

## MLS WEEK 17 – LOOK AHEAD

### **NEW ENGLAND REVOLUTION vs. NASHVILLE SC**

Wednesday, August 4, 2021 (Week 17, MLS Game #216)

Gillette Stadium, Foxborough, Mass.

7:30 p.m. ET (WSBK TV38 / MyRITV; MyTV30)

REFEREE: Silviu Petrescu. AR1 (bench): Jeffrey Greeson; AR2 (opposite): Claudiu Badea; 4th: Lukasz Szpala;

VAR: Jose Carlos Rivero; AVAR: Thomas Supple

MLS Career: 175 games; FC/gm: 27.6; Y/gm: 4.0; R: 25; pens: 41

LEAGUE HEAD-TO-HEAD: Revolution 0 wins, 1 goal ... Nashville SC 1 win, 3 goals ... Ties 2

AT FOXBOROUGH: Revolution 0 wins, 0 goals ... Nashville SC 0 wins, 0 goals ... Ties 1

- The Revolution won for a fourth consecutive game in dramatic fashion, getting a stoppage-time winner from **Adam Buksa** for a dramatic 3-2 come-from-behind win against the New York Red Bulls at Red Bull Arena on Saturday evening.
- **Carles Gil** set up the game-winner for his second assist of the match – his league-leading 15th of the season. **Gustavo Bou** also added his 10th goal of the season, his third in the last two games, now in a tie for second place in the MLS Golden Boot standings.
- Nashville SC extended their undefeated streak to eight games, reaching a 1-1 draw with Toronto FC at BMO Field on Sunday evening. **Robert Castellanos** scored his first MLS goal on his Nashville SC and league debut.
- The teams are meeting for the second time this season. **CJ Sapong** scored in the first half and **Alex Muyl** scored in the second as Nashville SC took a 2-0 win May 8 at Nissan Stadium.
- The teams met twice during Nashville SC's inaugural season. Nashville's **Walker Zimmerman** and the Revolution's **Adam Buksa** traded goals three minutes apart in the second half to leave the teams in a 1-1 draw Oct. 23 at Nissan Stadium; they played to a scoreless draw Oct. 3 at Gillette Stadium.

**REVOLUTION:** **Arnor Traustason** collected an assist, a third consecutive game with a goal or an assist, with two goals and two assists in that span. ... **Brandon Bye** scored his second goal of the season, equaling his single-season career-high in four MLS seasons (also 2019). ... **DeJuan Jones** recorded his third assist of the season.

**NASHVILLE SC:** **David Romney** recorded his first assist of the season, his first since Decision Day (Nov. 8) of last season.

## CF MONTRÉAL vs. ATLANTA UNITED

Wednesday, August 4, 2021 (Week 17, MLS Game #217)

Stade Saputo, Montréal, Qué.

7:30 p.m. ET (TVA Sports; Bally Sports South/SE)

REFEREE: David Gantar. AR1 (bench): Matthew Nelson; AR2 (opposite): Cory Richardson; 4th: Marcos de Oliveira; VAR: Geoff Gamble; AVAR: Robert Schaap

MLS Career: 102 games; FC/gm: 23.8; Y/gm: 2.9; R: 36; pens: 22

LEAGUE HEAD-TO-HEAD: CFMTL 1 win, 6 goals ... ATLUTD 5 wins, 13 goals ... Ties 1

AT MONTRÉAL: CFM 0 wins, 2 goals ... ATLUTD 3 wins, 8 goals ... Ties 0

- CF Montréal concluded a three-game road swing with another reverse, falling 2-1 to Inter Miami CF at DRV PNK Stadium on Saturday evening. **Joaquin Torres** scored the CFMTL goal, his second with the club and in MLS.
- ATLUTD saw their winless slide extended, dropping a 3-2 decision to Orlando City SC at Exploria Stadium on Saturday evening. **Josef Martínez** gave Atlanta United the lead after just 47 seconds, his third goal of the season, the earliest goal scored in the club's MLS history; **Marcelino Moreno** added his fourth goal of the season.
- The teams are meeting for the second time this season. **Marcelino Moreno** scored the game's only goal four minutes into second-half stoppage time, giving ATLUTD the win May 15 at Mercedes-Benz Stadium.
- The teams reached a 1-1 draw Sept. 29, 2019 at Stade Saputo, the last in Montréal, which ended a four-game Atlanta United winning streak in the series. The Impact's lone win vs. ATLUTD came in the first meeting ever, a 2-1 win on April 15, 2017, at Stade Saputo.

**CFMTL:** **Joaquin Torres** has a goal and an assist over the last two games.

**ATLUTD:** **Brooks Lennon** recorded his third assist of the season, his second in the last three games. ... **Anton Walkes** recorded his first assist of the season, the second in his MLS career in three campaigns (53 appearances).

**PHILADELPHIA UNION vs. TORONTO FC**  
Wednesday, August 4, 2021 (Week 17, MLS Game #218)  
Subaru Park, Chester, Pa.  
7:30 p.m. ET (TSN; PHL17)

REFEREE: Ted Unkel. AR1 (bench): Peter Balciunas; AR2 (opposite): Ryan Graves; 4th: Greg Dopka; VAR: Rubiel Vazquez; AVAR: Ian McKay

MLS Career: 116 games; FC/gm: 23.5; Y/gm: 4.0; R: 36; pens: 56

LEAGUE HEAD-TO-HEAD: Union 8 wins, 35 goals ... Toronto FC 11 wins, 36 goals ... Ties 6

AT UNION: Union 5 wins, 18 goals ... Toronto FC 4 wins, 14 goals ... Ties 3

- The Union played to a second consecutive draw, reaching a 1-1 result with Chicago Fire FC at Subaru Park on Sunday evening. **Kai Wagner** scored his first goal of the season, directly from a free kick.
- Toronto FC stretched their undefeated run to five games with a third draw in that time, playing to a 1-1 result with Nashville SC at BMO Field on Sunday evening. **Omar Gonzalez** scored his first goal of the season, his first in a league game since 2019.
- The teams met twice a season ago, each winning their home matches. **Ayo Akinola** and **Alejandro Pozuelo** scored second-half goals to overcome an early **Sergio Santos** strike as TFC took a 2-1 win at Rentschler Field on Oct. 3, then on Oct. 24 at Subaru Park, **Sergio Santos** netted a hat trick as the Union cruised to a 5-0 victory.
- The Union's 2-1 win May 11, 2019 at BMO Field, which ended a five-year long TFC undefeated streak in the league series, also snapping a four-game Toronto FC winning streak. The last Union victory vs. Toronto FC had come on Sept. 6, 2014, a 2-0 win at BMO Field. TFC won eight of the 10 matches in between, with two draws.

**UNION:** The free kick goal from Kai Wagner was the first for the Union since the season opener last year, when **Jakob Glesnes** scored vs. Los Angeles Football Club.

**TFC:** **Yeferson Soteldo** collected his fourth assist of the season, all over the last five games.

## COLUMBUS CREW vs. D.C. UNITED

Wednesday, August 4, 2021 (Week 17, MLS Game #220)

Lower.com Field, Columbus, Ohio

7:30 p.m. ET (Bally Sports OH; NBCS-Wash / TeleXitos)

REFEREE: Victor Rivas. AR1 (bench): Andrew Bigelow; AR2 (opposite): Meghan Mullen; 4th: Kevin Broadley;  
VAR: Robert Sibiga; AVAR: Craig Lowry  
MLS Career: 29 games; FC/gm: 23.0; Y/gm: 3.4; R: 4; pens: 11

LEAGUE HEAD-TO-HEAD: Crew 30 wins (0 shootout), 104 goals ... United 31 wins (5 shootout), 97 goals ...  
Ties 11

AT COLUMBUS: Crew 20 wins (0 shootout), 58 goals ... United 8 wins (2 shootout), 29 goals ... Ties 7

- The Crew had their six-game undefeated run come to an end, dropping a 4-1 decision to New York City FC at Yankee Stadium on Friday evening. **Sergio Santos** converted a late penalty kick for the Columbus goal, his first of the season.
- D.C. United made it three games without loss, reaching a goalless draw with FC Cincinnati at TQL Stadium on Saturday evening. **Bill Hamid** was credited with three saves in recording a second consecutive shutout and his fifth of the season, the 75th of his MLS career, now tied for seventh-most in MLS history.
- The teams are meeting for the second time this season. **Lucas Zelarayán** scored directly from a free kick and the Crew took advantage of a pair of own goals, taking a 3-1 win at Historic Crew Stadium on May 8.
- United have won both meetings all-time at Audi Field, including a win by the game's only goal there in the last meeting, last Oct. 28. United's win in their previous visit to Columbus, a 1-0 win April 24, 2019, was the first there for D.C. since the 2007 season. Crew SC had won eight of the 11 meetings in between on their home ground, with three draws.

**CREW:** The Crew return home riding a 10-game league undefeated streak on their home ground; a win or a draw will extend the streak to equal the third-longest in club history (record: 22 games, 2008-09).

**UNITED:** **Chris Odoi-Atsem** made his first appearance of the season, coming on as a substitute for the final five minutes, his first outing since last Oct. 24.

## ORLANDO CITY SC vs. INTER MIAMI CF

Wednesday, August 4, 2021 (Week 17, MLS Game #219)

Exploria Stadium, Orlando, Fla.

8 p.m. ET (FOX35 Plus / LionNation TV; MyTV33 / UniMás 69)

REFEREE: Armando Villarreal. AR1 (bench): Jeremy Kieso; AR2 (opposite): Diego Blas; 4th: Tori Penso; VAR: Guido Gonzales Jr.; AVAR: Jeff Muschik

MLS Career: 156 games; FC/gm: 22.6; Y/gm: 3.2; R: 28; pens: 34

LEAGUE HEAD-TO-HEAD: Orlando City 3 wins, 9 goals ... Inter Miami 2 wins, 8 goals ... Ties 0

AT INTER MIAMI: Orlando City 1 win, 2 goals ... Inter Miami 0 wins, 1 goal ... Ties 0

- Orlando City came back for a second win in three games, defeating Atlanta United 3-2 at Exploria Stadium on Friday evening. **Nani** scored his eighth goal of the season, tied for fifth in the MLS Golden Boot standings, and also added his fifth assist of the year. **Silvester van der Water** also scored a goal and added an assist.
- Inter Miami put an end to a long winless skid, defeating CF Montréal 2-1 at DRV PNK Stadium on Saturday evening. **Gonzalo Higuaín** scored both Inter Miami goals, now with seven goals for the season, his second two-goal game this year.
- The teams are meeting for the second time this season. **Nani** set up a **Chris Mueller** goal for the equalizer, then netted the game-winner himself, both coming seven minutes apart late in the second half, as Orlando City took a 2-1 win at DRV PNK Stadium on June 25.
- The teams met four times in Inter Miami's inaugural season, splitting their decisions. An 88th-minute goal from **Leandro Gonzalez Pirez** gave Inter Miami the 2-1 win Oct. 24 at home; the previous meeting, Orlando City won for the second time as **Mauricio Pereyra** scored the second-half game-winner for a 2-1 win Sept. 12 at Exploria Stadium.
- They kicked off the MLS is Back Tournament against each other at the ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex on July 8, as **Nani** netted the game-winner well into stoppage time to give OCSC the 2-1 win. Then on Aug. 22 at Inter Miami CF Stadium, **Julian Carranza** netted a pair of goals in the first half and Inter Miami held out for the first win in the club's history, a 3-2 decision.

**OCSC:** **Mauricio Pereyra** collected his seventh assist of the season, now sitting in second place in the MLS assist standings, his third assist in the last three games. ... **Benji Michel** recorded his third assist this season; he has a goal and an assist in the last three games. ... **Kyle Smith** scored his first career goal in MLS, in his third season (55 league appearances).

**IMCF:** **Gonzalo Higuaín** has been involved in each of Inter Miami's last six goals, dating back to May 16, with five goals and an assist over that span. ... **Gregore** recorded his third assist of the season, his last coming May 16.

**NEW YORK RED BULLS vs. FC CINCINNATI**  
Wednesday, August 4, 2021 (Week 17, MLS Game #221)  
Red Bull Arena, Harrison, N.J.  
8 p.m. ET (MSG; WSTR – Star 64)

REFEREE: Jon Freemon. AR1 (bench): Jason White; AR2 (opposite): Corey Rockwell; 4th: Alyssa Nichols; VAR: Jorge Gonzalez; AVAR: Brian Dunn  
MLS Career: 6 games; FC/gm: 29.3; Y/gm: 4.3; R: 0; pens: 0

LEAGUE HEAD-TO-HEAD: Red Bulls 3 wins, 6 goals ... FCC 2 wins, 5 goals ... Ties 0  
AT RED BULL ARENA: Red Bulls 2 wins, 4 goals ... FCC 1 win, 3 goals ... Ties 0

- The Red Bulls fell to a second successive defeat, dropping a late 3-2 decision to the New England Revolution at Red Bull Arena on Saturday evening. **Wikelman Carmona** scored his first career MLS goal, and **Fabio** added his third of the season.
- FC Cincinnati gained a sixth result in eight games, playing to a scoreless draw with D.C. United at TQL Stadium on Saturday evening. **Kenneth Vermeer** was credited with three saves in recording his third shutout of the season.
- The teams met three times a season ago, FCC ending the stretch with wins in the final two games. **Yuya Kubo** sent FCC on their way to a 2-0 win with a first-half goal as the clubs met in group play in the MLS is Back Tournament on July 22, then on Sept. 19 at Red Bull Arena, **Haris Medunjanin** scored the game's only goal from a *gol olimpico*. The teams also met in the season opener, and the Red Bulls claimed a 3-2 win at Red Bull Arena on March 1.
- The teams met twice in FCC's inaugural season, and the Red Bulls won both without conceding a goal. **Connor Lade** netted the only goal of the game as the Red Bulls won April 27 at Red Bull Arena; **Kaku** and **Omir Fernandez** scored late goals as they claimed a 2-0 win May 25 at Nippert Stadium.

**RED BULLS:** **Kyle Duncan** collected his first assist of the season, his first since Decision Day (Nov. 8) last season. ... **Caden Clark** recorded his third assist of the season, his last coming June 18.

**FCC:** **Allan Cruz** and **Ronald Matarrita** both made their first MLS league appearances since June 26.

**CHICAGO FIRE FC vs. NEW YORK CITY FC**  
Wednesday, August 4, 2021 (Week 17, MLS Game #222)  
Soldier Field, Chicago, Ill.  
7 p.m. CT (WGN-TV; YES)

REFEREE: Baldomero Toledo. AR1 (bench): Brian Poeschel; AR2 (opposite): Benjamin Hall-Volpenhein; 4th: Sergii Demianchuk; VAR: Ismir Pekmic; AVAR: Eric Boria  
MLS Career: 294 games; FC/gm: 25.3; Y/gm: 3.5; R: 105; pens: 113

LEAGUE HEAD-TO-HEAD: Fire 2 wins, 17 goals ... NYCFC 7 wins, 26 goals ... Ties 4  
AT CHICAGO: Fire 2 wins, 12 goals ... NYCFC 2 wins, 12 goals ... Ties 2

- The Fire reached a second draw in three games, playing to a 1-1 result with the Philadelphia Union at Subaru Park on Sunday evening. **Przemyslaw Frankowski** scored his second goal of the season for the Fire tally.
- NYCFC won a third consecutive game in impressive fashion, rolling to a 4-1 win against the Columbus Crew at Yankee Stadium on Friday evening. **Valentin Castellanos** netted his sixth goal of the season to send NYCFC on their way; **Thiago Andrade** added his third goal of the season and his first MLS assist.
- The teams met twice a season ago, and NYCFC won both. Fullback **Anton Tinnerholm** scored a goal and added an assist as NYCFC took a 3-1 win Aug. 29 at Red Bull Arena, then **Valentin Castellanos** netted the 76th-minute game-winner as the teams combined for six goals in the opening half, in a 4-3 NYCFC win at Soldier Field on Decision Day (Nov. 8).
- The Fire have won twice in the all-time series in 13 meetings, the last coming June 30, 2018 in Bridgeview, which ended a six-game NYCFC undefeated streak in the series. It was the Fire's first win since a 1-0 victory on April 24, 2015 in Bridgeview in the first-ever encounter between the teams.
- The Fire have never won at Yankee Stadium. NYCFC have won the past five meetings as the home team, including last year's win at Red Bull Arena, their first home wins in the series after the first two meetings ended in draws.

**FIRE:** **Boris Sekulic** collected a fourth assist this season, his second in the last three games.

**NYCFC:** **Maximiliano Moralez** recorded his fifth assist, a second consecutive game with an assist. ... **Keaton Parks** scored his third goal of the season, equaling his single-season career-high from last year. ... **Alfredo Morales** collected his third assist, his last coming May 29. ... **Jesús Medina** collected his second assist.

**AUSTIN FC vs. HOUSTON DYNAMO FC**

Wednesday, August 4, 2021 (Week 17, MLS Game #224)

Q2 Stadium, Austin, Texas

8 p.m. CT (KBVO [MyNetwork; QuestTexas 55 / TeleXitos 47.2)

REFEREE: Joseph Dickerson. AR1 (bench): Eric Weisbrod; AR2 (opposite): Gjovalin Bori; 4th: Elton Garcia;

VAR: Kevin Terry Jr.; AVAR: Jonathan Johnson

MLS Career: 54 games; FC/gm: 27.5; Y/gm: 4.1; R: 10; pens: 16

LEAGUE HEAD-TO-HEAD: First meeting.

- Austin FC continued their long homestand with a 1-0 loss to the Colorado Rapids at Q2 Stadium on Saturday evening.
- Dynamo FC reached a third consecutive draw, reaching a goalless result with Real Salt Lake at BBVA Stadium on Saturday evening. **Marko Maric** was credited with four saves in recording his third shutout of the season.
- The teams are meeting for the first time in their histories. They are scheduled to meet twice more this season: Sept. 11 at BBVA Stadium, and Oct. 24 at Q2 Stadium.

**ATXFC:** The Dynamo match concludes a six-game run at Q2 Stadium for Austin FC.

**DYNAMO FC:** **Memo Rodríguez** made his 100th appearance in all competitions, becoming the first Dynamo Academy alumnus to reach the century mark for the club.



## SEATTLE SOUNDERS FC vs. FC DALLAS

Wednesday, August 4, 2021 (Week 17, MLS Game #225)

Lumen Field, Seattle, Wash.

7 p.m. PT (JOEtv / Amazon Prime; FCDTV)

REFEREE: Fotis Bazakos. AR1 (bench): Nick Uranga; AR2 (opposite): Kevin Lock; 4th: Joshua Encarnacion;

VAR: Daniel Radford; AVAR: Fabio Tovar

MLS Career: 113 games; FC/gm: 24.9; Y/gm: 3.7; R: 23; pens: 37

LEAGUE HEAD-TO-HEAD: Sounders FC 12 wins, 42 goals ... FC Dallas 7 wins, 28 goals ... Ties 7

AT SEATTLE: Sounders FC 9 wins, 29 goals ... FC Dallas 1 win, 8 goals ... Ties 2

- Sounders FC went down to defeat by the game's only goal, falling to the San Jose Earthquakes at Lumen Field on Saturday afternoon.
- FC Dallas won a second consecutive game, defeating Sporting Kansas City 2-1 at Children's Mercy Park on Saturday evening. **Paxton Pomykal** and **Jesús Ferreira** each scored their first goals of the season.
- The teams last met in league play in 2019. FC Dallas benefited from a pair of own goals five minutes apart late in the first half, taking a 2-1 win on June 1 at Toyota Stadium; the teams then reached a goalless draw on Sept. 18 in Seattle.
- Sounders FC are undefeated in the last nine league meetings between the teams in Seattle, and have won 10 of the 13 meetings there all-time. The only FCD win at Lumen Field came in 2011, a 1-0 victory on May 25.
- Over the past five seasons, Sounders FC have outscored FC Dallas 14-1 in four regular season meetings at CenturyLink Field. The FCD goal there last year ended a 460-minute goalless string over all competitions in Seattle.
- The teams also met in the Western Conference Semifinals a year ago, a second consecutive meeting in the playoffs and fifth time overall. The game's only goal came from **Shane O'Neill** for the Sounders win Dec. 1 in Seattle.

**SOUNDERS FC:** The Sounders were defeated in back-to-back home contests for the first time since July 21-Aug. 4, 2019.

**FCD:** **Ryan Hollingshead** collected his fourth assist of the season, a single-season career-high in his eighth MLS campaign. ... **Ricardo Pepi** recorded his first assist of the season, the second of his MLS career. ... **Szabolcs Schön** collected his second MLS assist, both coming in the last two games.

**LA GALAXY vs. REAL SALT LAKE**  
Wednesday, August 4, 2021 (Week 17, MLS Game #226)  
Dignity Health Sports Park, Carson, Calif.  
7:30 p.m. PT (SpecSN; KMYU-12)

REFEREE: Nima Saghafi. AR1 (bench): Jeremy Hanson; AR2 (opposite): Apolinar Mariscal; 4th: Ramy Touchan;  
VAR: Alejandro Mariscal; AVAR: Mike Kampmeiert  
MLS Career: 74 games; FC/gm: 26.6; Y/gm: 3.9; R: 9; pens: 24

LEAGUE HEAD-TO-HEAD: Galaxy 18 wins, 69 goals ... Real 15 wins, 74 goals ... Ties 10  
AT CARSON: Galaxy 13 wins, 39 goals ... Real 7 wins, 33 goals ... Ties 2

- The Galaxy won for the first time in four games, rolling to a 4-1 win against the Portland Timbers at Dignity Health Sports Park on Friday evening. **Ryan Raveloson** scored his fourth goal of the season, all over the last five games; **Julian Araujo** collected a pair of assists.
- Real gained a third consecutive result with a second successive draw, playing to a goalless result with Houston Dynamo FC at BBVA Stadium on Saturday evening. **Zac MacMath** was credited with four saves in recording his first shutout in a league game since July 17, 2020 during the MLS is Back Tournament.
- The teams are meeting for the second time this season. **Albert Rusnák** and **Maikel Chang** gave RSL the lead after 25 minutes, but **Victor Vázquez** and **Samuel Grandsir** netted goals on either side of halftime for the Galaxy, leaving the teams in a 2-2 draw at Rio Tinto Stadium on July 21.
- The Galaxy have won the last three meetings in Carson, and are undefeated in their last four home games in the series. The teams have split the last five meetings in Sandy, each winning twice before the draw in the first meeting this year.
- The teams also met five times in eight seasons in the MLS Cup Playoffs, last in the Knockout Round in 2016. The Galaxy have won on three occasions, RSL won via penalty shootout when the clubs met in the 2009 MLS Cup, and also in the Western Conference Semifinals in 2013.

**GALAXY:** **Victor Vázquez** scored his second goal of the season, both coming in the last three games. ... **Sacha Kljestan** converted a penalty kick for his third goal of the season. ... **Samuel Grandsir** scored his first goal in MLS; he has a goal and four assists for the season, all coming in the last seven games.

**REAL:** **Zac MacMath** made the 150th league appearance of his MLS career.

**LOS ANGELES FOOTBALL CLUB vs. SPORTING KANSAS CITY**

Wednesday, August 4, 2021 (Week 17, MLS Game #227)

Banc of California Stadium, Los Angeles, Calif.

7:30 p.m. PT (Bally Sports SoCal / Estrella TV; Bally Sports KC+)

REFEREE: Alan Kelly. AR1 (bench): Ian Anderson; AR2 (opposite): Eduardo Mariscal; 4th: Michael Radchuk; VAR: Timothy Ford; AVAR: Felisha Mariscal

MLS Career: 141 games; FC/gm: 24.1; Y/gm: 3.3; R: 18; pens: 52

LEAGUE HEAD-TO-HEAD: LAFC 2 wins, 9 goals ... Sporting 3 wins, 8 goals ... Ties 0

AT BANC OF CALIFORNIA STADIUM: LAFC 1 win, 2 goals ... Sporting 1 win, 3 goals ... Ties 0

- LAFC return after a weekend off following a second consecutive draw, playing to a 2-2 result with Minnesota United FC at Banc of California Stadium on July 28. **Carlos Vela** scored his fifth goal of the season, a third consecutive game with a goal.
- Sporting had their five-game undefeated streak come to an end, falling 2-1 to FC Dallas at Children's Mercy Park on Saturday evening. **Johnny Russell** scored his third goal of the season, all coming in the last four games, a second consecutive game with a goal (when he also has an assist).
- The teams are meeting for the second time this season. **Alan Pulido** and **Daniel Sallói** scored second-half goals as Sporting came back for a 2-1 win June 26 at Children's Mercy Park.
- LAFC won both meetings when the teams last met, during the 2019 season. **Adama Diomande** netted the game-winner deep into second-half stoppage time, giving LAFC a 2-1 win in the season opener for both clubs, on March 3 at Banc of California Stadium, then LAFC exploded for a 5-1 win July 3 at Children's Mercy Park.
- Sporting won the first two meetings ever between the clubs in LAFC's inaugural season, a 2-0 win on Aug. 11 at Banc of California Stadium, and a 2-1 win on Decision Day (Oct. 28) at Children's Mercy Park.

**LAFC:** **José Cifuentes** collected his third assist of the season, all coming in the last seven games. ... **Eduard Atuesta** recorded his fourth assist of the year, a second consecutive game with an assist. ... **Tristan Blackmon** scored the second goal of his MLS career, the first coming May 24, 2019 vs. Montréal.

**SPORTING:** **Daniel Sallói** recorded his fourth assist of the season; he has a goal or an assist in three consecutive games, with two goals and one assist. ... **Graham Zusi** collected his second assist of the year, a second consecutive game with an assist.

**PORTLAND TIMBERS vs. SAN JOSE EARTHQUAKES**

Wednesday, August 4, 2021 (Week 17, MLS Game #228)

Providence Park, Portland, Ore.

7:30 p.m. PT (ROOT-NW / NBCS-CA)

LEAGUE HEAD-TO-HEAD: Timbers 14 wins, 45 goals ... Earthquakes 5 wins, 28 goals ... Ties 8

AT PORTLAND: Timbers 10 wins, 26 goals ... Earthquakes 0 wins, 9 goals ... Ties 3

REFEREE: Allen Chapman. AR1 (bench): Jeff Hosking; AR2 (opposite): Mike Rottersman; 4th: Mark Allatin; VAR: Alex Chilowicz; AVAR: Joshua Patlak

MLS Career: 184 games; FC/gm: 22.1; Y/gm: 3.7; R: 45; pens: 76

- The Timbers concluded a two-game road swing with a 4-1 loss to the LA Galaxy at Dignity Health Sports Park on Saturday evening. **Jeremy Ebobisse** scored his fourth goal of the season, his third in the last four games.
- The Quakes extended their undefeated run to five games, following four consecutive draws with a 1-0 win against Seattle Sounders FC at Lumen Field on Saturday afternoon. **Cristian Espinoza** scored the game's only goal, his second of the season; **JT Marcinkowski** was credited with two saves for his second shutout of the season.
- The teams are meeting for the second time this season. **Yimmi Chará** scored early and **Marvín Loría** scored late, as the Timbers took a 2-0 win at PayPal Park on May 15. The Timbers are now undefeated in their last three trips to San Jose, with two wins and a draw, outscoring the Quakes 9-2 over that span.
- The Timbers have never lost to the Quakes at home in their MLS history. The Timbers have won 10 of 13 meetings between the teams in Portland (with three draws), including the past seven meetings there.

**TIMBERS:** **Yimmi Chará** recorded his second assist of the season, both coming in the last four games. ... **Diego Valeri** collected his third assist of the season, the 91st of his MLS career.

**QUAKES:** **Florian Jungwirth** recorded his first assist in an MLS game since Aug. 24, 2019 vs. Vancouver.

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