



## Antigua GFC (GUA) vs. Dep. Saprissa (CRC)

Tuesday, September 24, 2024 Estadio Pensativo, Antigua Guatemala, GUA

This will be the first time they face each other in the Central American Cup and in their history.

For Antigua GFC (GUA), it will be their first encounter against a club from Costa Rica in official tournaments, and it will also be their second two-match series at the international level. The first was in the 2019 edition of the Scotiabank Concacaf League Preliminary Round, when they faced Forge FC (CAN). The first leg took place on August 1, 2019, in Hamilton (CAN), where Forge FC won 2-1 with goals from Daniel Krutzen and David Choiniere, and Edgar Pacheco scored for Antigua GFC. The return leg on August 8, 2019, in Guatemala City (GUA), ended in a 0-0 draw, with Forge FC winning the series.

Antigua GFC (GUA) will play its 13th official international match in its history, where they have a record of 2 wins, 7 draws, and 3 losses, scoring 7 goals and conceding 13.

The historic Deportivo Saprissa (CRC) will play in the quarterfinals of the CCAC for the second time. In the 2023 edition, they were eliminated by Real Estelí FC (NCA). In the first leg on September 27, 2023, in Estelí (NCA), the home team won 1-0 with a goal from Bancy Hernández; in the return match in San José (CRC) on October 4, 2023, the game ended 2-2. Javon East and Orlando Sinclair scored for the Costa Ricans, and an own goal by Fidel Escobar and Marvin Fletes were the goals for the Nicaraguan club.

The last time Deportivo Saprissa faced a club from Guatemala in the quarterfinals of an official international tournament was in the 2021 edition of the Scotiabank Concacaf League against Comunicaciones FC (GUA), where they were eliminated 6-5 on aggregate.

In the first leg on October 21, 2021, in San José (CRC), Deportivo Saprissa won 4-3. Orlando Sinclair, Mariano Torres, David Guzmán, and an own goal by Nicolás Samayoa scored for the home team, and Óscar Santis scored a hat-trick for Comunicaciones FC. In the return leg on November 3, 2021, in Guatemala City, Comunicaciones won 2-1 with goals from Andrés Lezcano and Juan Anangonó for the home team, and Kendall Waston scored for Deportivo Saprissa.

DEPORTIVO SAPRISSA vs. GUATEMALAN CLUBS						
Tournament	Year	Club	Club	Round	AGG	WIN
Champions Cup	1973	Saprissa	Comunicaciones FC	2nd	4x1	SAP
Champions Cup	1974	Saprissa	Aurora FC	1st	3x3	AUR
Champions Cup	1975	Saprissa	CSD Municipal	3rd	pks 6x5	SAP

Champions Cup	1977	Sapriisa	CSD Municipal	3rd	3x1	SAP
Champions Cup	1978	Sapriisa	Comunicaciones FC	3rd	0x3	COM
Champions Cup	1983	Sapriisa	CSD Suchitepéquez	1rd	2x3	SUC
Champions Cup	1986	Sapriisa	Comunicaciones FC	Group 2	2x3	COM
Liga CONCACAF	2021	Sapriisa	FC Santa Lucía	R16	6x2	SAP
Liga CONCACAF	2021	Sapriisa	Comunicaciones FC	QF	5x6	COM



## Antigua GFC (GUA)

Antigua GFC will play in the quarterfinals of the Central American Cup for the first time in its history.

The Guatemalan team is undefeated in its debut participation (W-2 D-2) against teams from Belize, El Salvador, Panama, and Honduras. It scored 7 goals in the group stage. Its last 6 goals were scored in the second half; José Ardón, who scored the first goal against Port Layola in Week 1, marked the only goal during the first half. In their previous 4 CCAC matches, they never managed to lead at the end of the first half. Additionally, they did not concede any goals in the last half-hour of play (all 3 goals conceded were from open play). The team coached by Spanish manager Javier López won their last home game (2-0 vs. CAI in Group C).

**Participations in the CCAC:** 1 (2024).

**Record in the CCAC:** GP-4 W-2 D-2 L-0 (GF-7 GA-3).

**Top scorers in the CCAC:** José Ardón (GUA) 3, Santiago Manuel Gómez (ARG) 2, Dennis Ramírez (GUA) 1, Romario da Silva (BRA).

**Most assists:** Romario da Silva (BRA) 3, José Gálvez (GUA) 1, Cristian Hernández (ARG), José Espinoza (GUA).

**Players with the most appearances in the CCAC:** Luis Morán, Alexander Robinson, José Ardón, Angel Díaz, Santiago Gómez, José Gálvez, Cristian Hernández, Robinson Flores, Óscar Castellanos, Romario Da Silva, Ditter Lang, Dewinder Bradley (4 Matches), José Espinoza, Dennis Ramírez (3), Guillermo Carbonell, Brandon De León (2).

**Saves:** Luis Morán (GUA) 11.

**Goal-scoring methods in CCAC 2024:** Open Play (5), Headers (2), Free Kick (-), Penalty (-), Own Goal (-).

**Goal-scoring opportunities** (51). Shots on goal (15).

**Youngest scorer in the CCAC:** Dennis Ramírez (GUA) - 22 years, 11 months, and 11 days (vs. Port Layola - Round 1 - Group C 2024).

**Oldest scorer in the CCAC:** Romario da Silva (BRA) - 34 years, 5 months, and 9 days (vs. CAI - Round 3 - Group C - 2024).

**Fastest goal in the CCAC:** José Ardón (GUA) vs. Port Layola - Round 1 - Group C 2024 (13 MIN 26 SEC).

**Hat-trick:** José Ardón (GUA) vs. Port Layola - Round 1 - Group C 2024

**Players to watch:**

**José Ardón (GUA).** The defender, who was the team's top scorer with a hat-trick on his debut against Port Layola. The team captain made 7 shots, 8 recoveries, 124 passes with an accuracy of 89%

**Santiago Manuel Gómez (ARG).** Scored goals in the last 2 games, both at the beginning of the second half (vs. CAI and Olimpia). He took 6 shots in his 321 minutes in the CCAC.

**Romario da Silva (BRA).** Provided three assists in the group stage (3). Scored 1 goal vs. CAI, gave 2 assists vs. Port Layola, and a goal pass against Olimpia. He took 10 shots in his 4 appearances in the CCAC 2024.



**Deportivo Saprissa (CRC)**

Deportivo Saprissa won 4 of their last 5 matches in the CCAC: 4-0 against Motagua (in the 2023 Play-In), 5-0 against Guanacasteca, 3-2 against Managua, and 1-0 against Municipal in the 2024 Group D. They lost 1-2 in their last visit against Real Estelí. They aim to advance beyond the quarterfinals for the first time after being eliminated by Real Estelí in 2023.

Saprissa was the team that scored the most headers (5) in the 2023 edition of the CCAC. In the 2024 edition, they have scored 10 goals in their 4 group stage matches, none of which were headers (7 from open play, 1 from a penalty, and 1 own goal in their favor). The 5 goals conceded in the 2024 CCAC were in the first half.

Saprissa won 1 of their last 5 away games (3-2 against Managua in the 2024 Group D). They defeated the 2 Guatemalan teams they faced in the history of the CCAC, both at home: 5-0 against Cobán Imperial in 2023 and 1-0 against Municipal in 2024.

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

**Record in the CCAC:** GP-12 W-7 D-3 L-2 (GF-28 GA-9). \*Includes Play-In matches.

**Top scorers in the CCAC:** Javon East (JAM) 6, Ariel Rodríguez (CRC) 6, Orlando Sinclair (CRC) 5, Jefferson Brenes (CRC) 3, Michael Chirinos (HON) 2.

**Most assists:** Javon East (JAM) 4, Jorkaeff Azofeifa (CRC) 2, Ariel Rodríguez (CRC) 2, Ulises Segura (CRC) 2, Mariano Torres (ARG) 2, Orlando Sinclair (CRC) 1, Jefferson Brenes (CRC), Kendall Waston (CRC), Michael Chirinos (HON), David Guzmán (CRC), Jeffry Valverde (CRC).

**Players with the most appearances in the CCAC:** Esteban Alvarado, Javon East (12 Matches), Jeffry Valverde (11), Orlando Sinclair, Youstin Salas, Ariel Rodríguez, Fidel Escobar (10), Pablo

Arboine (9), Ulises Segura, David Guzmán, Kendall Waston, Jorkaeff Azofeifa, Kliver Gómez, Jefferson Brenes (8), Gerald Taylor (7).

**Saves:** Esteban Alvarado (CRC) 43 (9 in the 2024 edition).

**How goals were scored in the CCAC 2024:** Open Play (7), Penalty (1), Own Goal (1).

**Goal-scoring opportunities** (47). Shots on goal (16).

**Youngest scorer in the CCAC:** Warren Madrigal (CRC) 19 years, 3 months, and 2 days (vs. Motagua - Play-In 2023).

**Oldest scorer in the CCAC:** Mariano Torres (ARG) 37 years, 2 months, and 12 days (vs. AD Guanacasteca - Group D 2024).

**Fastest goal:** Javon East vs. AD Guanacasteca (vs. AD Guanacasteca - Group D 2024) 13 seconds.

**Quarterfinal record:** GP-2 W-0 D-1 L-1 (GF-2 GA-3).

**Top scorers in QF:** Javon East (JAM) 1, Orlando Sinclair (CRC).

**Players to watch:**

**Javon East (JAM).** The Jamaican striker has been the driving force in Saprissa's offense with 6 goals and 4 assists in 12 CCAC matches. In the 2024 edition, he has scored two goals and provided two assists.

**Jefferson Brenes (CRC).** Scored goals against AD Guanacasteca and Managua (Group D). He was the player with the most shots (8). The midfielder has scored 3 goals and 1 assist in the CCAC.

**Ariel Rodríguez (CRC).** Scored goals in the last 2 group stage matches (penalty vs. Real Estelí and from open play vs. Municipal). The forward has scored 6 goals and provided 2 assists in 9 CCAC matches. In club tournaments, he has scored 14 goals in 28 appearances.