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[Morelia Beat Fusion With 2 Late Goals](#)

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Over the last decade the Ventura County Fusion has taken on top clubs and national teams from around the world in exhibition matches. Just this year Fusion played host to Armenian Premier League champions Alashkert FC, Liga Mx Pachuca U20 and 4 time CONCACAF U17 champions the Mexican U17 team that will be playing at the FIFA U17 World Cup India 2017.

That list just got a little longer.

This past Wednesday July 5th, VC Fusion battled in front of a capacity crowd at Ventura College Sportsplex against the third most popular team amongst Mexican soccer fans in the United States, a team filled with international soccer stars Los Monarcas de Morelia.

Against a team that just a couple of months ago made it to Liga Mx "liguilla" as one of the top 8 teams in league play, Coach Rudy Ybarra and the young Fusion kept their composure and at times specially during the first half dominated the "Canarios" with the visiting goalkeeper Yair Urbina stopping everything coming his way from Fusion attackers Joe Ammer, Niklas Korber and Josue Espana.

Second half started with more of the same with the pro Monarcas crowd stunned and surprised at what they were witnessing, with the "Fusion Faithful" cheering their boys on.

It wasn't until the 78th minute when a cross from Monarcas, Reyes found the head of Jorge Zarate putting the ball just out of the reach of Fusions keeper Angel Cervantes for the 1-0. After that it was all Morelia and at the 85th Fernando Ortiz with 3 Fusion defenders on top of him took a shot from just inside the box finding the net for the final 2-0 in favor of the Liga Mx Monarcas Morelia.

“We want to thank all of the fans that showed up for this match here in Ventura. We heard about the VC Fusion and I can tell you they a very good team,” Said Monarcas head coach Roberto Hernandez. “This is why we come here to play not only against teams from Liga Mx like we did in Portland against Leon and next up Chicago and Utah against Chivas and America, but against teams we don't usually play against and the Fusion was a great challenge for us, we wished them the best of luck moving forward.”

For VC Fusion General Manager Ranbir Shergill and the front office another well put event for thousands of fans to enjoy.

“This here was great a great experience for all, our team did outstanding taking everything in to account. That is a team that will compete at the highest level every time out and just two weeks from starting the very tough Liga Mx tournament,” Said a very excited Shergill. “Let's not forget our fans, we've had over eight thousand fans in three international exhibitions at home this year here at the Sportsplex and that is always good, inspires our organization to keep bringing high quality soccer to this area. As we have done for over a decade now”

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