



Tauro FC (PAN) vs. Diriangén (NCA)

Group A Estadio Rommel Fernández, Panama City, August 22, 2024

They will face each other for the first time in the Central American Cup and in any Concacaf club tournament.

Tauro FC has faced Nicaraguan opponents six times, achieving five victories and one draw. The last time they faced a Nicaraguan team was in the second leg of the 2018 Scotiabank Concacaf League quarterfinals, defeating Walter Ferretti 4-0 with goals from Edwin Aguilar, Iván Anderson, Enrico Small, and Armando Polo on August 30, 2018.

Cacique Diriangén FC has faced Panamanian teams six times, with four losses, one draw, and one win (4-1) against Eurokickers in the second leg of the Preliminary Round of the Concacaf Champions Cup on June 8, 1997.



Tauro FC (PAN)

Tauro FC lost in their tournament debut, the first two away games (1-0 vs. Herediano and 4-1 vs. FC Motagua).

The champion of the Panamanian Football League has gone seven matches without a win in international tournaments (D-3 L-4) and has lost the last four (including the 2023 Champions Cup and the 2024 CCAC). Their last victory was 1-0 against Sporting San Miguelito with a goal by Ernesto Sinclair in the Round of 16 of the 2022 Scotiabank Concacaf League.

Of the five goals conceded by Tauro FC, 100% were from open play, with four of those goals coming in the second half. The only goal they have scored was also in the second half.

Top Scorers in the CCAC: Moisés Velíz (PAN) 1.

Saves in the CCAC: Alex Rodríguez (PAN) 8, Celino Hinojosa (PAN) 5.

Goal-scoring opportunities: 11.

Shots on target: 4.

Players to Watch:

Moisés Velíz (PAN): Scored the first goal for Tauro FC in their 2024 Central American Cup debut against FC Motagua. He was also the player with the most passes (41) in that match.

Roberto Chen (PAN): The team captain has 20 international appearances with San Francisco, Árabe Unido, CD FAS, Sporting San Miguelito, and Tauro FC. The only goal scored by the defender was against FC Dallas in the 2016/17 Concacaf Champions League while playing for Árabe Unido.

Ramses de León (PAN): The 21-year-old forward has taken three shots. De León scored 3 goals in 18 matches in the Panamanian Professional League.



Diriangén FC (NCA)

Diriangén FC has gone two matches without a win (0-1 vs. Herediano and 0-0 vs. San Francisco). Their only victory in the CCAC was a 2-1 win against FC Motagua in the opening match of the 2024 edition, scoring two headed goals.

Cacique Diriangén is seeking their first road win. In the 2023 edition of the tournament, they only managed to secure one point out of a possible six and failed to score any goals (1-0 vs. CD Águila and 0-0 vs. Real España in Group C) and 0-0 vs. San Francisco in 2024 in Group A.

All three goals scored by Diriangén in the history of the CCAC were headed goals by defenders.

Diriangén FC is the Nicaraguan club with the most 0-0 draws in the history of the tournament, having done so against Real España (HON) in 2023 and San Francisco FC (PAN) in 2024.

CCAC Appearances: 2 (2023 and 2024).

CCAC Record: GP-7 W-1 D-3 L-3 (GF-3 GA-5).

Top Scorers in the CCAC: Luis Copete (NCA) 2, Justing Cano (NCA) 1.

Assists in the CCAC: Matías Galvaliz (ARG) 2.

Saves in the CCAC: Alfonso Quesada (CRC) 19 (6 in the 2024 edition).

Top Scorers in the 2024 edition: Luis Copete (NCA) 1, Justing Cano (NCA) 1.

Assist Providers in the 2024 edition: Matías Galvaliz (ARG) 1, Anyelo Velásquez (NCA) 1.

Goal-scoring opportunities: 13.

Shots on target: 5.

Players to Watch:

Luis Coronel (NCA): He is the player with the most shots on the team, with 5. He has 13 international appearances in Concacaf club tournaments (three editions of the Scotiabank Concacaf League and two of the Central American Cup).

Alfonso Quesada (CRC): The Costa Rican goalkeeper has played in 9 international matches (7 as a Diriangén player in the last two editions of the CCAC). So far, he has made 19 saves.

Matías Galvaliz (ARG): He has provided assists in both editions of the Central American Cup, assisting both headed goals for Luis Copete in 2023 and Justing Cano in 2024. The Argentine midfielder has 32 international appearances and has scored 3 goals.