

MLS WEEK 9 – LOOK AHEAD

ORLANDO CITY SC vs. SAN JOSE EARTHQUAKES

Tuesday, June 22, 2021 (Week 9, MLS Game #112)

Exploria Stadium, Orlando, Fla.

7:30 p.m. ET (UniMás / TUDN)

REFEREE: Chris Penso. AR1 (bench): Jeremy Kieso; AR2 (opposite): Brooke Mayo; 4th: Marcos de Oliveira;

VAR: Guido Gonzales Jr.; AVAR: Kyle Longville

MLS Career: 175 games; FC/gm: 23.7; Y/gm: 3.7; R: 52; pens: 70

LEAGUE HEAD-TO-HEAD: Orlando City 1 win, 7 goals ... Earthquakes 1 win, 9 goals ... Ties 3

AT ORLANDO: Orlando City 1 win, 5 goals ... Earthquakes 0 wins, 4 goals ... Ties 1

- Orlando City won for a fourth time in the last six games, getting a late winner for a 3-2 win against Toronto FC at Exploria Stadium on Saturday evening. **Tesho Akindede** scored his third goal of the season, in the first minute – becoming the third player in MLS history to score first-minute goals in two different games in the same season – and **Nani** added his fourth of the year, tied for seventh in MLS Golden Boot standings.
- The Earthquakes snapped a four-game losing slide, reaching a goalless draw with Austin FC in the opening of Q2 Stadium in Austin. **JT Marcinkowski** was credited with six saves in recording his first shutout of the year.
- The teams last met during the 2019 season. **Chris Wondolowski** scored a pair of goals as the Quakes took a 3-0 win Aug. 31 in San Jose, their first win in five meetings in the series.
- Orlando City SC won the last meeting in Orlando, a 3-2 win April 21, 2018, the first victory by either side in the all-time series. The teams played to draws in each of their first three meetings.

OCSC: **Tesho Akindede** also added an assist, his third of the season, a second consecutive game with an assist and his third in the last four matches. Akindede has a goal and/or an assist in four consecutive games, matching the longest streak in his MLS career (also: 3 goals, 2 assists, 3/19-4/13/2016). It was the fourth time he had a goal and an assist in the same game in his MLS career.

QUAKES: The shutout was the sixth of **JT Marcinkowski's** MLS career, in 25 appearances. Three have come in scoreless draws.

NEW ENGLAND REVOLUTION vs. NEW YORK RED BULLS

Wednesday, June 23, 2021 (Week 9, MLS Game #113)

Gillette Stadium, Foxborough, Mass.

7 p.m. ET (WSBK TV38 / MyRITV; MSG)

REFEREE: Robert Sibiga. AR1 (bench): Jeffrey Swartzel; AR2 (opposite): Art Arustamyan; 4th: Elijo Arreguin; VAR: Younes Marrakchi; AVAR: Thomas Supple

MLS Career: 123 games; FC/gm: 21.6; Y/gm: 3.5; R: 24; pens: 34

LEAGUE HEAD-TO-HEAD: Revolution 32 wins (3 shootout), 123 goals ... Red Bulls 28 wins (2 shootout), 124 goals ... Ties 17

AT NEW ENGLAND: Revolution 24 wins (1 shootout), 73 goals ... Red Bulls 6 wins (2 shootout), 45 goals ... Ties 8

- The Revolution won their fourth game in a row, getting a late winner from **Tommy McNamara** for a 3-2 win against New York City FC at Red Bull Arena. **Gustavo Bou** added his third goal of the season and **Jon Bell** scored his first professional goal.
- The Red Bulls won a second game on the trot, defeating Nashville SC 2-0 at Red Bull Arena on Friday evening. **Fabio** scored his first goal in MLS and **Kyle Duncan** netted his first of the season for the Red Bulls goals.
- The teams are meeting for the second time this season. **Gustavo Bou** had a goal and an assist and **Arnor Traustason** collected two assists as the Revolution took a 3-1 win May 22 at Gillette Stadium.
- The visiting team has won just twice in the series over the past 14 seasons in league play. The Red Bulls won 3-2 on July 5, 2017 in Foxborough, their second win there in four seasons. When the Red Bulls won 2-0 at Gillette Stadium on June 8, 2014, it was the first for New York in New England since 2002. The Revolution had won 13 of 19 meetings in league and MLS Cup play since that previous New York win.
- The Revolution have never defeated the Red Bulls at Red Bull Arena in league play. Since the stadium opened in 2010, the Red Bulls have won 10 of 12 regular-season games there, with two draws. When the Revolution won 2-1 in Harrison in the first leg of the 2014 Eastern Conference Championship, it was their first win of any sort in New Jersey since 2007, ending a 10-game winless streak there in all competitions. The Revolution did defeat the Montréal Impact last year in Harrison in a Montréal home game.

REVOLUTION: **Carles Gil** collected a pair of assists, now leading MLS with seven assists this season. It was the third two-assist game of his MLS career, the last coming Sept. 14, 2019 at Orlando City. ... **Tommy McNamara** scored his first goal since coming to the Revolution, his first in an MLS game since July 20, 2019 while with Houston. ... **Tajon Buchanan** recorded his second assist of the season – he has two assists in each of his three MLS campaigns.

RED BULLS: **Patrik Klimala** collected an assist for a second consecutive game, his first two assists in MLS. ... **Caden Clark** collected his second assist of the season, a second game in a row with a goal or an assist; his four goals and two assists have all come at Red Bull Arena. ... **Carlos Miguel Coronel** was credited with one save in recording his third shutout of the season; he has four shutouts in 11 career starts in MLS. ... **Sean Nealis** recorded his first assist of the season; he now has one assist in each of his three MLS seasons.

NEW YORK CITY FC vs. ATLANTA UNITED
Wednesday, June 23, 2021 (Week 9, MLS Game #114)
Red Bull Arena, Harrison, N.J.
7:30 p.m. ET (YES; Bally Sports South/SE)

REFEREE: Ismail Elfath. AR1 (bench): Corey Parker; AR2 (opposite): Kyle Atkins; 4th: Victor Rivas; VAR: Jose Carlos Rivero; AVAR: Brian Dunn

MLS Career: 167 games; FC/gm: 25.6; Y/gm: 3.3; R: 46; pens: 52

LEAGUE HEAD-TO-HEAD: NYCFC 2 wins, 12 goals ... ATLUTD 2 wins, 10 goals ... Ties 2

AT NYCFC: NYCFC 2 wins, 8 goals ... ATLUTD 0 wins, 3 goals ... Ties 1

- NYCFC suffered a 3-2 loss to the New England Revolution at Red Bull Arena on Saturday evening. **Ismael Tajouri-Shradi** scored for a third consecutive game and **Thiago Andrade** netted the NYCFC opener after coming on as a substitute in his club and MLS debut.
- Atlanta United extended their undefeated streak to five games with a third consecutive draw, reaching a 2-2 result with the Philadelphia Union at Mercedes-Benz Stadium on Sunday afternoon. **Anton Walkes** scored in an MLS league game for the first time since 2017 for the ATLUTD goal.
- The teams last met during the 2019 season, each winning at home. **Josef Martínez** netted goals on either side of halftime, leading Atlanta United to a 2-1 win on Aug. 11 at Mercedes-Benz Stadium, then on Sept. 25 at Yankee Stadium, **Alejandru Mitrita** scored a hat trick in the game's opening 33 minutes as NYCFC took a 4-1 win.
- The teams have evenly split their league series, with each team winning twice, with a pair of draws. The teams also met in the Eastern Conference Semifinals in 2018, with Atlanta United advancing 4-1 on aggregate, winning the first leg 1-0 in the Bronx before taking the home leg by a 3-1 scoreline.

NYCFC: **Anton Tinnerholm** collected his fourth assist of the season, a second consecutive game with an assist, all four assists coming over the last six games. ... **Alfredo Morales** recorded his third assist of the year, a second consecutive game with an assist, coming in his fifth MLS appearance. ... **Ismael Tajouri-Shradi's** three-game goalscoring streak is the longest of his MLS career.

ATLUTD: **Brooks Lennon** recorded his first assist of the season, his last coming last Oct. 24. ... **Ezequiel Barco** collected his first assist of the season, his 10th in four MLS seasons.

PHILADELPHIA UNION vs. COLUMBUS CREW
Wednesday, June 23, 2021 (Week 9, MLS Game #115)
Subaru Park, Chester, Pa.
7:30 p.m. ET (PHL 17; Bally Sports OH)

REFEREE: Joseph Dickerson. AR1 (bench): Nick Uranga; AR2 (opposite): Jose da Silva; 4th: Jonathan Bilinski;
VAR: Alan Kelly; AVAR: Claudiu Badea
MLS Career: 47 games; FC/gm: 27.3; Y/gm: 4.0; R: 8; pens: 14

LEAGUE HEAD-TO-HEAD: Union 9 wins, 35 goals ... Crew SC 15 wins, 37 goals ... Ties 4
AT UNION: Union 7 wins, 22 goals ... Crew SC 4 wins, 11 goals ... Ties 1

- The Union stretched their undefeated run to six games, following three consecutive wins with a 2-2 with Atlanta United at Mercedes-Benz on Sunday afternoon. **Jakob Glesnes** netted the stoppage-time equalizer from all of 35 yards out from goal, after **Cory Burke** scored in the 84th minute to start the Union comeback from two goals down.
- The Columbus Crew made the final game at Historic Crew Stadium one to remember, winning for a third consecutive match in a 2-0 defeat of Chicago Fire FC on Saturday evening. **Gyasi Zardes** scored both Crew goals, the 13th multiple-goal game of his MLS career.
- The teams are meeting for the second time this season. They reached a goalless draw in the season opener for both teams, April 18 at The Historic Crew Stadium. There has been a shutout in nine of the last 10 meetings between the teams, dating back to 2016.
- The Union are undefeated in the last four meetings in Chester; they have a 270-minute shutout streak alive in home games. The Crew are undefeated in the last seven meetings between the teams at home with five wins; the Union goal in the second meeting in 2020 was their first in the last 521 minutes played in Columbus.

UNION: **Jamiro Monteiro** collected his fourth assist of the season, one of five players tied for third place in the MLS assist standings.

CREW: **Evan Bush** was not called upon to make a save in recording the shutout in his first start of the season; he has shutouts in his last two league outings, the last coming Nov. 8, 2020 for Vancouver (vs. LA Galaxy). ... **Jonathan Mensah** recorded an assist, the second of his MLS league career, his first coming Aug. 5, 2017 vs. San Jose. ... **Derrick Etienne Jr.** collected an assist for a second consecutive game, his first two of the season, matching his single-season career-high also set in 2017 and 2020.

CF MONTRÉAL vs. D.C. UNITED
Wednesday, June 23, 2021 (Week 9, MLS Game #116)
DRV PNK Stadium, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.
8 p.m. ET (TVA Sports; NBCS-Wash / TeleXitos)

REFEREE: Drew Fischer. AR1 (bench): Logan Brown; AR2 (opposite): Kathryn Nesbitt; 4th: Rubiel Vazquez;
VAR: Allen Chapman; AVAR: Jozef Batko
MLS Career: 142 games; FC/gm: 25.1; Y/gm: 3.1; R: 19; pens: 42

LEAGUE HEAD-TO-HEAD: CFMTL 7 wins, 23 goals ... D.C. United 7 wins, 29 goals ... Ties 7
MONTRÉAL HOME GAME: CFMTL 4 wins, 14 goals ... D.C. United 3 wins, 12 goals ... Ties 3

- CF Montréal returns to action for the first time since May 29, when they defeated Chicago Fire FC by the game's only goal at Soldier Field. **Mason Toye** scored the game-winner in the 87th minute, his third of the season.
- D.C. United won their second game in a row against Inter Miami CF, winning the back end of the home-and-home set by the game's lone goal at Audi Field on Saturday evening. **Ola Kamara** converted a 72nd-minute penalty kick for the winner, his fourth goal of the season and third in the last two games.
- The teams met twice a season ago, and Montréal won both. **Victor Wanyama** and **Romell Quioto** scored in the game's final 17 minutes as Montréal came back for a dramatic 3-2 win on Decision Day (Nov. 8) at Audi Field to claim a playoff spot. On July 21, **Saphir Taïder** scored the game's only goal in the 31st minute to give the Impact the win during the group stage of the MLS is Back Tournament.
- The goal in the MLS is Back meeting was the first for Montréal in the series in 385 minutes, since Sept. 29, 2018. The last two Montréal wins come after a four-game United undefeated streak in the series.

CFMTL: **Clément Diop** was credited with six saves in recording his second shutout of the season. ... **Zorhan Bassong** collected his first assist in MLS, in his fifth appearance. ... **Joel Waterman** added his first assist of the season, the third of his MLS career.

UNITED: **Bill Hamid** was credited with one save in recording his second shutout of the season in his second start.

CHICAGO FIRE FC vs. FC CINCINNATI
Wednesday, June 23, 2021 (Week 9, MLS Game #117)
Soldier Field, Chicago, Ill.
7 p.m. CT (WGN-TV; WSTR – Star 64)

REFEREE: Ismir Pekmic. AR1 (bench): Corey Rockwell; AR2 (opposite): Peter Manikowski; 4th: Fotis Bazakos;
VAR: Edvin Jurisevic; AVAR: Mike Kampmeiner
MLS Career: 2 games; FC/gm: 26.5; Y/gm: 2.0; R: 0; pens: 0

LEAGUE HEAD-TO-HEAD: Fire FC 1 win, 4 goals ... FCC 1 win, 2 goals ... Ties 2
AT CHICAGO: Fire FC 1 win, 4 goals ... FCC 1 win, 2 goals ... Ties 0

- Fire FC fell to a second defeat in a row, dropping a 2-0 decision to the Columbus Crew in the final MLS match to be played at Historic Crew Stadium on Saturday evening.
- FC Cincinnati dropped a second match on the trot, falling 2-0 to the Colorado Rapids at TQL Stadium on Saturday evening.
- The teams met twice a season ago, and Fire FC won once. **Fabian Herbers** and **Álvaro Medrán** netted goals in the opening 10 minutes and **Ignacio Aliseda** added a second-half goal as the Fire won their first game in Soldier Field in 15 seasons, a 3-0 victory Aug. 25; they also played to a scoreless draw Sept. 2 at Nippert Stadium, the second 0-0 result in two meetings in Cincinnati.
- The teams met twice in 2019 in FC Cincinnati's inaugural season. FCC won 2-1 on July 13 at SeatGeek Stadium; the teams reached a goalless draw Sept. 21 at Nippert Stadium.

FIRE FC: Defender **Carlos Terán** made his first start for the club in his second season, playing the full 90 minutes.

FCC: **Edgar Castillo** made his FC Cincinnati debut, starting and playing 77 minutes, his 53rd career appearance in MLS.

MINNESOTA UNITED FC vs. AUSTIN FC
Wednesday, June 23, 2021 (Week 9, MLS Game #118)
Allianz Field, St. Paul, Minn.
7 p.m. CT (Bally Sports North; KBVO [MyNetwork])

REFEREE: Silviu Petrescu. AR1 (bench): C.J. Morgante; AR2 (opposite): Jeffrey Greeson; 4th: Lukasz Szpala;
VAR: Kevin Stott; AVAR: Jeff Muschik

MLS Career: 170 games; FC/gm: 27.7; Y/gm: 4.0; R: 25; pens: 40

LEAGUE HEAD-TO-HEAD: MNUFC 0 wins, 0 goals ... FCC 1 win, 1 goal ... Ties 0

AT MINNESOTA: MNUFC 0 wins, 0 goals ... FCC 1 win, 1 goal ... Ties 0

- MNUFC extended their undefeated run to four games with a second successive draw, reaching a 1-1 result with FC Dallas at Toyota Stadium on Saturday evening.
- Austin FC made a grand opening of their new Q2 Stadium, reaching a goalless draw with the San Jose Earthquakes on Saturday evening.
- The teams are meeting for the second time this season, the first meeting ever in the clubs' histories. **Diego Fagundez** scored the only goal in the 17th minute, giving Austin FC the victory May 1 at Allianz Field.

MNUFC: **Franco Fragapane** scored the Minnesota goal, making his club and MLS debut.

ATXFC: **Brad Stuver** was credited with nine saves in recording his third shutout of the season.

NASHVILLE SC vs. TORONTO FC
Wednesday, June 23, 2021 (Week 9, MLS Game #119)
Nissan Stadium, Nashville, Tenn.
7:30 p.m. CT (TSN; MyTV30)

REFEREE: Ramy Touchan. AR1 (bench): Andrew Bigelow; AR2 (opposite): Ian McKay; 4th: Elton Garcia; VAR: Alejandro Mariscal; AVAR: Jonathan Johnson

MLS Career: 41 games; FC/gm: 26.0; Y/gm: 4.2; R: 7; pens: 5

LEAGUE HEAD-TO-HEAD: First meeting.

- Nashville SC saw their undefeated start to the 2021 season come to an end, falling 2-0 to the New York Red Bulls at Red Bull Arena on Friday evening.
- TFC fell to a third consecutive reversal, dropping a late 3-2 decision to Orlando City SC at Exploria Stadium in a TFC home game. **Ayo Akinola** scored for a second consecutive game, and **Jonathan Osorio** scored his second goal of the league campaign.
- The teams are meeting for the first time in league play, but they did meet in Round One of the MLS Cup Playoffs a year ago. **Daniel Ríos** netted the game's only goal and **Joe Willis** made three saves in extending his shutout streak to 197 minutes in the postseason as Nashville SC took the victory Nov. 24 at Rentschler Field.

NASHVILLE SC: Irakoze Donasiyano, the club's first-round selection in the 2021 MLS SuperDraft (No. 20 overall) out of the Univ. of Virginia made his professional debut, coming on as a second-half substitute.

TFC: Alejandro Pozuelo recorded his first assist of the season, making his first start in his second appearance of the year.

SPORTING KANSAS CITY vs. COLORADO RAPIDS
Wednesday, June 23, 2021 (Week 9, MLS Game #120)
Children's Mercy Park, Kansas City, Kan.
7:30 p.m. CT (Bally Sports KC+; Altitude)

REFEREE: David Gantar. AR1 (bench): Brian Poeschel; AR2 (opposite): Diego Blas; 4th: Nima Saghafi; VAR: Jon Freemon; AVAR: Craig Lowry
MLS Career: 101 games; FC/gm: 24.0; Y/gm: 2.9; R: 36; pens: 22

LEAGUE HEAD-TO-HEAD: Sporting 27 wins (1 shootout), 111 goals ... Rapids 24 wins (3 shootout), 89 goals ... Ties 16

AT KC: Sporting 21 wins (0 shootout), 68 goals ... Rapids 6 wins (1 shootout), 33 goals ... Ties 5

- Sporting saw their four-game undefeated streak put to an end, falling 2-1 to the Portland Timbers at Providence Park on Saturday evening.
- The Rapids won a second consecutive game and for a fifth time in the last six outings, defeating FC Cincinnati 2-0 at TQL Stadium on Saturday evening. **Diego Rubio** scored his third goal of the season and **Jonathan Lewis** netted his first of the season; **William Yarbrough** was credited with seven saves in recording his fourth shutout of the season, his second in a row.
- The teams met three times a season ago, and Sporting gained points from all three with a pair of wins. Four different players scored in the second half as Sporting took a 4-0 win Oct. 24 in Kansas City; the teams also met during group play in the MLS is Back Tournament, **Graham Zusi** scoring the game-winner in second-half stoppage time to give Sporting a dramatic 3-2 win on July 17. The teams also reached a 1-1 draw Aug. 29 at Dick's Sporting Goods Park, as a pair of teenagers, Colorado's **Cole Bassett** and KC's **Gianluca Busio**, netted the goals.
- The Rapids win in the previous meeting at Children's Mercy Park, on Sept. 21, 2019, was their first in the series overall since May 27, 2017, a span of three matches (two of those draws). The Rapids have a seven-game undefeated streak at home in the series, Sporting's last win in Commerce City coming in 2014 in the lone meeting between the teams.

SPORTING: **Jaylin Lindsey** scored his second goal of the season for the SKC tally.

RAPIDS: **Jack Price** collected an assist for a second consecutive game; he had four assists for the season, tied for third in the MLS assist standings. ... **Michael Barrios** collected his third assist of the season; he has a goal and/or assist in four consecutive games, with two goals and three assists in that span.

HOUSTON DYNAMO FC vs. PORTLAND TIMBERS
Wednesday, June 23, 2021 (Week 9, MLS Game #121)
BBVA Stadium, Houston, Texas
7:30 p.m. CT (QuestTexas 55; ROOT-NW)

REFEREE: Armando Villarreal. AR1 (bench): Michael Barwegen; AR2 (opposite): Tiffin Turpin; 4th: Elvis Osmanovic; VAR: Sorin Stoica; AVAR: Chantal Boudreau

MLS Career: 154 games; FC/gm: 22.6; Y/gm: 3.2; R: 28; pens: 34

LEAGUE HEAD-TO-HEAD: Dynamo 5 wins, 27 goals ... Timbers 8 wins, 31 goals ... Ties 5

AT HOUSTON: Dynamo 4 wins, 16 goals ... Timbers 0 wins, 8 goals ... Ties 4

- Dynamo FC reached a 1-1 draw with Los Angeles Football Club at Banc of California Stadium on Saturday evening. **Maximiliano Urruti** netted his fifth goal of the season, tied for third place in the MLS Golden Boot standings, a third consecutive game with a goal.
- The Timbers won for a third time in the last four games, defeating Sporting Kansas City 2-1 at Providence Park on Saturday evening. **Dairon Asprilla** and **Marvín Loria** each netted their second goals of the season.
- The teams are meeting for the second time this season. **Dairon Asprilla** scored early and **Cristhian Paredes** netted the late winner, as the Timbers took a 2-1 win April 24 at Providence Park, the third consecutive win for Portland in the series.
- Over the history of the league series, the away team has won just once – in 2011, in the first meeting between the teams in Portland. The Timbers have an eight-game undefeated streak at Providence Park alive in the series, winning the past four; the Dynamo have never lost to the Timbers at home.

DYNAMO FC: **Fafa Picault** collected his third assist of the season, a second consecutive game with an assist. ... **Tyler Pasher** recorded his second career assist in MLS.

TIMBERS: **Steve Clark** was credited with two saves in making his second appearance of the season, his first since the season opener on April 18.

SEATTLE SOUNDERS FC vs. REAL SALT LAKE
Wednesday, June 23, 2021 (Week 9, MLS Game #122)
Lumen Field, Seattle, Wash.
7 p.m. PT (JOEtv / Amazon Prime; KMYU-12)

REFEREE: Ted Unkel. AR1 (bench): Cameron Blanchard; AR2 (opposite): Mike Rottersman; 4th: Michael Radchuk; VAR: Jorge Gonzalez; AVAR: Joshua Patlak
MLS Career: 111 games; FC/gm: 23.6; Y/gm: 4.0; R: 34; pens: 54

LEAGUE HEAD-TO-HEAD: Sounders FC 11 wins, 32 goals ... Real 12 wins, 33 goals ... Ties 5
AT SEATTLE: Sounders FC 10 wins, 23 goals ... Real 3 wins, 10 goals ... Ties 2

- Sounders FC extended their season-opening undefeated run to nine games, defeating the LA Galaxy 2-1 at Dignity Health Sports Park on Saturday evening. **Yeimar Gomez Andrade** netted his first goal of the season before **Raúl Ruidíaz** scored his seventh goal of the season – now tied for the lead in the MLS Golden Boot standings (with Javier Hernández of the Galaxy).
- Real stretched their undefeated streak to four games, hitting two late goals for a 3-1 win against Vancouver Whitecaps FC at Rio Tinto Stadium on Friday evening. **Damir Kreilach** scored a pair of goals, now with five for the season, tied for third place in the MLS Golden Boot standings, his second and third goals in the last two games.
- The teams met twice a season ago. **Jordan Morris** and **Yeimar Gomez Andrade** scored on either side of halftime as Sounders FC took a 2-1 win Oct. 7 in Seattle. On Sept. 2 at Rio Tinto Stadium, **Pablo Ruiz** hit for a late equalizer for RSL, leaving the teams in a 2-2 draw.
- Sounders FC have won nine of the past 10 league meetings between the teams at Lumen Field, the lone RSL win coming on May 26, 2018, a 1-0 triumph. Real are undefeated in the last nine home meetings vs. Seattle, winning eight in a row before the draw there this year.
- The teams also met in the 2019 MLS Cup Playoffs. **Gustav Svensson** and **Nicolás Lodeiro** scored second-half goals as Sounders FC took a 2-0 win in the Western Conference Semifinals, Oct. 23 at CenturyLink Field. The clubs had also met in the MLS Cup Playoffs in back-to-back seasons in 2011 and 2012, each advancing on one occasion.

SOUNDERS FC: **Joao Paulo** collected his fifth assist of the season, his third over the last four games, now in second place in the MLS assist standings. ... Sounders FC have yet to concede a goal from open play this season, through their opening nine games (4 goals allowed; 2 penalty kicks, 2 direct free kicks).

REAL: **Aaron Herrera** collected a pair of assists, now with four for the season, sitting in a tie for third place in the MLS assist standings, all coming over the last three games. The four assists have equaled his single-season career-high, set in 2019; he also recorded his first career two-assist game. ... **Albert Rusnák** recorded his first assist of the season, his first since last Sept. 23 vs. LA (when he also had a goal). ... **Andrew Brody** added his second assist of his career, in his sixth appearance.

LOS ANGELES FOOTBALL CLUB vs. FC DALLAS
Wednesday, June 23, 2021 (Week 9, MLS Game #123)
Banc of California Stadium, Los Angeles, Calif.
7:30 p.m. PT (Bally Sports SoCal / Estrella; FCDTV / Estrella KMPX-29)

REFEREE: Rosendo Mendoza. AR1 (bench): Eric Weisbrod; AR2 (opposite): Apolinar Mariscal; 4th: Alex Chilowicz; VAR: Timothy Ford; AVAR: Fabio Tovar

MLS Career: 16 games; FC/gm: 23.6; Y/gm: 2.7; R: 2; pens: 4

LEAGUE HEAD-TO-HEAD: LAFC 1 win, 5 goals ... FC Dallas 1 win, 4 goals ... Ties 2

AT BANC OF CALIFORNIA STADIUM: LAFC 1 win, 3 goals ... FC Dallas 0 wins, 1 goal ... Ties 1

- LAFC reached a 1-1 draw with Houston Dynamo FC at Banc of California Stadium on Saturday evening. **José Cifuentes** scored his second goal of the season, on the second assist of the year from **Carlos Vela**.
- FC Dallas remained undefeated at Toyota Stadium for the season, gaining a 1-1 draw with Minnesota United FC on Saturday evening. **Ricardo Pepi** scored his second goal of the season in making his second start.
- The teams last met during the 2019 season, playing a home-and-home series over a four-day span. LAFC won 2-0 at Banc of California Stadium on May 16, as **Carlos Vela** scored his 13th goal of the season; Vela scored again as the teams reached a 1-1 draw May 19 at Toyota Stadium.
- The first meeting win was the first for LAFC in three meetings vs. FC Dallas. The teams met twice in LAFC's inaugural MLS campaign. The teams reached a 1-1 draw on May 5 at Banc of California Stadium; FC Dallas then took a 2-1 win on June 2 at Toyota Stadium.

LAFC: **Carlos Vela** made a third consecutive start; he has two assists in those three matches.

FCD: **Ryan Hollingshead** recorded his second assist of the season, his first since May 1; he has a goal and an assist in the last three games.

VANCOUVER WHITECAPS FC vs. LA GALAXY
Wednesday, June 23, 2021 (Week 9, MLS Game #124)
Rio Tinto Stadium, Sandy, Utah
8:30 p.m. MT (TSN; SpecSN)

REFEREE: Tori Penso. AR1 (bench): Ian Anderson; AR2 (opposite): Jeremy Hanson; 4th: Baldomero Toledo;
VAR: Malik Badawi; AVAR: TJ Zablocki
MLS Career: 4 games; FC/gm: 23.5; Y/gm: 3.0; R: 1; pens: 1

LEAGUE HEAD-TO-HEAD: Whitecaps FC 8 wins, 24 goals ... Galaxy 12 wins, 36 goals ... Ties 5
VANCOUVER HOME GAME: Whitecaps FC 4 wins, 16 goals ... Galaxy 3 wins, 14 goals ... Ties 4

- Whitecaps FC saw their losing slide extended, falling 3-1 to Real Salt Lake on Friday evening at Rio Tinto Stadium in a 'Caps home game. **Brian White** scored his first goal for the club, making his Whitecaps debut following his acquisition from the Red Bulls.
- The Galaxy had their four-game home winning streak put to an end, falling 2-1 to Seattle Sounders FC at Dignity Health Sports Park on Saturday evening. **Sacha Kljestan** netted the Galaxy goal, converting a penalty kick.
- The teams met three times a season ago, each win in the series coming by shutout. Whitecaps FC won two: On March 7 in Carson, **Tosaint Ricketts** scored the game's lone goal to give Whitecaps FC the victory, then **Fredy Montero** hit for a brace as the 'Caps took a 3-0 win on Decision Day (Nov. 8) at Providence Park in Portland. Oct. 18 at Dignity Health Sports Park, **Kai Koreniuk** scored the game's lone goal in the 90th minute, giving the Galaxy the win.
- Whitecaps FC have won three of the last five meetings in Carson. The Galaxy's lone win at BC Place over the last seven seasons came April 5, 2019, a 2-0 win. The 'Caps have won twice with three draws over that span.
- There has been a shutout in 15 of the past 18 meetings between the teams, dating back to 2013, including three scoreless draws.

WHITECAPS FC: **Javain Brown** recorded his first career assist in MLS, coming in his third appearance (second as a starter).

GALAXY: **Sacha Kljestan** converted a penalty kick for the first time since 2018, while with Orlando City SC.

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