

Mexico Pachuca defeats Egypt Al Ahly

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Mexico's Pachuca pulled off a remarkable comeback from a two-goal deficit to defeat Egypt's Al Ahly 4-2 on Saturday and advance to the semifinals of the Club World Cup

Pachuca, representing CONCACAF, were in trouble after an own goal and another by Flavio just before half time put the Egyptians in command.

The Mexican club clawed their way back with second-half goals from midfielder Luis Montes and Christian Gimenez before Argentine midfielder Damian Alvarez sealed the victory eight minutes into extra time. Fellow Argentine Gimenez added a late insurance goal.

"We were unfortunate to be down 2-0 because I thought we played better than Al Ahly in the first half," said Pachuca coach Enrique Meza. "We had to think about how to achieve our goal and that was to play creatively. We scored two minutes into the second half and played more creatively and that's why we won."

Pachuca will meet South American champions Liga de Quito of Ecuador on Wednesday in the semifinals.

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