



CS Herediano (CRC) vs. Motagua (HON)

Group A, Estadio Nacional, San José, August 28, 2024

For Motagua, it will be a rematch against CS Herediano after losing the final of the Scotiabank Concacaf League to the Florenses in Tegucigalpa, Honduras in 2018.

In the 2018 final, on October 25, CS Herediano won 2-0 with goals from Jimmy Marín and Allan Cruz. In the second match in Tegucigalpa on November 1, Motagua, with a brace from Rubilio Castillo, was close to forcing extra time but a late goal by Jimmy Marín gave the Costa Ricans the title with a 3-2 aggregate score.

For CS Herediano, this will be the second time facing a Honduran opponent in the Central American Cup after defeating Real España 3-2 in Group C of the 2023 edition (with doubles from Alejandro Bran and Ronaldo Araya).

FC Motagua will face a Costa Rican club for the fourth time in the Central American Cup, where they have 1 draw and 2 losses (against Saprissa in the Play-in for the Concacaf Champions Cup).

CS Herediano and FC Motagua were opponents in the First Round of the 1975 Concacaf Champions Cup, each achieving one victory.

FC Motagua 2-1 CS Herediano (goals by Salvador Bernárdez and Pedro Caetano; Vicente Wanchope), First Leg, First Round, National Stadium, Tegucigalpa (May 4, 1975).

CS Herediano 2-0 Motagua (goals by Fernando Montero and Rafael Camacho), Second Leg, First Round, 1975 Concacaf Champions Cup, Eladio Rosabal Cordero Stadium, Heredia (May 15, 1975).



CS Herediano (CRC)

CS Herediano has kept three clean sheets in the 2024 edition. The team secured victories with scores of 1-0 against Tauro, 1-0 against Diriangén, and 1-0 away against San Francisco.

CS Herediano remains unbeaten with 7 wins and 4 draws. Furthermore, they have won 6 consecutive matches in the group stage with 6 wins and 1 draw.

CS Herediano scored goals in 10 of their 11 matches in the CCAC and kept clean sheets in 46% of the encounters (5). They achieved 87% of the points at home (4-W 1-D) and scored 7 of their 11 goals at home in the second half (scoring their recent 5 home goals after halftime).

Best result in the CCAC: Semifinals in the 2023 edition.

Record in the CCAC: GP-11 W-7 D-4 L-0 (GF-18 GA-10).

Top scorers in the CCAC: Jesús Godínez (MEX) 3, David Sayago (ARG) 2, Fernán Faerron (CRC) 2, Alejandro Bran (CRC) 2.

Assists in the CCAC: Haxzel Quirós (CRC) 3, Gerson Torres (CRC) 2, John Jairo Ruíz (CRC) 2.

Saves: Aarón Cruz (CRC) 31 (8 in the 2024 edition).

Top scorers in the 2024 edition: John Jairo Ruíz (CRC) 1, José de Jesús González (MEX), Yendrick Ruiz (CRC).

Assists in the CCAC 2024: Elías Aguilar (CRC) 1, Darryl Araya (CRC).

Goal scoring situations (30). Shots on target (14).

Players to watch:

Andy Rojas (CRC). He made 4 shots in the 1-0 victory against San Francisco at the University of Panama Stadium. The 18-year-old forward has scored 2 goals in 11 international appearances.

Yendrick Ruiz (CRC). He scored the winning goal against San Francisco (0-1) on his first shot. The experienced forward has scored 16 goals in 32 Concacaf club tournament matches with CS Herediano.

Miguel Basulto (MEX). He is the team's leading passer with (241). He completed 92% of his passes in the CCAC 2024 (222 effective passes). With 11 matches, he is the outfield player with the most appearances in the CCAC.



FC Motagua (HON)

FC Motagua is aiming for its third consecutive victory for the second time in the CCAC (0-5 vs. Verdes FC, 2-0 vs. Sporting San Miguelito, and 1-0 vs. Olancho, in the first 3 matches of Group D of the 2023 edition).

FC Motagua has won 2 of the last 8 matches in the CCAC (3-2 vs. San Francisco and 4-1 vs. Tauro FC).

FC Motagua is on a streak of 4 consecutive road losses (5-1 vs. Alajuelense, 2-0 vs. CAI, 4-0 vs. Saprissa, and 2-1 vs. Diriangén). Their only away win was 5-0 vs. Verdes FC (Agustín

Auzmendi x3, Iván López, and Carlos Mejía), Group D, FFB Field Stadium, Belmopan (August 2, 2023).

Best result in the CCAC: Quarterfinals of the 2023 edition.

Record in the CCAC: GP-11 W-5 D-2 L-4 (GF-20 GA-19). *Includes Play-in matches.

Top scorers in the CCAC: Agustín Auzmendi (ARG) 9, Yeison Mejía (HON) 5, Iván López (HON) 1, Carlos Mejía (HON), Luis Vega (HON), Rubilio Castillo (HON), Rodrigo Auzmendi (ARG), Raúl Santos (HON).

Assists in the CCAC: Rodrigo Gómez (ARG) 3, Walter Martínez (HON) 2, Jorge Serrano (PAN) 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).

Saves: Jonathan Rougier (ARG) 21 (4 in the 2024 edition), Enrique Facussé (HON) 1.

Top scorers in the 2024 edition: Agustín Auzmendi (ARG) 2, Yeison Mejía (HON) 2, Luis Vega (HON) 1, Raúl Santos (HON), Rodrigo Auzmendi (ARG), Rubilio Castillo (HON).

Assists in the 2024 edition: Rodrigo Gómez (ARG) 3, Jorge Serrano (PAN) 2, Carlos Mejía (HON) 1, Rodrigo Auzmendi (ARG).

Goal scoring situations (39). Shots on target (14).

Players to watch:

Agustín Auzmendi (ARG). He is the top scorer of the Central American Cup with 9 goals in 11 matches. To date, he has made 8 shots in the games against Diriangén, San Francisco, and Tauro FC. In two appearances in the CCAC, he has 33 shots.

Román Castillo (HON). The team captain leads the CCAC 2024 in shots (9) with 1 goal vs. Tauro FC. The forward scored 5 goals in 6 matches in the 2018 Scotiabank Concacaf League. Castillo has played 18 matches in Concacaf club tournaments.

Rodrigo Gómez (ARG). He has been involved in goals in each of Motagua's matches in the current edition with 3 assists (3 Matches Played). The Argentine midfielder has made 5 shots, 109 passes (78% completion rate), and recovered 3 balls.