



**Cruz Azul's** modern history dates back to **1965** when the team earned the right to play in the First Division after winning the Second Division championship. After just five short years, the team dominated the league and won six league championships between 1970 and 1980. Cruz Azul has won a total of **eight league championships**, the most recent coming in 1997. On an international level, the team has won **five CONCACAF Champion's Cups**. In 2001, Cruz Azul made it to the finals of the **Copa Libertadores**, falling short on penalty kicks to Argentine side, Boca Juniors. Cruz Azul remains the only Mexican team to have made it to the finals of the Copa Libertadores, an annual international tournament played by the top clubs of South America and recently Mexican teams as well.

Cruz Azul plays out of **Estadio Azul** in **Mexico City**, where the team is most commonly referred to by various nicknames including "**Los Cementeros**", meaning cement workers, after the Cruz Azul cement company that owns/founded the team and "**La Maquina**", meaning the Machine, a nickname that came about during the team's dominance in the '70s.

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