9 goals in 13 matches. He made 8 shots in the 2024 matches. In total, he has 33 shots and scored 1 goal in the quarterfinals (2023 vs. CAI).

**Román Rubilio Castillo (HON).** The team captain is the leader in shots (13) in the 2024 edition, where he scored 3 goals (vs. Tauro FC and Herediano x2). He scored 8 goals in 20 appearances in Concacaf club tournaments.

**Rodrigo Auzmendi (ARG).** He scored 2 goals in 100 minutes on the field in the 2024 CCAC, all as a substitute. The Argentine forward has scored goals from open play and headers, both during the final 15 minutes of the match.