



Pachuca (MEX) vs. Philadelphia Union (USA)

Tuesday, March 12, 2024, Estadio Hidalgo, Pachuca, MEX.

Philadelphia Union drew for the second time, also the second with a score of (0-0) in single-elimination matches and added their third consecutive draw while playing at home. The last time they did so, they lost the series against Los Angeles FC in 2023.

The 0-0 draw between Philadelphia Union and CF Pachuca on March 5, 2024, marked the fourth consecutive match (2 draws, 2 losses) without a win for MLS teams against Liga MX opponents, ending a streak of two consecutive losses for MLS teams against their Mexican counterparts.

The 0-0 draw between Philadelphia Union and CD Pachuca was the third in first-leg matches in two-game eliminations. In the two previous series, no MLS team managed to advance. Los Angeles Galaxy was eliminated by Santos Laguna in 2016, and Orlando City was eliminated by Tigres UANL in 2023.

For CF Pachuca, the 0-0 draw against Philadelphia Union marked their third consecutive draw in the CCL, the longest draw streak since their participation in the CCC began in 2001.

Pachuca has drawn their opening match of the tournament three times in their history, all of them ending 0-0. Previously, they drew against FC Motagua of Honduras in 2008 and 2023. It was the 10th time CF Pachuca drew the first leg of any elimination in the CCC. In the previous nine occurrences, they advanced in seven (78%) and were eliminated in two (22%) against CF Montreal (CAN) in 2015 and against FC Motagua (HON) in 2023.

The 0-0 draw between Philadelphia Union and CF Pachuca on March 5, 2024, was the 11th such draw and the third with a score of (0-0) in first-leg matches between MLS and Liga MX teams. In the previous 10 instances, no MLS team advanced to the next phase after drawing in the first leg against a Mexican opponent.

The draw between Philadelphia Union and Pachuca marked the 20th time a Mexican club drew in the first game of the tournament. Only CF Pachuca and Cruz Azul achieved this feat in consecutive matches. Cruz Azul did it in 1969 against Toluca and in 1971 against Elizabeth SC (USA), while Pachuca did it against FC Motagua (HON) in 2023 and against Philadelphia Union (USA) in 2024.



Pachuca (MEX)

Pachuca will seek to qualify for the quarterfinals for the first time since they achieved it in 2016/17 when they were champions. The 3 times they reached the quarterfinals, they did so without having to play in the round of 16 (they advanced directly from the group stage). In 2009/10 (vs. Comunicaciones FC), in 2014/15 (vs. FC Montreal CAN), and 2016/17 (vs. Saprissa).

Pachuca has never lost a second-leg match in the knockout stage in the Concacaf Champions Cup since 2008/09, with a record of W-7 D-2. They drew 4 of the last 5 matches in the CCC. They have played 33 matches since the tournament format changed in 2008/09, and in 30 of those, they managed to score goals. Every time they failed to score; the match ended in a 0-0 draw (3 times). They have drawn 6 times in first-leg matches, of which they managed to advance to the next round 4 times in the history of the CCC.

Pachuca is undefeated in 6 matches in the CCC (2W-4D): Results: 3-1 vs. FC Dallas (SF 2016/17), 1-1, 1-0 vs. Tigres UANL (Final 2016/17), 0-0, 1-1 vs. FC Motagua (R16 2023), and 0-0 vs. Philadelphia Union (R16 2024).

Participations in the Concacaf Champions Cup (Since 1962): 10 (2000, 2002, 2004, 2007, 2008, 2009/10, 2014/15, 2016/17, 2023, 2024).

Best Result: Champion (2) 2009/10, 2016/17.

Record in the Concacaf Champions Cup (Since 1962): GP-57 W-32 D-14 L-11 (GF-108 GA-115).

Top scorers since 2008/09: Hirving Lozano (MEX) and Ulises Mendivil (MEX) 9, Franco Jara (ARG) 6, Érick Gutiérrez (MEX), Paul Aguilar (MEX), Ariel Nahuelpán (ARG), Edgar Benítez (PAR) 5.

Players with the most appearances (since 2008/09): Érick Gutiérrez (MEX) 14, Hirving Lozano (MEX) 13, Edgar Benítez (PAR) 13, Alfonso Blanco (MEX) 12, Javier Muñoz Mustafá (ARG) 12, Gerardo Rodríguez (MEX) 12, Damián Manso (ARG) 12, Juan Carlos Rojas (MEX) 12.

Record in second-leg matches in the KO stage (since 2008/09): Played: 8 Won-7 Drawn-2 Lost-0.

Penalty shootouts: They have not played any since the format changed in 2008/09. In 2004, they lost 3-0 on penalties vs. Saprissa in the quarterfinals after a 2-2 draw on aggregate. In 2007, they defeated CD Guadalajara 7-6 on penalties and won the title after a 2-2 draw in the final.

Hat-tricks: Hirving Lozano (4 goles) vs. Police United (Grupo E - 2016/17), Abraham Carreño vs. Municipal (Grupo 1 - 2014/15) y Ulises Mendivil vs. Deportivo Jalapa (2009/10).

Participations in the Round of 16: 2023 (vs. FC Motagua) and 2024 (vs. Philadelphia Union).

Record in the Round of 16: GP-3 W-0 D-3 L-0 (GF-1 GA-1).

Top scorers in the Round of 16: Illian Hernández (MEX) 1.

Saves in the 2024 CCL: 3. Goalkeeper: Carlos Moreno (MEX) 3.



Goal-scoring situations (15). Shots on target (8).

Players to Watch:

Carlos Moreno (MEX). Made 3 saves and 1 clearance in the first leg against Philadelphia Union. Kept clean sheets in 2 international matches (0-0 vs. Houston Dynamo in the Concacaf Champions Cup 2023).

Pedro Pedraza (MEX). Completed (50) passes with an 89% success rate, took one shot, and recovered one ball in the match in Philadelphia.

Érick Sánchez (MEX). Ended the night with (5) shots against Philadelphia (2 on target and 3 off target). The Midfielder was a CCC Champion in 2016/17 with Pachuca.



Philadelphia Union (USA)

Philadelphia Union has advanced through both Round of 16 stages they've played in the CCC. They eliminated teams solely from Central America: Saprissa in 2021 and Alianza FC in 2023. They remain undefeated, scoring 9 goals and conceding none in their 5 Round of 16 matches.

They drew in their last 2 matches in the 2024 CCC, both at home. Additionally, they failed to score in their last 4 CCC matches, winning 1 (3-2 vs. Saprissa), drawing 2 (3-3 vs. Saprissa and 0-0 vs. Herediano), and losing 1 (3-0 vs. LAFC).

They advanced to the next round when drawing their first leg match: (0-0) and (4-0) vs. Alianza FC from El Salvador in the 2023 Round of 16. Their last draw in a first-leg match was in the 2023 semifinals (1-1), where they were eliminated by Los Angeles FC after losing 3-0 in the second leg.

Participations in the Concacaf Champions Cup (Since 1962): 3 (2021, 2023, 2024).

Best Result: Semifinals (2) 2021, 2023.

Record in the Concacaf Champions Cup (Since 1962): GP-15 W-6 D-6 L-3 (GF-23 GA-16).

Top scorers in the CCC: Julián Carranza (ARG) 6, Kacper Przybylko (GER) 5, Daniel Gazdag (HUN) 3, Jamiro Monteiro (NED) 2, Anthony Fontana (USA) 2, Andrés Perea (USA) 2.

Players with the most appearances in the CCC: Alejandro Bedoya (USA) 15, Kai Wagner (GER) 14, Jakob Glesnes (NOR) 14, Andre Blake (JAM) 13, José Martínez (VEN) 13, Jack McGlynn (USA) 12, Quinn Sullivan (USA) 12, Olivier Mbaizo (CAM).

Record in second-leg matches in the KO stage (since 2008/09): G-7 W-2 D-3 L-2

Highest-scoring victory (since 2008/09): 4-0 vs. Saprissa (Jamiro Monteiro x2, Kacper Przybylko, and Anthony Fontana) - Round of 16 2021; 4-0 vs. Alianza FC (Damion Lowe, Daniel Gazdag, and Andrés Perea x2) - Round of 16 2023.

Penalty shootouts: 0. Played one match with Extra Time in the Round One 2024: defeating Saprissa after a 5-5 draw on aggregate.

Hat-tricks: Julián Carranza (vs. Deportivo Saprissa - Round One 2024).

Participations in the Round of 16: 2021 (vs. Saprissa), 2023 (vs. Alianza FC), and 2024 (vs. Pachuca).

Record in the Round of 16: G-5 W-3 D-2 L-0 (GF-9 GA-0).

Top scorers in Round of 16: Andrés Perea (USA) 2, Kacper Przybylko (GER) 2, Jamiro Monteiro (NED) 2, Daniel Gazdag (HUN) 1, Anthony Fontana (USA) 1, Damion Lowe (JAM) 1.

Top scorers in the 2024 CCC: Julián Carranza (ARG) 4, Quinn Sullivan (USA) 1, Mikael Uhre (DEN) 1.

Assists in the 2024 CCC: Daniel Gazdag (HUN) 2, Kai Wagner (GER) 1, Quinn Sullivan (USA) 1, Jack McGlynn (USA) 1.

Saves in the 2024 CCC: 8. Goalkeepers: Oliver Semmler (GER) 3, Andre Blake (JAM) 5. (5 goals conceded - 1 clean sheet).

How goals were scored: Open play (4), headers (2).

Goal-scoring opportunities (29). Shots on target (14).

Players to Watch:

Julián Carranza (ARG). Was the top scorer in Round One (4 goals vs. Saprissa). The Argentine has scored 6 goals in 8 appearances in the 2023 and 2024 editions. He did not play in the first leg of the Round of 16 against Pachuca.

Jack McGlynn (USA). Was the player with the most passes (65) besides 5 ball recoveries. The 20-year-old midfielder has 12 appearances and 19 international matches (played 7 matches in the Concacaf Champions Cup 2023).

José Martínez (VEN). Had 7 ball recoveries against Pachuca and completed 36 passes in the first match.