

MLS WEEK 20 – LOOK AHEAD

LA GALAXY vs. COLORADO RAPIDS

Tuesday, August 17, 2021 (Week 20, MLS Game #255)

Dignity Health Sports Park, Carson, Calif.

7:30 p.m. PT (SpecSN; Altitude)

REFEREE: Silviu Petrescu. AR1 (bench): Kyle Atkins; AR2 (opposite): Eric Weisbrod; 4th: Kevin Broadley; VAR: Timothy Ford; AVAR: Frank Anderson

MLS Career: 177 games; FC/gm: 27.6; Y/gm: 4.0; R: 25; pens: 41

LEAGUE HEAD-TO-HEAD: Galaxy 37 wins (2 shootout), 119 goals ... Rapids 29 wins (1 shootout), 89 goals ... Ties 11

AT GALAXY: Galaxy 24 wins (1 shootout), 73 goals ... Rapids 9 wins (2 shootout), 37 goals ... Ties 6

- The Galaxy extended their undefeated streak to four games with a third win in that time, defeating Minnesota United FC by the game's only goal at Allianz Field on Friday evening. **Kévin Cabral** scored for a second consecutive game, now with three MLS goals.
- The Rapids made it three games without loss with a second victory in the stretch, defeating Houston Dynamo FC at BBVA Stadium on Saturday evening. **Michael Barrios** netted his fifth goal of the season for the game-winner.
- The teams met once a season ago. **Cole Bassett** and **Jonathan Lewis** scored on either side of halftime as the Rapids took a 2-0 win Sept. 19 Dignity Health Sports Park.
- The Rapids have come away with points in the last five meetings between the teams, with four victories, including three in a row. The Rapids' victory in the first meeting in 2018, a 2-1 win on Aug. 4 at Dick's Sporting Goods Park, snapped a four-game winless streak, and two-game losing streak, in league play in the series, their first vs. the Galaxy since March 12, 2016.
- The Rapids have won the last two meetings in Carson, snapping a six-game Galaxy undefeated streak there in the series, with two wins and four draws over the span. It was the first Rapids win there since Sept. 7, 2013, a 1-0 victory.

GALAXY: **Jonathan Klinsmann** was credited with six saves in recording the shutout in his first start of 2021, the second shutout of his MLS career in five starts. ... **Dejan Joveljic** recorded an assist, making his MLS and Galaxy debut, starting and playing 57 minutes in a forward role.

RAPIDS: **Braian Galván** scored his second goal of the season, both coming in the last seven games. ... **Lalas Abubakar** scored his second goal of the year, both coming in the last five games. ... **Jack Price** recorded his sixth assist of the season, his second in the last five games. ... **Mark-Anthony Kaye** collected an assist, his first since coming to the Rapids via trade from LAFC.

SAN JOSE EARTHQUAKES vs. MINNESOTA UNITED FC

Tuesday, August 17, 2021 (Week 20, MLS Game #256)

PayPal Park, San Jose, Calif.

7:30 p.m. PT (NBCS-CA+; Bally Sports North+)

REFEREE: Victor Rivas. AR1 (bench): Ian Anderson; AR2 (opposite): Jason White; 4th: Alex Chilowicz; VAR: Allen Chapman; AVAR: Chris Elliott

MLS Career: 30 games; FC/gm: 23.1; Y/gm: 3.4; R: 4; pens: 12

LEAGUE HEAD-TO-HEAD: Earthquakes 4 wins, 15 goals ... MNUFC 3 wins, 18 goals ... Ties 1

AT SAN JOSE: Earthquakes 2 wins, 8 goals ... MNUFC 2 wins, 12 goals ... Ties 0

- The Quakes extended their undefeated streak to eight games, reaching a scoreless draw with Vancouver Whitecaps FC at PayPal Park on Friday evening. The streak is the longest unbeaten run for the club since 2012.
- MNUFC saw their five-game undefeated streak come to an end, falling by the game's only goal to the LA Galaxy at Allianz Field on Friday evening.
- The teams are meeting for the second time this season. **Benji Kikanovic** netted a late equalizer for the Quakes as the teams reached a 2-2 draw July 3 at Allianz Field.
- The win in the first meeting ended a three-game MNUFC winning streak in the series, over the last two seasons. Each team has won on the road in the last two meetings, MNUFC taking a 5-2 win in San Jose in 2019. The Quakes had won the first four meetings between the teams over the previous two seasons, with a pair of wins in both San Jose and Minneapolis.

QUAKES: **JT Marcinkowski** was credited with three saves in recording his third shutout of the season, his second in the last four games. ... **Chris Wondolowski** is on the verge of becoming the seventh player in MLS history to reach 400 league appearances, with 399 following his substitute appearance vs. Vancouver. He could be the second player in as many weeks to reach the milestone, after Dax McCarty of Nashville SC did it on Sunday evening.

MNUFC: **Jan Gregus** returned to the starting lineup for the first time since July 7, playing 69 minutes in a midfield role.

NEW ENGLAND REVOLUTION vs. D.C. UNITED

Wednesday, August 18, 2021 (Week 20, MLS Game #257)

Gillette Stadium, Foxborough, Mass.

7 p.m. ET (WSBK TV38 / MyRITV; NBCS-Wash / TeleXitos)

REFEREE: Ted Unkel. AR1 (bench): C.J. Morgante; AR2 (opposite): Adam Wienckowski; 4th: Mark Allatin; VAR: Sorin Stoica; AVAR: Thomas Supple

MLS Career: 118 games; FC/gm: 23.4; Y/gm: 4.0; R: 36; pens: 58

LEAGUE HEAD-TO-HEAD: Revolution 31 wins (3 shootout), 102 goals ... D.C. United 34 wins (4 shootout), 115 goals ... Ties 15

AT NEW ENGLAND: Revolution 20 wins (2 shootout), 51 goals ... D.C. United 10 wins (2 shootout), 42 goals ... Ties 9

- The Revolution extended their undefeated streak to seven games with a sixth victory in that time, getting a late penalty kick from **Gustavo Bou** for a 2-1 win against Toronto FC at BMO Field on Saturday evening. Bou now has 12 goals for the season, second in the MLS Golden Boot standings, one behind Raúl Ruidíaz of Seattle.
- D.C. United had their five-game undefeated run put to an end, falling 5-2 to Nashville SC at Nissan Stadium on Sunday evening. **Ola Kamara** netted his 11th goal of the season, his fourth in the last three games, now in a tie for third place in the MLS Golden Boot standings.
- The teams are meeting for the second time this season. The game's only goal came through an own goal as the Revolution took the victory April 24 at Gillette Stadium.
- The Revolution win Aug. 25 last year at Audi Field, a 2-1 victory, was the first by the away team since 2013, a Revolution 2-1 win at RFK Stadium. D.C. United's last win in league play in Foxborough came April 14, 2012, the Revolution with four wins in the 10 meetings since, with five draws.
- The teams have also met four times in the MLS Cup Playoffs, with United winning three of the four series all-time, last a 2-1 win at RFK Stadium in the Knockout Round in 2015. They have met five times in the Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup, the Revolution winning three, last in 2017.

REVOLUTION: **Tajon Buchanan** scored his fourth goal of the season, his last in MLS coming July 3. ... **DeJuan Jones** collected his fourth assist of the season, his second in the last four games.

D.C. UNITED: **Julian Gressel** recorded a pair of assists, the fifth two-assist game of his MLS career. He has six assists for the season, tied for fourth-most in MLS this season, with three in the last two games. ... **Frederic Brillant** scored his first goal of the season, his first since last July 13 at the MLS is Back Tournament. ... **Paul Arriola** gained his second assist, his last coming May 29 vs. Inter Miami.

ATLANTA UNITED vs. TORONTO FC

Wednesday, August 18, 2021 (Week 20, MLS Game #258)

Mercedes-Benz Stadium, Atlanta, Ga.

7 p.m. ET (TSN; Bally Sports South/SE)

REFEREE: Alan Kelly. AR1 (bench): Nick Uranga; AR2 (opposite): Kathryn Nesbitt; 4th: Elvis Osmanovic; VAR: Edvin Jurisevic; AVAR: Joshua Patlak

MLS Career: 144 games; FC/gm: 24.2; Y/gm: 4.3; R: 18; pens: 53

LEAGUE HEAD-TO-HEAD: ATLUTD 1 win, 11 goals ... Toronto FC 3 wins, 14 goals ... Ties 3

AT ATLANTA: ATLUTD 1 win, 6 goals ... Toronto FC 0 wins, 4 goals ... Ties 2

- Atlanta United won a second game on the trot, defeating Los Angeles Football Club by the game's only goal at Mercedes-Benz Stadium on Sunday afternoon. **Josef Martínez** scored the ATLUTD goal, his fifth of the season and third in the last four games.
- Toronto FC went down to a late 2-1 loss to the New England Revolution at BMO Field on Saturday evening. **Jonathan Osorio** scored his fourth goal of the season in league play for TFC.
- The teams met once a season ago. **Pablo Piatti** scored the game's only goal in the 88th minute, giving Toronto FC the win Oct. 18 at Rentschler Field at Pratt and Whitney Stadium in E. Hartford, Conn.
- Each team is undefeated at home in the all-time series on their home ground. ATLUTD's win in the last meeting in Atlanta, a 2-0 win May 8, 2019, is their only win in seven meetings between the clubs; the teams reached 2-2 draws in each of their first three meetings, two of those at Mercedes-Benz Stadium. TFC has won the last two meetings at BMO Field.
- The teams also met in the 2019 Eastern Conference Final at Mercedes-Benz Stadium. **Nick DeLeon** hit for the 78th-minute game-winner as Toronto FC took a 2-1 win to gain a place in 2019 MLS Cup.

ATLUTD: **Ezequiel Barco** recorded his third assist of the season; he has a goal or an assist now in three consecutive games, with a goal and two assists in that span. ... **Brad Guzan** was credited with three saves in recording his fourth shutout of the season.

TFC: **Alejandro Pozuelo** collected his fourth assist of the season, his second in as many games. ... **Yeferson Soteldo** recorded his fifth assist of the season, all coming in the last eight games, since July 7.

PHILADELPHIA UNION vs. NEW YORK CITY FC
Wednesday, August 18, 2021 (Week 20, MLS Game #259)
Subaru Park, Chester, Pa.
7:30 p.m. ET (PHL17; YES)

REFEREE: Drew Fischer. AR1 (bench): Logan Brown; AR2 (opposite): Cameron Blanchard; 4th: Joshua Encarnacion; VAR: Geoff Gamble; AVAR: Craig Lowry
MLS Career: 144 games; FC/gm: 25.1; Y/gm: 3.1; R: 20; pens: 43

LEAGUE HEAD-TO-HEAD: Union 4 wins, 16 goals ... NYCFC 8 wins, 22 goals ... Ties 1
AT UNION: Union 3 wins, 8 goals ... NYCFC 4 wins, 9 goals ... Ties 0

- The Union return to league play after a weekend off, their last match a 2-1 loss to the New England Revolution at Gillette Stadium on August 8. **Paxten Aaronson** scored his first career goal for the Philadelphia goal.
- NYCFC stretched their undefeated streak to six games with a fourth win in that time, defeating Inter Miami CF 2-0 at Yankee Stadium on Saturday evening. **Valentin Castellanos** scored both NYCFC goals, now with eight on the season.
- The teams are meeting for the second time this season. **Jesús Medina** and **Valentin Castellanos** scored as NYCFC took a 2-0 win May 1 at Subaru Park.
- NYCFC have won nine of the last 11 meetings between the teams, including the last four league meetings in the Bronx, and a matchup in the Knockout Round in 2018, a 3-1 victory at Yankee Stadium. The Union win last year, during the MLS is Back Tournament, ended a three-game NYCFC winning streak in the league series.

UNION: **Jakob Glesnes** collected his second assist of the season, his first since June 26. ... The Union return to MLS play following a 2-0 loss to Club América in Mexico City in the first leg of their Concacaf Champions League semifinal. The return match is Wednesday, Sept. 15 at Subaru Park.

NYCFC: **Maximiliano Moralez** was credited with his sixth assist of the season, his third in the last five games, now tied for fourth place in the MLS assist standings. ... **Anton Tinnerholm** recorded his fifth assist of the season, his last coming June 19.

INTER MIAMI CF vs. CHICAGO FIRE FC

Wednesday, August 18, 2021 (Week 20, MLS Game #261)

DRV PNK Stadium, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

7:30 p.m. ET (MyTV33 / UniMás 69; WGN-TV)

REFEREE: Baldomero Toledo. AR1 (bench): Michael Barwegen; AR2 (opposite): Kevin Klinger; 4th: Marcos de Oliveira; VAR: Rubiel Vazquez; AVAR: Jozef Batko

MLS Career: 294 games; FC/gm: 25.2; Y/gm: 3.5; R: 105; pens: 113

LEAGUE HEAD-TO-HEAD: Inter Miami 0 wins, 0 goals ... Fire 1 win, 1 goal ... Ties 0

AT INTER MIAMI: First meeting.

- Inter Miami return home following a 2-0 defeat by New York City FC at Yankee Stadium on Saturday evening.
- The Fire made it four games without loss in winning a second consecutive match, defeating the Columbus Crew by the game's only goal at Soldier Field on Sunday evening. **Luka Stojanovic** scored the goal, his third in the last two games and his sixth of the season.
- The teams are meeting for the second time this season and in their histories. **Luka Stojanovic** scored the game's only goal directly from a free kick as the Fire took the win May 22 at Soldier Field.

IMCF: Inter Miami saw their undefeated streak put to an end after four games, the longest in the club's MLS history.

FIRE: **Bobby Shuttleworth** was credited with one save in recording his third shutout of the season, his last coming July 3.

FC CINCINNATI vs. CF MONTRÉAL

Wednesday, August 18, 2021 (Week 20, MLS Game #260)

TQL Stadium, Cincinnati, Ohio

7:30 p.m. ET (TVA Sports; WSTR – Star 64)

REFEREE: Ramy Touchan. AR1 (bench): Brian Dunn; AR2 (opposite): Brian Poeschel; 4th: Jonathan Bilinski; VAR: Hilario Grajeda; AVAR: Cory Richardson

MLS Career: 47 games; FC/gm: 25.9; Y/gm: 4.3; R: 7; pens: 5

LEAGUE HEAD-TO-HEAD: FCC 3 wins, 9 goals ... CFMTL 1 win, 7 goals ... Ties 0

AT CINCINNATI: FCC 1 win, 2 goals ... CFMTL 0 wins, 1 goal ... Ties 0

- FC Cincinnati return to action following a weekend away, coming off a third consecutive draw last time out in a 1-1 result with Orlando City SC at TQL Stadium. **Brenner** scored the FCC goal, his fourth of the season.
- CF Montréal put an end to a five-game winless skid, getting a late, late penalty kick game-winner from **Victor Wanyama** for a 2-1 win against the New York Red Bulls at Stade Saputo on Saturday evening.
- The teams are meeting for the third time this season. **Brenner** scored two goals and added an assist for FCC, but **Mason Toye** netted a pair of goals as CF Montréal claimed a wild 5-4 win July 17 at DRV PNK Stadium. On May 22 in Fort Lauderdale, **Jürgen Locadia** scored in the 70th minute then **Gustavo Vallecilla** netted the winner in the 86th minute as FCC took a 2-1 win.
- The teams had last met in 2019 during FC Cincinnati's inaugural season – and FCC won both matchups. **Allan Cruz** and **Fatai Alashe** scored goals on either side of halftime as FC Cincinnati took a 2-1 win on May 11 at Nippert Stadium, then Cruz scored the game's only goal after 28 seconds for the win Sept. 14 at Stade Saputo. It equaled the earliest the only goal of a game was scored for a 1-0 win in MLS history.

FCC: **Luciano Acosta** was credited with his fourth assist of the season, his last coming July 17. ... **Álvaro Barreal** recorded his second assist of the season, both coming in the last six games.

CFMTL: **Djordje Mihailovic** recorded his sixth assist of the season, his second in the last three games, tied for fourth-most in MLS this season. ... **Sunusi Ibrahim** scored the first goal of his MLS career, in his 13th appearance.

NEW YORK RED BULLS vs. COLUMBUS CREW
Wednesday, August 18, 2021 (Week 20, MLS Game #262)
Red Bull Arena, Harrison, N.J.
8 p.m. ET (MSG; Bally Sports OH)

REFEREE: Chris Penso. AR1 (bench): Jeremy Hanson; AR2 (opposite): Gianni Facchini; 4th: JC Griggs; VAR: Jose Carlos Rivero; AVAR: Robert Schaap

MLS Career: 178 games; FC/gm: 23.7; Y/gm: 3.7; R: 53; pens: 71

LEAGUE HEAD-TO-HEAD: Red Bulls 30 wins, 103 goals ... Crew SC 30 wins, 93 goals ... Ties 12

AT RED BULLS: Red Bulls 18 wins, 56 goals ... Crew SC 12 wins, 42 goals ... Ties 5

- The Red Bulls return home following a two-game road swing with a second reversal, falling 2-1 to CF Montréal at Stade Saputo on Saturday evening. **Patryk Klimala** converted a penalty kick for the Red Bulls goal, his fourth since coming to MLS.
- The Crew saw their slide continue, falling by the game's only goal to Chicago Fire FC at Soldier Field on Sunday evening.
- The teams met once a season ago. **Gyasi Zardes** and **Lucas Zelarayán** scored in each half as the Crew took a 2-0 win in the in the MLS is Back Tournament on July 16.
- The Crew have a six-game undefeated streak in the series in league play. The Red Bulls have not won in Columbus since March 28, 2015, a span of five games; the Crew have won two of those, with three draws. The Crew have won the last two meetings in Harrison.
- The teams also met in Round One of the MLS Cup Playoffs, the Crew taking a 3-2 win in Columbus on Nov. 21. It was the fifth meeting all-time between the teams in the postseason, which also includes MLS Cup 2008, won by the Crew.

RED BULLS: **Patryk Klimala** is tied for the Red Bulls team lead in goals, with Caden Clark and Cristian Casseres Jr. ... The Victor Wanyama game-winning goal for CF Montréal equaled the 10th-latest ever scored in an MLS regular season game.

CREW: **Derrick Etienne Jr.** made the 100th appearance of his MLS league career.

NASHVILLE SC vs. ORLANDO CITY SC

Wednesday, August 18, 2021 (Week 20, MLS Game #263)

Nissan Stadium, Nashville, Tenn.

7:30 p.m. CT (MyTV30; FOX35 Plus / LionNation TV)

REFEREE: Fotis Bazakos. AR1 (bench): Corey Parker; AR2 (opposite): Jeffrey Swartzel; 4th: Alyssa Nichols;
VAR: Guido Gonzales Jr.; AVAR: Jeff Muschik

MLS Career: 115 games; FC/gm: 24.9; Y/gm: 3.7; R: 23; pens: 37

LEAGUE HEAD-TO-HEAD: Nashville SC 1 win, 5 goals ... Orlando City 1 win, 6 goals ... Ties 1

AT NASHVILLE: Nashville SC 0 wins, 1 goal ... Orlando City 0 wins, 1 goal ... Ties 1

- Nashville SC exploded for a 5-2 victory against D.C. United at Nissan Stadium on Sunday evening. **CJ Sapong** scored a pair of goals, now with eight for the season and three in the last two games, while **Alex Muyl** also scored a brace, the second two-goal game of his MLS career.
- Orlando City SC return to action after a weekend off, extending their undefeated run to three games last time out, a 1-1 draw with FC Cincinnati at TQL Stadium on August 7. **Nani** scored the OCSC goal, his ninth of the season.
- The teams met three times in Nashville SC's inaugural season, evenly splitting the series. **Daryl Dike** scored a pair of goals and **Chris Mueller** added his fifth of the year as Orlando City took a 3-1 win at Exploria Stadium on Aug. 26; **Hany Mukhtar** and **Jhonder Cadiz** scored goals five minutes after the 87th minute as Nashville SC came back for a 3-2 win on Decision Day (Nov. 8) at Nissan Stadium. The teams also reached a 1-1 draw Sept. 2, also in Nashville.

NASHVILLE SC: **Hany Mukhtar** scored a goal, his eighth of the season, tied for seventh place in the MLS Golden Boot standings, and also added an assist, his sixth of the year and fourth in the last five games, tied for fourth place in the MLS assist standings. ... **Randall Leal** collected his sixth assist of the season, his last coming July 17. ... **Daniel Lovitz** recorded his fifth assist of the season, matching his single-season career-high, set in 2018 with Montréal.

OCSC: Orlando City return to action following the first competitive international match in the club's MLS existence, falling 1-0 to Club Santos Laguna of Liga MX in the quarterfinals of Leagues Cup.

SPORTING KANSAS CITY vs. PORTLAND TIMBERS
Wednesday, August 18, 2021 (Week 20, MLS Game #264)
Children's Mercy Park, Kansas City, Kan.
7:30 p.m. CT (Bally Sports KC+; KPDX)

REFEREE: Ismail Elfath. AR1 (bench): Peter Balciunas; AR2 (opposite): Jeremy Kieso; 4th: Brandon Stevis;
VAR: David Gantar; AVAR: Kyle Atkins
MLS Career: 168 games; FC/gm: 25.7; Y/gm: 3.3; R: 46; pens: 52

LEAGUE HEAD-TO-HEAD: Sporting 7 wins, 19 goals ... Timbers 5 wins, 16 goals ... Ties 5
AT KC: Sporting 3 wins, 12 goals ... Timbers 1 win, 7 goals ... Ties 3

- Sporting extended their undefeated run to three games with a second win in that time, defeating FC Dallas 2-0 at Toyota Stadium on Saturday evening. **Daniel Sallói** scored his 11th goal of the season, tied for third place in the MLS Golden Boot standings, and **Alan Pulido** added his eighth this year, his second in the last three games.
- The Timbers went down to a 6-2 defeat by Seattle Sounders FC at Providence Park on Sunday evening. **Sebastian Blanco** and **George Fochive** each scored their first goals of the season.
- The teams are meeting for the second time this season. **Dairon Asprilla** and **Marvín Loría** scored first-half goals as the Timbers took a 2-1 win June 19 at Providence Park, their first meeting since 2019.
- The Timbers wins in the last two meetings in Portland were their first home win in the series since 2016. The Timbers' lone win in Kansas City came on April 27, 2013, a 3-2 victory; Sporting are 2-0-3 in the last five home meetings in the series.

SPORTING: **Daniel Sallói** collected his sixth assist of the season, tied for fourth place in the MLS assist standings. It was a fifth consecutive game with either a goal or an assist, with four goals and three assists in that span, the three assists coming in each of the last three games, and a second consecutive game with a goal and an assist (and fourth this season). ... **Gadi Kinda** recorded his third assist of the season; he has a goal and an assist in the last three games. ... **Johnny Russell** collected his fifth assist of the season. ... **Tim Melia** was credited with four saves in recording his fourth shutout of the season, his second in a row.

TIMBERS: **Felipe Mora** was credited with his third assist of the season; he has a goal or an assist now in three consecutive games.

FC DALLAS vs. SEATTLE SOUNDERS FC
Wednesday, August 18, 2021 (Week 20, MLS Game #265)
Toyota Stadium, Frisco, Texas
7:30 p.m. CT (FCDTV / Estrella KMPX-29; JOEtv / Amazon Prime)

REFEREE: Robert Sibiga. AR1 (bench): Corey Rockwell; AR2 (opposite): Gjovalin Bori; 4th: Matthew Corrigan;
VAR: Kevin Terry Jr.; AVAR: Fabio Tovar
MLS Career: 132 games; FC/gm: 21.7; Y/gm: 3.5; R: 24; pens: 36

LEAGUE HEAD-TO-HEAD: FC Dallas 7 wins, 29 goals ... Sounders FC 12 wins, 43 goals ... Ties 8
AT DALLAS: FC Dallas 6 wins, 20 goals ... Sounders FC 3 wins, 13 goals ... Ties 5

- FC Dallas continue their homestand following a 2-0 defeat by Sporting Kansas City at Toyota Stadium on Saturday evening.
- Sounders FC recorded a historic 6-2 win against arch-rivals Portland Timbers at Providence Park on Sunday evening. **Raúl Ruidíaz** scored a pair of goals – one directly from a stunning free kick – now with 13 goals on the season to lead the MLS Golden Boot standings; **Fredy Montero** also added a brace, his fifth and sixth goals of the year.
- The teams are meeting for the second time this season. **Fredy Montero** gave Sounders FC a late lead, but **Franco Jara** hit for the equalizer in stoppage time, leaving the teams in a 1-1 draw Aug. 4 at Lumen Field, their first meeting since the 2019 season.
- FC Dallas have a seven-game undefeated streak at home in the league series, with five wins and two draws, winning 2-1 in the last meeting in Frisco, June 1, 2019. The last Sounders FC win there came April 12, 2014, a 3-2 victory.
- Sounders FC are undefeated in the last 10 league meetings between the teams in Seattle, and have won 10 of the 14 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 15-2 in four regular season meetings at home. 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.

FCD: **Matt Hedges** returned to the starting lineup for the first time since May 22.

SOUNDERS FC: **João Paulo** recorded a pair of assists, now with eight assists for the season, sitting in second place in the MLS assist standings. ... **Jimmy Medranda** scored his second goal of the season, matching his single-season career-high set with Sporting KC in 2017 and 2018.

AUSTIN FC vs. VANCOUVER WHITECAPS FC

Wednesday, August 18, 2021 (Week 20, MLS Game #266)

Q2 Stadium, Austin, Texas

8 p.m. CT (TSN; KBVO [MyNetwork])

REFEREE: Rosendo Mendoza. AR1 (bench): Adam Garner; AR2 (opposite): Ian McKay; 4th: Tori Penso; VAR: Armando Villarreal; AVAR: Jonathan Johnson

MLS Career: 26 games; FC/gm: 24.5; Y/gm: 3.3; R: 4; pens: 6

LEAGUE HEAD-TO-HEAD: First meeting.

- Austin FC concluded their two-game road swing with a loss to Real Salt Lake by the game's only goal at Rio Tinto Stadium on Saturday evening.
- Whitecaps FC reached a fifth consecutive draw, now six games in a row without loss, in a goalless result with the San Jose Earthquakes at PayPal Park on Friday evening.
- The teams are meeting for the first time this season and in their histories. The teams are also scheduled to meet Sept. 4 at BC Place.

ATXFC: Sebastian Driussi made his first MLS start, playing 72 minutes.

WHITECAPS FC: Maxime Crèpeau was credited with three saves in recording his third shutout of the season, his last coming May 8.

REAL SALT LAKE vs. HOUSTON DYNAMO FC
Wednesday, August 18, 2021 (Week 20, MLS Game #267)
Rio Tinto Stadium, Sandy, Utah
8 p.m. MT (KMYU-12; QuestTexas 55 / Telexitos 47.2)

REFEREE: Jair Marrufo. AR1 (bench): Frank Anderson; AR2 (opposite): Jose da Silva; 4th: Nima Saghafi; VAR: Joseph Dickerson; AVAR: Mike Kampmeiner

MLS Career: 279 games; FC/gm: 22.9; Y/gm: 2.8; R: 44; pens: 87

LEAGUE HEAD-TO-HEAD: Real 11 wins, 44 goals ... Dynamo 12 wins, 42 goals ... Ties 9

AT SALT LAKE: Real 8 wins, 18 goals ... Dynamo 2 wins, 9 goals ... Ties 6

- Real put an end to a quick two-game losing skid, defeating Austin FC by the game's only goal at Rio Tinto Stadium on Saturday evening. **Bobby Wood** scored the only goal, his second since coming to MLS.
- Dynamo FC saw their slide extended, falling 3-1 to the Colorado Rapids at BBVA Stadium on Saturday evening. **Fafa Picault** converted a penalty kick for the Dynamo goal, his fourth of the season and second in the last three games.
- The teams are meeting for the third time this season. **Justen Glad** scored in the 11th minute for RSL, but **Maximiliano Urruti** hit for a 52nd minute equalizer, leaving the teams in a 1-1 draw June 26 at Rio Tinto Stadium; they also reached a goalless draw, July 31 at BBVA Stadium.
- Real have a seven-game undefeated streak alive in the series. They won both meetings in 2018, ending a four-game Dynamo undefeated streak in the series.
- Real have won three of the last seven meetings in Houston, their first wins ever there, also gaining two draws; RSL suffered eight defeats and one draw in its first nine road games against the Dynamo.

REAL: Zac MacMath was credited with one save in recording his second shutout of the season, making his fifth start.

DYNAMO FC: Adalberto Carrasquilla made his first MLS start for Dynamo FC, playing the full 90 minutes in a midfield role.

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