

CSD Municipal (GUA) vs. Real Estelí (NCA)

GROUP D

Estadio Pensativo, Antigua

8-AGO

They will face each other for the first time in the Central American Cup.

CSD Municipal comes from losing in their first match of the 2024 edition, 0-1 away against Managua FC.

Managua FC's 1-0 victory over Municipal was the first time in history that Nicaraguan clubs achieved two consecutive wins in the tournament.

With their 1-0 defeat to Managua FC, CSD Municipal ended an important streak of three consecutive first match wins for Guatemalan clubs. In fact, they equaled Xelajú (1-0 in 2023 against Real Estelí FC) as the only Guatemalan teams to lose their debut match in the tournament.

Real Estelí, the current runner-up of the Central American Cup, has faced Guatemalan opponents three times with one win, one draw, and one loss. The only victory was a 1-0 win against Xelajú in Matchday One of Group B in the 2023 edition of the Central American Cup on August 1, 2023, with a header goal by Arley Bonilla. This was, in fact, the first goal scored in the history of the Central American Cup.



CSD Municipal (GUA)

Saves in the CCCA: Alejandro Medina was the starting goalkeeper against Managua FC and did not make any saves.

Players to watch:

Rudy Barrientos (GUA). He was the leader in passes (65) and ball recoveries (4) in the loss against Managua FC.

Ramiro Rocca (ARG). The Argentine forward has scored 11 goals in 15 international appearances. He scored 3 goals in 4 matches in the history of the Central American Cup.

Pedro Altán (GUA). He made four shots, one of which hit the posts in the loss against Managua FC.



Real Estelí (NCA)

The runners-up of the inaugural 2023 Central American Cup qualified for the 2024 edition by finishing first in the accumulated points table in Nicaragua.

The club's top scorers are Arley Bonilla, Juan Barrera, and Bancy Hernández, with 2 goals each.

Record in the CCAC: GP-10 W-5 D-3 L-2 (GF-12 GA-10).

Scorers in the CCAC: Juan Barrera (NCA) 2, Bancy Hernández (NCA) 2, Arley Bonilla (COL) 2, Abel Méndez (ARG) 1, Ewerton Bezerra (BRA) 1, Harold Medina (NCA) 1, Marvin Fletes (NCA) 1, Byron Bonilla (NCA) 1.

Assists in the CCAC: Abel Méndez (ARG) 2, Byron Bonilla (NCA) 2, Harold Medina (NCA) 2, Henry García (NCA) 1, Leyvin Balanta (COL) 1.

Players with the most appearances in the CCAC: Josué Quijano, Fabián Monserrat, Arley Bonilla, Ebert Martínez, Marlon López, Douglas Forvis (10 GP), Harold Medina, Marvin Fletes, Juan Barrera, Byron Bonilla (9 GP), Óscar Acevedo (8 GP).

Saves in the CCAC: Douglas Forvis (NCA) 27.

Real Estelí has scored goals in 9 matches, failing to score in only one, with 5 clean sheets and conceding goals in the same number of matches.

Players to watch:

Byron Bonilla (NCA). Scored 10 goals in 33 matches in the 2023/24 season of the Nicaraguan First Division. The forward played in 9 matches in the 2023 edition and scored 1 goal against Alajuelense in the final.

Josué Quijano (NCA). The 33-year-old defender has 27 international appearances. He played in all 10 matches for Real Estelí in the 2023 edition.

Juan Ignacio Vieyra (ARG). The Argentine midfielder will play for the second time in the Central American Cup but with a different team. In 2023, he played three matches for Real España of Honduras.