

Scandal at the Mineirão: 23 sent off in a brawl that failed to break the Argentine record

After the final whistle that crowned **Cruzeiro** as champion of the state tournament by beating **Atlético Mineiro** 1-0, a spark between midfielder **Christian** and goalkeeper **Everson** unleashed a hell of punches, flying kicks and running that forced the intervention of the police in the middle of the field.

The 2016 Campeonato Mineiro final between Cruzeiro and Atlético Mineiro ended with 23 players sent off after a massive brawl at the Mineirão stadium. Despite the scale of the scandal, this did not surpass the world record of 36 expulsions, which occurred in Argentina during the match between Claypole and Victoriano Arenas in 2011.



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The violence escalated to unprecedented levels in modern football. Cameras captured Argentinian **Lucas Villalba** launching a flying kick at **Hulk** , while the veteran Atlético Mineiro striker responded with a punch to the back of **Lucas Romero** . The official tally from referee **Matheus Candelanor** was devastating: 12 players were sent off for the home side and 11 for the team managed by **Eduardo Domínguez** .



The beard had a traumatic first ending

While the 23 red cards mark a new record for indiscipline in the **Brasileirão** , the figure falls far short of the world record held by the lower divisions of our country. The match with the most expulsions in football history was played on **February 24, 2011, between Claypole and Victoriano Arenas in the Primera D** of Argentine football.

The match ended with **36 players sent off** , an absolute record. After a Claypole goal sparked a general brawl among players, substitutes, and members of the coaching staff, referee Damián Rubino decided to show red cards to **all the players from both teams** , including those on the bench. The incident is recorded as the match with the most expulsions in football history.