

CAMPEONES CUP

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Lower.com Field, Columbus, Ohio

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AR1: Ojay Duhaney (Jamaica); AR2: Iroots Appleton (Antigua & Barbuda); 4th/4to: Reon Radix (Grenada);
VAR: Daneon Parchment (Jamaica); AVAR: Tristley Bassue (St. Kitts & Nevis)



COLUMBUS CREW

1	Eloy Room	GK
3	Josh Williams	DF
4	Jonathan Mensah	DF
6	Darlington Nagbe	MD
7	Pedro Santos	MD
10	Lucas Zelarayán	MD
11	Gyasi Zardes	FW
12	Luis Diaz	MD
13	Eric Dick	GK
14	Waylon Francis	DF
16	Isaiah Parente	MD
17	Marlon Hairston	MD
18	Liam Fraser	MD
19	Milton Valenzuela	DF
20	Alexandru Matan	MD
22	Derrick Etienne Jr.	MD
23	Grant Lillard	DF
24	Evan Bush	GK
25	Harrison Afful	DF
26	Saad Abdul-Salaam	DF
27	Miguel Berry	FW
30	Aboubacar Keita	DF
31	Steven Moreira	DF
33	Erik Hurtado	FW
99	Bradley Wright-Phillips	FW



CD CRUZ AZUL

1	Jesús Corona	GK
2	Josue Reyes	DF
4	Julio Dominguez	DF
7	Luis Romo	DF
8	Luis Mendoza	MD
10	Romulo Otero	MD
12	Joaquin Martinez	DF
15	Jose Rivero	MD
16	Adrian Aldrete	DF
17	Bryan Angulo	FW
18	Lucas Passerini	MD
19	Yoshimar Yotún	MD
20	Alexis Gutierrez	MD
21	Jonathan Rodríguez	FW
22	Rafael Baca	MD
23	Pablo Aguilar	DF
24	Juan Escobar	DF
25	Roberto Alvarado	MD
28	Guillermo Fernandez	MD
29	Santiago Gimenez	FW
30	Andres Gudiño	GK
31	Orbelin Pineda	MD
32	Walter Montoya	FW
33	Sebastian Jurado	GK

HEAD COACH: Caleb Porter

DIRECTOR TECNICO: Juan Reynoso

number/numero | name/nombre | position/posición

FW = forwards/delanteros | MD = midfielders/mediocampistas | DF = defenders/defensas | GK = goalkeepers/porteros

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LOWER.com FIELD, Columbus, Ohio

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CHAMPIONS OF MLS VS LIGA MX

TWO TEAMS. TWO LEAGUES.

ONE GAME. ONE NIGHT. ONE CUP.

Launched in 2018, Campeones Cup is an annual clash between the champions of Major League Soccer and Liga MX.

Campeones Cup is a foundational element of the landmark partnership between MLS and LMX — the two top soccer leagues in North America. Along with Leagues Cup, it is one of several on-field competitive events developed to showcase and heighten the rivalry between the leagues. At the same time, Campeones Cup is a centerpiece for collaborative efforts off the field, including a special focus on social responsibility to drive positive change.

LOS CAMPEONES DE LA MLS VS LIGA MX

DOS EQUIPOS. DOS LIGAS.

UN PARTIDO. UNA NOCHE. UNA COPA.

Lanzada en 2018, Campeones Cup es el encuentro anual entre los campeones de Major League Soccer y Liga MX.

Campeones Cup es parte de la histórica alianza entre MLS y Liga MX – las dos mejores ligas de Norteamérica. Junto con Leagues Cup, es una de las varias competencias desarrolladas que avivan la rivalidad entre los países sobre el campo de juego y enfocándose en responsabilidad social para lograr cambios.



CAMPEONES CUP: THIRD EDITION | TERCERA EDICIÓN

Now being played for the third time, Campeones Cup 2021 will feature the reigning MLS Cup champion, Columbus Crew against Cruz Azul, winner of Liga MX's Campeón de Campeones.

The two previous editions of Campeones Cup have been split, with MLS and LIGA MX claiming one title each, after Tigres UANL beat Toronto FC in the inaugural 2018 edition, and Atlanta United defeated Club América 3-2 in what was a thrilling contest in 2019, played in front of over 40,000 fans at Mercedes-Benz Stadium.

Campeones Cup, along with Leagues Cup, are part of a partnership between the two most important soccer leagues in North America, MLS and LIGA MX, which was launched in 2018.

This alliance goes beyond the two's rivalry on the pitch — it focuses on strengthening the sport in the regions where these matches are being played, encourages mutual collaboration and the sharing of best practices for the benefit of the local communities.

With that in mind, MLS and Liga MX will host a community service project in Columbus in partnership with the Ohio Hispanic Coalition to give back to the local community as part of Campeones Cup.

Campeones Cup is the finishing touch to a five-week span of clashes between MLS and Liga MX, which will be played out across August and September, including Leagues Cup matches, and the MLS All-Star game presented by Target, between the MLS All-Stars and the best of Liga MX. Campeones Cup is sponsored by BODYARMOR, Procter & Gamble and Diageo

En su tercera edición, Campeones Cup 2021 contará con el campeón reinante de MLS Cup, Columbus Crew en contra de Cruz Azul, ganador del trofeo Campeón de Campeones de la Liga MX.

Las dos ediciones previas de Campeones Cup representaron un título para MLS y otro para la LIGA MX, después de que Tigres UANL venciera a Toronto FC en la edición inaugural de 2018, mientras que en 2019, Atlanta United venció por 3-1 al Club América 3-2 en un emocionante partido, el cual se jugó frente a 40,000 fans en el Mercedes-Benz Stadium.

Campeones Cup, junto con Leagues Cup, forman parte de una gran alianza entre dos de las ligas más importantes en Norteamérica, MLS y LIGA MX, lanzada en 2018.

Leagues Cup y Campeones Cup son parte de una gran alianza estratégica entre las dos ligas de fútbol más importantes de Norteamérica, dicha alianza va más allá de la rivalidad en la cancha, se enfoca en el fortalecimiento del deporte en la región, en la colaboración mutua y en compartir mejores prácticas en beneficio de las comunidades locales de ambas ligas.

Con lo anterior en mente, MLS y Liga MX confirmaron que como parte de Campeones Cup realizaran un proyecto de servicio comunitario en Columbus, junto con Ohio Hispanic Coalition con el fin de brindar apoyo a la comunidad local.

Campeones Cup es el broche de oro a las cinco semanas de enfrentamientos entre MLS y Liga MX, a disputarse entre agosto y septiembre, incluidos los duelos de Leagues Cup, y partido de estrellas de MLS presentado por Target, entre las estrellas de MLS en contra de las estrellas de la Liga MX. Campeones Cup es patrocinada por BODYARMOR, Procter & Gamble, y Diageo.

HOW THEY QUALIFIED | CÓMO CALIFICARON**COLUMBUS CREW – 2020 MLS CUP CHAMPIONS**

Columbus Crew SC won the second championship in the club's Major League Soccer history, defeating Seattle Sounders FC 3-0 in 2020 MLS Cup at Historic Crew Stadium. Lucas Zelarayán was MLS Cup MVP after scoring two goals and adding one assist, involving in all three Crew SC goals, just the second player in MLS Cup history to be involved in three goals in a single final.

El Crew ganó la Copa MLS 2020 al derrotar 3-0 al Seattle Sounders FC, el mayor margen de victoria en la historia de la copa. El centrocampista Lucas Zelarayan anotó dos goles y dio una asistencia en el camino a ganar los honores de MVP de la MLS Cup. El equipo está dirigido por Caleb Porter, dos veces ganador de la MLS Cup (2015, 2020).

2020 MLS CUP**COLUMBUS CREW SC 3, SEATTLE SOUNDERS FC 0**

DATE: December 12, 2020 -- Mapfre Stadium

Attendance: 1,500.

Scoring Summary:

CLB--Zelarayan (Afful, Morris) 25

CLB--Etienne (Zelarayan) 31

CLB--Zelarayan (Diaz) 82

COLUMBUS CREW SC – Eloy Room, Harrison Afful, Jonathan Mensah, Josh Williams, Milton Valenzuela, Luis Diaz (Waylon Francis 90), Aidan Morris, Lucas Zelarayan, Artur (Fatai Alashe 88), Derrick Etienne Jr. (Hector Jimenez 83), Gyasi Zardes.

SEATTLE SOUNDERS FC – Stefan Frei, Alex Roldan (Kelvin Leerdam 60), Yeimar Gomez Andrade, Shane O'Neill (Jimmy Medranda 77), Nouhou Tolo (Brad Smith 45), Joevin Jones (Gustav Svensson 45), Joao Paulo (Will Bruin 60), Nicolas Lodeiro, Jordan Morris, Cristian Roldan, Raul Ruidiaz.

Referee: Jair Marrufo

Referee's Assistants: Corey Parker, Kathryn Nesbitt

4th Official: Alex Chilowicz.

Temperature: 48 and Cloudy.



CRUZ AZUL – CAMPEÓN de CAMPEONES 2020/21

Cruz Azul reached glory in May to end their almost 24-year championship drought after defeating Santos Laguna 2-1 on aggregate in the two-legged final. They kept their winning mentality by defeating Club León for the Campeón de Campeones. In the 60th minute Jonathan Rodríguez scored the game's opener to give his team the lead they were so desperately looking for. Seven minutes later, Rodríguez, who won the golden boot last tournament, scored his second. León saw the light at the end of the tunnel when Cruz Azul midfielder Yoshimar Yotún was shown a red card in the 80th minute, and took advantage when Santiago Ormeño found the back of the net. But Cruz Azul made a fantastic collective effort to win the Campeón de Campeones trophy for a third time.

El delantero uruguayo Jonathan Rodríguez firmó un doblete y el Cruz Azul derrotó 2-1 al León para proclamarse Campeón de Campeones de la Liga MX. El "Cabecita" Rodríguez firmó sus tantos a los 60 y 67 minutos para la Máquina, que en mayo pasado venció a Santos para romper una sequía de casi 24 años sin un título de liga en México. Cruz Azul ganó el trofeo de Campeón de Campeones por tercera ocasión en su historia. Antes lo había hecho en las temporadas 1968-69 y 1973-74.

CAMPEON DE CAMPEONES

CLUB LEON – CRUZ AZUL 1:2 (0:0)

18 julio 2021 – Dignity Health Sports Park, Carson, Calif.

Santiago Ormeño (82') -- Jonathan Rodríguez (60', 67')

LEON: 31 Iván Vázquez; 4 Andres Mosquera, 6 William Tesillo, 21 Jaine Barreiro, 8 José Rodríguez (64: 25 Omar Fernández), 28 José David Ramírez (90'+2': 11 Elías Hernández), 10 Luis Montes, 26 Fidel Ambríz, 16 Jean Meneses (77: 14 Santiago Ormeño), 13 Ángel Mena, 20 Emanuel Gigliotti

SUBSTITUTES: 3 Gil Burón, 7 Víctor Dávila, 23 Ramiro González, 32 Jesse Zamudio, 208 Oscar Villa, 195 Pablo Rangel, 192 Bernardo Aguilar

CRUZ AZUL : 1 José Corona; 23 Pablo Aguilar, 4 Julio Domínguez, 24 Juan Escobar, 19 Yoshimar Yotún, 28 Guillermo Fernández, 22 Rafael Baca, 15 Ignacio Rivero (77: 12 José Joaquín Martínez), 32 Walter Montoya (78: 5 Alexis Peña), 17 Brayan Angulo (45: 29 Santiago Giménez), 21 Jonathan Rodríguez (85: 8 Luis Mendoza)

SUBSTITUTES: 18 Lucas Passerini, 3 Jaiber Jiménez, 30 Andrés Gudiño, 20 Alexis Gutierrez, 2 Josué Reyes, 206 Cristian Jiménez

HISTORY / HISTORIA – CAMPEONES CUP 2018

The inaugural edition of Campeones Cup was played on September 19, 2018, at BMO Field in Toronto, Ontario. The match featured MLS Cup champions Toronto FC and Liga MX champions Tigres UANL. Tigres won 3-1, thanks to two goals from Jesús Dueñas and an own goal from TFC's Eriq Zavaleta. The Reds goal was scored on a penalty by Lucas Janson.

La edición inaugural de Campeones Cup, jugada el 19 de septiembre, 2018 en el BMO Field de Toronto, fue victoria para el conjunto de Liga MX, Tigres UANL, que derrotó a Toronto FC por 3-1.

TORONTO FC – TIGRES UANL 1:3 (0:1)

September 19, 2018 – BMO Field, Toronto, Ont., Canada

UANL – Jesús Dueñas 36 (Juninho)

UANL – Jesús Dueñas 64

UANL – Eriq Zavaleta 66 (own goal)

TFC – Lucas Janson 86

TORONTO FC – Alex Bono; Gregory van der Wiel (Auro Jr. 65), Eriq Zavaleta, Nick Hagglund, Justin Morrow; Jay Chapman, Michael Bradley ©, Marco Delgado, Jonathan Osorio; Jozy Altidore (Tosaint Ricketts 57), Sebastian Giovinco (Lucas Janson 40)

Substitutes Not Used: Clint Irwin, Jason Hernandez, Ashtone Morgan, Víctor Vázquez

TIGRES UANL – Nahuel Guzmán; Luis Rodríguez, Hugo Ayala, Juninho, Jorge Torres; Rafael Carioca, Guido Pizarro (Jürgen Damm 85), Lucas Zelarayán (Ismael Sosa 88); Eduardo Vargas (Enner Valencia 64), André-Pierre Gignac, Jesús Dueñas

Substitutes Not Used: Miguel Ortega, Israel Jiménez, Juan Sánchez, Rafael Durán



HISTORY / HISTORIA – CAMPEONES CUP 2019

It was another championship celebration for Atlanta United at Mercedes-Benz Stadium. Jeff Larentowicz and Josef Martinez scored six minutes apart in the second half to help lift the defending MLS Cup champions to a 3-2 win over Club America and capture the second edition of the Campeones Cup.

La segunda edición de Campeones Cup le dio a los aficionados lo que prometía. Dos equipos que salieron por toda, aficiones comprometidas, un espectáculo futbolístico de buen nivel entre dos equipos, dos ligas y un solo campeón: Atlanta United FC. El triunfo 3-2 le otorga al conjunto rojinegro -- vigente campeón de la MLS Cup -- su primer título internacional.

ATLANTA UNITED – CLUB AMÉRICA 3:2 (1:1)

August 14, 2019 – Mercedes-Benz Stadium, Atlanta, Georgia
ATTENDANCE: 40,128

ATL – Emerson Hyndman (Dion Pereira) 5
AME – Renato Ibarra (Roger Martinez) 13
AME – Roger Martinez (Francisco Cordova) 57
ATL – Jeff Larentowicz 59
ATL – Josef Martinez (penalty) 65

ATLANTA UNITED: Alec Kann; Florentin Pogba, Leandro Gonzalez Pirez, Franco Escobar (Miles Robinson – 44’); Dion Pereira (Justin Meram – 66’), Darlington Nagbe, Jeff Larentowicz ©, Julian Gressel; Emerson Hyndman, Josef Martínez, Pity Martínez (Ezequiel Barco – 90+2’).
Substitutes not used: Brad Guzan, Michael Parkhurst, Mo Adams, Hector Villalba.

CLUB AMERICA: Oscar Jiménez; Carlos Vargas, Jorge Sánchez, Bruno Valdez, Paul Aguilar; Guido Rodríguez, Andrés Ibarra (Israel Garcia – 90+2’), Sebastián Córdova (Leonel López – 83’), Renato Ibarra; Roger Martinez, Henry Martin (Nicolás Benedetti – 71’).
Substitutes not used: Luis Zamudio, Emanuel Aguilera, Antonio López, Fernando González.

DISCIPLINARY SUMMARY

ATL – Jeff Larentowicz (caution) 28’
AME – Bruno Valdez (caution) 41’
AME – Bruno Valdez (expulsion) 72’
AME – Carlos Vargas (caution) 80’

OFFICIALS: Joel Aguilar (referee), Juan Zumba (assistant), Walter López (assistant), Iván Arcides Barton Cisneros (fourth), José Carlos Rivero (VAR)



CAMPEONES CUP IN THE COMMUNITY

As part of their commitment to support positive change in local communities, Columbus Crew, Deportivo Cruz Azul, LIGA MX and MLS united to unveil a new digital learning center and a reimagined soccer activity zone at the Ohio Hispanic Coalition (OHC) North Site location.

The new soccer space will include a collapsible goal installation, co-designed by Columbus Crew and MLS Great Kyle Martino. The existing parking lot will transform into a futsal-style soccer court for kids to enjoy when the parking lot is not in use, creating an accessible soccer space for the local community.

Later this fall, once the system is installed, Martino will return to showcase the system in conjunction with a Columbus Crew-led soccer clinic with local youth on the futsal-style court. The Crew will support the Ohio Hispanic Coalition as it looks to create soccer programming in an effort to help the game continue to grow in Columbus. In addition, MLS and LIGA MX are set to donate new soccer equipment to the OHC.

The new digital center will enhance existing academic resources focused on addressing the digital divide. The new facility will include new laptops, tables and chairs and Campeones Cup themed décor. Columbus Crew will support the Ohio Hispanic Coalition through a diverse range of digital education programming including MLS's Leadership Development program Actions Matter in partnership with EverFi – which focuses on ending discrimination through bullying prevention – and the “Get A Kick Out of Reading” program which focuses on encouraging literacy among adolescents.

RULES OF COMPETITION

MATCH DURATION

- Each Competition Match shall last 90 minutes, comprising two periods of 45 minutes with an interval of 15 minutes in between.
- If a Competition Match is tied at the end of regulation time, there will be no extra time and the match will proceed directly to kicks from the penalty mark in accordance with the Laws of the Game.

VIDEO REVIEW

- During the Competition Matches, Video Review technology will be used, according to the VAR Protocol established by FIFA and IFAB. A Video Assistant Referee (“VAR”) and Assistant Video Assistant Referee (“AVAR”) will manage all aspects of Video Review.

MATCHDAY ROSTERS

- Twenty-three (23) players (11 starting players + 12 substitutes) will be allowed on the match roster as well as five (5) substitutions over the course of three (3) moments not including halftime will be allowed per Participating Club.
- Above and beyond the 5 “normal” substitutions in 3 opportunities, each team will be permitted to make up to an additional 2 “concussion substitutions” when there is a suspected/possible concussion. (IFAB Laws of the Game Concussion Substitute Protocol B). These 2 “concussion substitutions” are permitted regardless of how many “normal” substitutions or opportunities have already been used.



All MLS & LIGA MX Clubs to Pause Seasons for Historic Leagues Cup Starting in 2023

In a monumental new chapter for North American soccer, beginning in 2023, all of the clubs from the top two first division leagues in North America -- Major League Soccer and LIGA MX – will compete in a completely reimagined Leagues Cup: an annual, month-long, tournament. Both leagues will pause their respective seasons for one month during the summer to play Leagues Cup, showcasing the soccer infrastructure and capabilities in the region in the years leading into the 2026 FIFA World Cup in the U.S., Canada and Mexico – the first World Cup to feature 48 countries.

FIFA Vice President and Concacaf President Victor Montagliani joined MLS Commissioner Don Garber and Liga MX President Mikel Arriola at a press conference in New York for today's historic announcement. Montagliani, Garber and Arriola announced that the new Leagues Cup will be an official competition of the Concacaf Champions League (CCL), with the tournament champion earning automatic qualification for the CCL round of 16. In addition, clubs finishing second and third in Leagues Cup starting in 2023 will qualify for the Opening Round of the CCL.

As the latest and most ambitious step in the growing partnership between MLS and LIGA MX to further elevate the special rivalry between leagues, Leagues Cup 2023 will make history as the first major soccer tournament to feature every club from a pair of top-flight leagues.

“The new Leagues Cup with every club in MLS and LIGA MX competing in an intense, month-long, tournament will establish new standards for what is possible between our two leagues, and further showcase our players and clubs to a global audience,” said MLS Commissioner Don Garber. “Since its launch 3½ years ago, our partnership with LIGA MX has grown quickly and the competition has brought out the best in both of us. On the path to the FIFA World Cup in 2026 hosted by the U.S., Canada and Mexico, this is the perfect moment to produce a tournament that will elevate the profile of Concacaf and showcase the incredible passion our region has for soccer played at the highest level.”

Mikel Arriola, Executive President of LIGA MX said, “We are in a celebratory mood given the historic announcement about the new competition ecosystem established by Concacaf in which there will be an expansion of Leagues Cup. This is an example of coordination and goal alignment between the Confederation, MLS and LIGA MX. All parties involved converged on the objective to provide the fans of North American Futbol and all over the world greater entertainment and spectacle, provide MLS and LIGA MX clubs a more intensified competition schedule to raise playing standards and quality. In this way, economic benefits can be reinvested creating a virtuous cycle assisting the development of players, clubs, and marketing opportunities for futbol and sports in general.” Arriola closed by stating, “This day represents a before and after for the whole North America, Central America, and Caribbean regions as they will greatly benefit from this agreement.”

The new Leagues Cup will be a joint venture between Major League Soccer and LIGA MX – two of global soccer's most competitive, popular and exciting leagues – both full of rising and established stars who compete for dozens of national teams throughout the world. MLS and LIGA MX generally rank among the top eight in attendance among global soccer leagues.

Leagues Cup 2023 and beyond is part of the evolution of the successful partnership between MLS and LIGA MX launched in 2018 with Campeones Cup. The partnership is rooted in the on-field rivalry but connected by a true spirit of collaboration off the field, with a focus on sharing best practices, growing the beautiful game in North America, and being a force for positive change in the communities of both leagues. In competition, recent initiatives have included the MLS All-Star Game presented by Target, where the best of MLS faced the LIGA MX All-Stars in Los Angeles on August 25, and Campeones Cup, an annual match between the reigning champions of the two leagues.

Additional details regarding the annual, reimagined Leagues Cup will continue to be unveiled in the coming months.



Todos los clubes de MLS y LIGA MX pausarán temporadas para la histórica Leagues Cup

En un nuevo capítulo monumental para el fútbol norteamericano, que iniciará en 2023, todos los clubes de las dos principales ligas de primera división de Norteamérica, Major League Soccer y LIGA MX, competirán en una Leagues Cup completamente renovada: un torneo anual de un mes. Ambas ligas pausarán sus respectivas temporadas a lo largo de un mes durante el verano para disputar Leagues Cup, mostrando la infraestructura y las capacidades del fútbol de la región en los años previos a la Copa Mundial de la FIFA 2026, a celebrarse en EE. UU., Canadá y México, el primer Mundial que contará con 48 países.

El Vicepresidente de la FIFA y Presidente de la Concacaf, Victor Montagliani, se unió al Comisionado de la MLS, Don Garber, y al Presidente de la LIGA MX, Mikel Arriola, en una conferencia de prensa en Nueva York para el histórico anuncio de hoy. Montagliani, Garber y Arriola anunciaron que la nueva Leagues Cup será una competencia oficial de la Liga de Campeones de Concacaf, y el campeón del torneo obtendrá la clasificación automática a los Octavos de Final del torneo regional. Además, los clubes que terminen en el segundo y tercer lugar en Leagues Cup a partir de 2023 clasificarán a la Ronda de Apertura de Liga de Campeones de Concacaf.

Como el último y más ambicioso paso en la creciente asociación entre MLS y LIGA MX para elevar aún más la rivalidad especial entre ambas ligas, Leagues Cup 2023 hará historia como el primer gran torneo de fútbol que contará con la participación de todos los clubes de un par de ligas de primer nivel.

"La nueva Leagues Cup con participación de todos los clubes de la MLS y la LIGA MX compitiendo en un torneo intenso de un mes establecerá nuevos estándares para lo que es posible entre nuestras dos ligas, y mostrará aún más a nuestros jugadores y clubes a una audiencia global", dijo Don Garber, Comisionado de la MLS. "Desde su lanzamiento hace tres años y medio, nuestra asociación con LIGA MX ha crecido rápidamente y la competencia ha sacado lo mejor de ambas ligas. En el camino hacia la Copa Mundial de la FIFA 2026 organizada por los EE. UU., Canadá y México, este es el momento perfecto para producir un torneo que elevará el perfil de Concacaf y mostrará la increíble pasión que nuestra región siente por el fútbol al más alto nivel".

Mikel Arriola, Presidente Ejecutivo de la LIGA MX dijo, "celebramos el anuncio histórico del nuevo ecosistema de competencias establecido por la CONCACAF, en el que habrá una expansión de Leagues Cup. Este es un ejemplo de coordinación y alineación de objetivos entre la Confederación, la MLS y la LIGA MX. Todas las partes involucradas convergieron en el objetivo de brindar a los aficionados del fútbol norteamericano y de todo el mundo un mayor entretenimiento y espectáculo. Los Clubes de la LIGA MX y la MLS tendrán un calendario de competencias más intenso para elevar el nivel y la calidad del juego. De esta manera, los beneficios económicos pueden ser reinvertidos creando un círculo virtuoso que ayude al desarrollo de jugadores, Clubes y oportunidades de mercado para el fútbol y el deporte en general". Arriola concluyó afirmando que "este día representa un antes y un después para toda la región de Norteamérica, Centroamérica y el Caribe, que se beneficiarán enormemente de este acuerdo".

La nueva Leagues Cup será un proyecto conjunto entre Major League Soccer y LIGA MX, dos de las ligas más competitivas, populares y emocionantes del fútbol mundial, ambas llenas de estrellas emergentes y figuras establecidas que representan a docenas de selecciones en todo el mundo. MLS y LIGA MX generalmente se encuentran entre las ocho primeras ligas en asistencia entre las ligas de fútbol mundiales.

Leagues Cup 2023 y las ediciones subsiguientes son parte de la evolución de la exitosa asociación entre MLS y LIGA MX lanzada en 2018 con Campeones Cup. La asociación tiene sus raíces en la rivalidad en el campo, pero está conectada por un verdadero espíritu de colaboración fuera de la cancha, con un enfoque en compartir las mejores prácticas, hacer crecer el fútbol en América del Norte y ser una fuerza para el cambio positivo en las comunidades de ambas ligas. A nivel de competición, las iniciativas recientes han incluido el MLS All-Star Game presentado por Target, donde los mejores de la MLS se enfrentaron a los mejores de LIGA MX en Los Ángeles el 25 de agosto, y Campeones Cup, un partido anual entre los campeones reinantes de las dos ligas.

En los próximos meses se seguirán anunciando detalles adicionales sobre la Leagues Cup anual reimaginada.



Leagues Cup™ 2021

QUARTERFINALS / CUARTOS de FINAL

Tuesday, August 10

QF4: **Sporting Kansas City 1, Club León 6** (Children's Mercy Park, Kansas City, Kan)

QF3: **Seattle Sounders FC 3, Tigres UANL 0** (Lumen Field, Seattle, Wash.)

Wednesday, August 11

QF2: **New York City FC 1 (2), Pumas UNAM 1 (3)** (Yankee Stadium, New York, N.Y.)

Thursday, August 12

QF1: **Orlando City SC 0, Santos Laguna 1** (Exploria Stadium, Orlando, Fla.)

SEMIFINALS / SEMIFINALES

Tuesday, September 14

SF1: **Seattle Sounders FC 1, Santos Laguna 0** (Lumen Field, Seattle, Wash.)

Wednesday, September 15

SF2: **Club León 2, Pumas UNAM 0** (BBVA Stadium, Houston, Texas)

FINAL

Wednesday, September 22

FINAL: **Club León 3, Seattle Sounders FC 2** (Allegiant Stadium, Las Vegas, Nev.)

LEAGUES CUP

The 2021 Leagues Cup came to an end with an epic match between Club León and Seattle Sounders, which finished 3-2 in favor of the Liga MX side, just reward for a fine tournament.

This was the second edition of the Leagues Cup — Cruz Azul defeated Tigres in the 2019 Final, while in 2020 the tournament was not held owing to the Coronavirus pandemic.

La Leagues Cup 2021 llegó a su fin con un partido épico entre Club León y Seattle Sounders, que finalizó 3-2 a favor del equipo de LIGA MX para conseguir su primer título internacional en un Allegiant Stadium en Las Vegas, Nevada, repleto de emoción.

La Fiera y Seattle fueron un gran juego que, sin duda, brindará una mayor rivalidad entre ambas ligas. Esta fue la segunda edición de Leagues Cup, después que en el 2019 Cruz Azul derrotó en la final a Tigres.

Quarterfinals / Cuartos de final:

Seattle Sounders FC 3-0 Tigres UANL (August 10 agosto): In a game in which Seattle showed all of their defensive mettle, they kept one of the best teams in LIGA MX in recent years from scoring, while adding goals from Raúl Ruidíaz, Freddy Montero and Nicolás Lodeiro.

En un partido que Seattle mostró todo el potencial defensivo con el que cuentan, dejaron fuera a uno de los mejores equipos de LIGA MX en los últimos años con goles de Raúl Ruidíaz, Freddy Montero y Nicolás Lodeiro.

Sporting Kansas City 1-6 Club León (August 10 agosto): Ariel Holan's Verdiblancos were in fine form with a double by Omar Fernández, while Santiago Colombatto, Ángel Mena, Jean Meneses and Víctor Dávila also scored.

El equipo dirigido por Ariel Holan dio un golpe en la mesa con doblete de Omar Fernández, mientras que Santiago Colombatto, Ángel Mena, Jean Meneses y Víctor Dávila también anotaron.

New York City FC 1-1 Pumas UNAM (August 11 agosto): After a very entertaining game, the hosts took the lead in the second half with a goal from Valentín Castellanos, but Pumas equalized 10 minutes later with a goal by Rogério. In the penalty shootout, Julio González was the hero for Pumas, saving three penalties.

Luego de un juego muy entretenido, los locales se pusieron al frente en el segundo tiempo con gol de Valentín Castellanos, pero los universitarios igualaron 10 minutos después con anotación de Rogério. En penales, Julio González fue el héroe de Pumas atajando tres tiros.

Orlando City SC 0-1 Club Santos Laguna (August 12 agosto): Juan Otero scored the only goal of the match with a shot from outside the area going past Mason Stajduhar as Orlando tried, but failed, to find an equalizer. *Juan Otero metió el único gol del encuentro con un tiro fuera del área que le botó a Mason Stajduhar. Aunque Orlando intentó, no logró empatar.*

Semifinals / Semifinales:

Seattle Sounders 1-0 Club Santos Laguna (September 14 septiembre): In one of the closest matches of the tournament, a goal by Raúl Ruidíaz in the 93rd minute saw Seattle through to the Leagues Cup final.

En uno de los partidos más cerrados del torneo, un gol de Raúl Ruidíaz en el minuto 93' puso a Seattle en la final de Leagues Cup.

Club León 2-0 Pumas UNAM (September 14 septiembre): The sending off of Sebastián Saucedo with just six minutes on the clock changed the course of the match and just 10 minutes later Santiago Colombatto had the opener for León before Santiago Ormeño added a second goal on 68' to seal a place in the final.

La expulsión de Sebastián Saucedo al 6' sentenció el rumbo del encuentro y apenas 10 minutos después Santiago Colombatto metió el primero. Santiago Ormeño anotó el segundo gol al 68' para clasificar a la final.

Final:

Club León vs. Seattle Sounders FC (September 22 septiembre): In an exciting final, the MLS side would score first, but León battled back to come from behind. Seattle fought for an equalizer until the last moment, but failed to level the score and León would be crowned champions.

La final fue emocionante y después de que los estadounidenses anotaron el primero, los del Bajío vinieron de atrás. Seattle luchó hasta el último momento, pero no logró empatar.

	<h1>COLUMBUS CREW</h1>
<p>FOUNDED / FUNDACIÓN:</p>	<p>1994</p>
<p>STADIUM / ESTADIO:</p>	<p>Lower.com Field (20,371) Columbus, Ohio</p>
<p>DIRECTOR TECNICO / MANAGER:</p>	<p>Caleb Porter</p>

TROFEOS / HONORS:

MLS Cup: 2008, 2020

Supporters' Shield: 2004, 2008, 2009

U.S. Open Cup: 2002

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GP	W	L	T	PTS	GF	GA	GD	
27	9	11	7	34	32	36	-4	East 9

LAST MATCH / ULTIMA JORNADA

COLUMBUS CREW – CLUB DE FOOT MONTREAL 2:1 (1:0)

September 25, 2021 -- Lower.com Field

Scoring Summary:

CLB--Zardes 6 (Etienne 4) 44

CLB--Zardes 7 (Nagbe 2) 62

MTL--Quioto 6 (unassisted) 92+

CLUB DE FOOT MONTREAL--James Pantemis, Joel Waterman (Lassi Lappalainen 80), Rudy Camacho, Kamal Miller, Zachary Brault-Guillard, Joaquin Torres (Zorhan Bassong 68), Samuel Piette (Matko Miljevic 68), Djordje Mihailovic, Victor Wanyama, Mathieu Choiniere (Sunusi Ibrahim 68), Romell Quioto.

TOTAL SHOTS: 11 (Quioto 3); SHOTS ON GOAL: 4 (Quioto 2); FOULS: 7 (Camacho 3); OFFSIDE: 1; CORNER KICKS: 4; SAVES: Pantemis 4; CAUTIONS: None; EJECTIONS: None.

COLUMBUS CREW--Evan Bush, Harrison Afful, Jonathan Mensah, Josh Williams, Milton Valenzuela (Luis Diaz 70), Pedro Santos, Liam Fraser (Lucas Zelarayan 59), Darlington Nagbe, Marlon Hairston (Saad Abdul-Salaam 83), Derrick Etienne Jr. (Alexandru Irinel Matan 83), Gyasi Zardes (Miguel Berry 70).

TOTAL SHOTS: 10 (Santos 2, Zardes 2); SHOTS ON GOAL: 6 (Zardes 2); FOULS: 14 (Fraser 3, Hairston 3); OFFSIDE: 5; CORNER KICKS: 1; SAVES: Bush 3; CAUTIONS: Williams 39, Etienne 56; EJECTIONS: None.



ESTADISTICAS MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER 2021 STATISTICS

UNF	POS	PLAYER	GP	GS	MIN	G	A	SHT	SOG	FC	FS	OFF	CK	C	E
10	M	Lucas Zelarayan	25	21	2035	7	4	64	22	20	47	1	87	1	0
11	F	Gyasi Zardes	18	15	1348	7	0	31	15	8	28	9	0	0	0
27	F	Miguel Berry	11	5	420	5	0	10	7	8	3	1	0	0	0
7	M	Pedro Santos	25	23	1968	2	3	37	15	35	40	1	5	4	0
6	M	Darlington Nagbe	26	26	2287	2	2	14	3	19	45	0	1	1	0
4	D	Jonathan Mensah	24	23	2087	2	1	28	4	14	9	1	0	4	0
12	M	Luis Diaz	16	11	913	1	0	19	6	18	21	5	0	3	0
9	M	Kevin Molino	11	7	575	1	0	7	2	7	6	0	4	0	0
99	F	Bradley Wright-Phillips	17	6	630	1	0	12	3	9	9	8	0	0	0
22	M	Derrick Etienne Jr.	22	15	1325	0	4	16	5	10	21	14	0	4	0
25	D	Harrison Afful	22	20	1721	0	2	13	2	13	10	2	0	4	1
17	M	Marlon Hairston	14	11	909	0	1	7	2	18	15	1	0	1	0
33	F	Erik Hurtado (TOT)	16	5	571	0	1	13	3	10	2	4	0	3	0
33	F	Erik Hurtado (CLB)	9	3	290	0	0	6	1	7	0	1	0	3	0
5	D	Vito Wormgoor	12	12	936	0	1	3	0	12	6	0	0	2	0
26	D	Saad Abdul-Salaam	17	7	898	0	0	3	1	8	4	0	0	2	0
8	M	Artur	6	5	434	0	0	3	2	4	3	0	0	1	0
24	G	Evan Bush	3	3	270	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
14	D	Waylon Francis	22	13	1255	0	0	1	0	17	10	0	0	4	0
18	M	Liam Fraser (TOT)	17	9	916	0	0	3	2	14	6	0	0	0	0
18	M	Liam Fraser (CLB)	16	9	885	0	0	3	2	14	5	0	0	0	0
30	D	Aboubacar Keita	14	9	896	0	0	0	0	5	11	0	0	2	0
2	M	Perry Kitchen	5	3	202	0	0	1	0	6	2	0	0	2	0
20	M	Alexandru Irinel Matan	25	9	752	0	0	14	6	8	14	0	5	1	0
16	M	Isaiah Parente	6	2	210	0	0	0	0	4	3	0	1	1	0
1	G	Eloy Room	24	24	2160	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
19	D	Milton Valenzuela	7	6	368	0	0	2	0	4	4	0	0	0	0
3	D	Josh Williams	12	9	908	0	0	3	1	9	6	0	0	3	0
13	G	Eric Dick	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
28	G	Matt Lampson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
23	D	Grant Lillard	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
31	D	Steven Moreira	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
21	M	Aidan Morris	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Own-goals received				4									
		Team totals	27	27	2430	32	18	297	99	277	332	44	103	45	1
		Opponent totals	27	27	2430	36	26	389	113	332	277	32	140	42	0

GAME-WINNING GOALS: Gyasi Zardes 3, Lucas Zelarayan 2, Miguel Berry 2, Jonathan Mensah 1
 GAME-WINNING ASSISTS: Lucas Zelarayan 1, Pedro Santos 1, Darlington Nagbe 1, Marlon Hairston 1
 Derrick Etienne Jr. 1
 PENALTY KICK GOALS/ATTEMPTS: Pedro Santos 2-2

COLUMBUS CREW INDIVIDUAL GOALKEEPING

UNF	POS	GOALKEEPER	GP	GS	MIN	SHTS	SV	GA	GAA	PG	PA	W	L	T	SO
24	G	Evan Bush	3	3	270	7	4	3	1.00	0	0	2	0	1	1
1	G	Eloy Room	24	24	2160	106	70	33	1.38	3	3	7	11	6	5
		Team totals	27	27	2430	113	74	36	1.33	3	3	9	11	7	6
		Opponent totals	27	27	2430	99	70	32	1.19	2	2	11	9	7	10

* = Played with other teams in 2021. Only Columbus Crew statistics listed here.



COLUMBUS CREW ROSTER / PLANTEL

No	PLAYER	POS	HT	WT	BIRTHDATE	BIRTHPLACE
1	Eloy Room	GK	6-3	179	02/06/1989	Nijmegen, Netherlands
2	Perry Kitchen	MF	6-0	160	02/29/1992	Indianapolis, IN
3	Josh Williams	DF	6-2	185	04/18/1988	Akron, OH
4	Jonathan Mensah	DF	6-2	183	07/13/1990	Accra, Ghana
5	Vito Wormgoor	DF	6-2	179	11/16/1988	Leersum, Netherlands
6	Darlington Nagbe	MF	5-9	170	07/19/1990	Monrovia, Liberia
7	Pedro Santos	MF	5-6	139	04/22/1988	Lisbon, Portugal
8	Artur	MF	5-11	154	03/11/1996	Brumado, Bahia, Brazil
9	Kevin Molino	MF	5-8	155	06/17/1990	Carenage, Diego Martin, Trinidad
10	Lucas Zelarayan	MF	5-8	155	06/20/1992	Cordoba, Argentina
11	Gyasi Zardes	FW	6-1	187	09/02/1991	Los Angeles, CA
12	Luis Diaz	MF	5-11	159	12/06/1998	Nicoya, Costa Rica
13	Eric Dick	GK	6-5	205	10/03/1994	Roeland Park, KS
14	Waylon Francis	DF	5-9	160	09/20/1990	Puerto Limon, Costa Rica
16	Isaiah Parente	MF	5-9	150	03/16/2000	Median, OH
17	Marlon Hairston	MF	6-0	157	03/23/1994	Jackson, MS
18	Liam Fraser	MF	6-1	184	02/13/1998	Toronto, ON, Canada
19	Milton Valenzuela	DF	5-6	145	08/13/1998	Rosario, Argentina
20	Alexandru Matan	MF	5-6	135	10/29/1999	Galati, Romania
21	Aidan Morris	MF	5-10	158	11/16/2001	Fort Lauderdale, FL
22	Derrick Etienne Jr.	MF	5-10	160	11/25/1996	Richmond, VA
23	Grant Lillard	DF	6-4	195	12/05/1995	Hinsdale, IL
24	Evan Bush	GK	6-1	185	03/06/1986	Concord Township, OH
25	Harrison Afful	DF	5-6	135	07/24/1986	Tema, Ghana
26	Saad Abdul-Salaam	DF	6-4	185	09/08/1991	Charlotte, NC
27	Miguel Berry	FW	6-3	180	09/16/1997	Barcelona, Spain
30	Aboubacar Keita	DF	6-2	180	04/06/2000	New York, NY
31	Steven Moreira	DF	5-10	159	08/13/1994	Noisy-le-Grand, France
33	Erik Hurtado	FW	5-10	175	11/15/1990	Fredricksburg, VA
99	Bradley Wright-Phillips	FW	5-8	155	03/12/1985	London, England

HEAD COACH: Caleb Porter

	<h2>CDSC CRUZ AZUL</h2>	FOUNDED / FUNDACIÓN: 1963
	STADIUM / ESTADIO:	Estadio Azteca (81.070) Mexico DF
	DIRECTOR TECNICO / MANAGER:	Juan Reynoso

TROFEOS / HONORS:

Mexican Champion: 1979/80, 1978/79, 1973/74, 1972/73, 1971/72, 1969/70, 1968/69
 Mexican Champion Apertura: 1997/98
 Mexican Champion Guard1anes: 2021
 Mexican Campeón de Campeones: 2020/21, 1973/74, 1968/69
 Mexican Cup Winner: Apertura 2018; Clausura 2013; 1996/97; 1968/69
 CONCACAF Champions Cup Winner: 1996/97, 1995/96; 1970/71; 1969/70; 1968/69
 CONCACAF Champions League Winner: 2013/14
 Leagues Cup Winner: 2019

TEMPORADA 2021 SEASON

TORNEO	TJ	JG	JE	JP	GF	GC	DIF	PTS	
Apertura 2021	10	3	5	2	13	9	+4	14	7th / 7to

LAST FIVE GAMES				DATE	COMPETITION
D	Puebla		1-1	 Cruz Azul	Sep 24, 2021 Mexican Liga BBVA MX
W	Cruz Azul		2-0	 Querétaro	Sep 19, 2021 Mexican Liga BBVA MX
L	Cruz Azul		1-4	 Monterrey	Sep 16, 2021 CONCACAF Champions League
L	FC Juarez		2-1	 Cruz Azul	Sep 10, 2021 Mexican Liga BBVA MX
D	Cruz Azul		1-1	 Pachuca	Aug 29, 2021 Mexican Liga BBVA MX

ULTIMO PARTIDO / LAST MATCH

JORNADA 10 APERTURA 2021 LIGA MX WEEK 10

PUEBLA – CRUZ AZUL 1:1 (1:1)

Estadio Cuauhtémoc, September 24, 2021
 Pablo Parra (13') -- Brayan Angulo (38')

PUEBLA: 1 Antony Silva; 16 Juan Pablo Segovia, 5 Diego de Buen, 27 Lucas Varone (57: 20 Maximiliano Araujo), 2 Gustavo Ferrareis (83: 204 Emilio Martínez González), 11 Daniel Álvarez (82: 7 Amaury Escoto), 4 George Corral (83: 198 Alberto Herrera), 6 Javier Salas, 10 Christian Tabó, 14 Pablo Parra (65: 15 Guillermo Martínez), 17 Emanuel Gularte

SUBSTITUTES: 30 Jesus Rodriguez, 24 Raúl Castillo, 9 Fernando Aristeguieta, 19 Ángel Robles, 25 Ramón Juárez

CRUZ AZUL: 1 José Corona; 4 Julio Domínguez, 7 Luís Romo, 16 Adrián Aldrete (73: 25 Roberto Alvarado), 24 Juan Escobar, 19: Yoshimar Yotún (ejected/expulsado: 55), 22 Rafael Baca (89: 32 Walter Montoya), 15 Ignacio Rivero, 28 Guillermo Fernández (60: 29 Santiago Giménez), 17 Brayan Angulo (60: 21 Jonathan Rodríguez), 31 Orbelín Pineda (89: 12 José Joaquín Martínez)

SUBSTITUTES: 18 Lucas Passerini, 30 Andrés Gudiño, 20 Alexis Gutierrez, 194 Rodrigo Huescas



CRUZ AZUL ROSTER / PLANTEL

NO	NAME	POS	HT	WT	DOB	NAT
1	Jesus Corona	GK	5-11	181	1/26/1981	México
2	Josue Reyes	DF	5-11	170	12/10/1997	México
3	Jaiber Jimenez	DF	5-8	161	1/7/1995	México
4	Julio Dominguez	DF	5-9	152	11/8/1987	México
5	Alexis Peña	DF	6-2	159	1/13/1996	México
7	Luis Romo	DF	6-0	183	6/5/1995	México
8	Luis Mendoza	MD	5-7	159	2/3/1990	México
10	Romulo Otero	MD	5-5	141	11/9/1992	Venezuela
12	Joaquin Martinez	DF	5-9	141	2/22/1987	México
15	Jose Rivero	MD	6-0	157	4/10/1992	Uruguay
16	Adrian Aldrete	DF	5-9	157	6/14/1988	México
17	Bryan Angulo	FW	6-0	152	11/30/1995	Ecuador
18	Lucas Passerini	MD	6-2	192	7/16/1994	Argentina
19	Yoshimar Yotun	MD	5-7	146	4/7/1990	Perú
20	Alexis Gutierrez	MD	5-9	161	2/26/2000	México
21	Jonathan Rodríguez	FW	5-11	172	7/6/1993	Uruguay
22	Rafael Baca	MD	5-8	159	9/11/1989	México
23	Pablo Aguilar	DF	5-11	163	4/2/1987	México
24	Juan Escobar	DF	5-9	168	7/3/1995	Paraguay
25	Roberto Alvarado	MD	5-8	128	9/7/1998	México
28	Guillermo Fernandez	MD	5-9	168	10/11/1991	Argentina
29	Santiago Gimenez	FW	6-0	150	4/18/2001	México
30	Andres Gudiño	GK	6-0	190	1/27/1997	México
31	Orbelin Pineda	MD	5-6	130	3/24/1996	México
32	Walter Montoya	FW	5-8	161	7/21/1993	Argentina
33	Sebastian Jurado	GK	6-1	174	9/28/1997	México
181	Alfredo Cabañas	GK			5/3/2003	México
206	Cristian Jimenez	MD	6-2	150	7/18/2002	México
207	Emmanuel Gutierrez	FW	5-10	161	6/8/2002	México
244	Cristopher Benitez	MD			1/16/2005	México

DIRECTOR TECNICO: Juan Reynoso