

## MLS WEEK 22 – LOOK AHEAD

### **COLUMBUS CREW vs. FC CINCINNATI**

Friday, August 27, 2021 (Week 22, MLS Game #281)

Lower.com Field, Columbus, Ohio

6:30 p.m. ET (ESPN / ESPN Deportes)

REFEREE: Robert Sibiga. AR1 (bench): Jason White; AR2 (opposite): Ian McKay; 4th: Silviu Petrescu; VAR: Timothy Ford; AVAR: Craig Lowry

MLS Career: 133 games; FC/gm: 21.7; Y/gm: 3.5; R: 24; pens: 36

LEAGUE HEAD-TO-HEAD: Crew SC 3 wins, 13 goals ... FCC 1 win, 5 goals ... Ties 2

AT COLUMBUS: Crew SC 1 win, 5 goals ... FCC 0 wins, 2 goals ... Ties 1

- The Crew saw their losing slide extended, falling 2-1 to Seattle Sounders FC in an MLS Cup Final match at Lower.com Field on Saturday afternoon. **Bradley Wright-Phillips** scored the Crew goal, his first of the season and the 117th of his MLS league career.
- FC Cincinnati had their four-game undefeated streak put to an end, falling 4-1 to the New England Revolution at Gillette Stadium on Saturday evening. **Brenner** scored his fifth of the season, his second in the last three games.
- The teams are meeting for the second time this season. **Edgar Castillo** and **Luciano Acosta** gave FC Cincinnati a two-goal lead after just 24 minutes, but **Lucas Zelarayán** scored one goal then set up the equalizer from **Miguel Berry** to leave the teams in a 2-2 draw July 9 at TQL Stadium.
- The teams met four times a season ago. In the last meeting, FC Cincinnati won for the first time in the Hell is Real Derby, taking a 2-1 win Oct. 14 at Nippert Stadium.
- Earlier, the teams met twice within a week in the continuation of play. **Gyasi Zardes** scored two goals and **Pedro Santos** had a goal and an assist as Crew SC took a 3-0 win Sept. 6 in Columbus; the teams played to a goalless draw Aug. 29 at Nippert Stadium. The teams also met during group play in the MLS is Back Tournament, as **Lucas Zelarayán** scored a stunning goal directly from a free kick and also added a pair of assists, while **Gyasi Zardes** netted a pair of goals, leading Crew SC to a 4-0 win July 11.
- The clubs met twice in FC Cincinnati's inaugural season, over the span of two weeks. They reached a 2-2 draw Aug. 10 in Columbus at Mapfre Stadium, then the Crew claimed a 3-1 win at Nippert Stadium on Aug. 25.

**CREW:** The Crew announced Trinidad & Tobago international **Kevin Molino** will undergo knee surgery and miss the next 9-12 months.

**FCC:** **Luciano Acosta** collected his fifth assist of the season, his second in the last three games.

**CF MONTRÉAL vs. TORONTO FC**  
Friday, August 27, 2021 (Week 22, MLS Game #282)  
Stade Saputo, Montréal, Qué.  
7:30 p.m. ET (TSN; TVA Sports)

REFEREE: Drew Fischer. AR1 (bench): Chantal Boudreau; AR2 (opposite): Oscar Mitchell-Carvalho; 4th: Marcos de Oliveira; VAR: Geoff Gamble; AVAR: Robert Schaap

MLS Career: 146 games; FC/gm: 25.1; Y/gm: 3.1; R: 20; pens: 43

LEAGUE HEAD-TO-HEAD: CFM 9 wins, 35 goals ... Toronto FC 14 wins, 45 goals ... Ties 4

MONTREAL HOME GAME: CFM 6 wins, 17 goals ... Toronto FC 7 wins, 22 goals ... Ties 1

- CF Montréal made it three games in a row without loss, reaching a 1-1 draw with the Philadelphia Union at Subaru Park. **Djordje Mihailovic** scored his fourth goal of the season for the CFMTL tally on Saturday evening.
- TFC had their losing slide extended, dropping a 3-1 decision to Inter Miami CF at DRV PNK Stadium on Saturday evening.
- The teams are meeting for the second time this season. **Zachary Brault-Guillard** has a pair of assists as four different CF Montréal players scored in a 4-2 win in the season opener for both teams, April 17 at DRV PNK Stadium in Fort Lauderdale.
- TFC has won five of the last seven league meetings, over the last two-plus seasons. The Montréal win last year ended a four-game TFC winning streak in the series.
- The teams also met in the final of the Canadian Championship in 2019 – the seventh time in the last eight years they met in the tournament – the Impact winning the title in a penalty shootout after each team won 1-0 at home, the Impact on Sept. 18 in Montréal, and TFC on Sept. 25 in Toronto. It was the second time the Impact defeated TFC for the Canadian crown, also in 2014; TFC defeated Montréal for the second of their three titles in a row in 2017.

**CFMTL: Joaquin Torres** recorded his fourth assist of the season, his third over the last seven games.

**TFC: Quentin Westberg** started a second consecutive game in goal, his fourth appearance of the season.

**ORLANDO CITY SC vs. INTER MIAMI CF**  
Friday, August 27, 2021 (Week 22, MLS Game #283)  
Exploria Stadium, Orlando, Fla.  
8:30 p.m. ET (ESPN / ESPN Deportes)

REFEREE: Ismail Elfath. AR1 (bench): Jose da Silva; AR2 (opposite): Brian Poeschel; 4th: Alex Chilowicz; VAR: Guido Gonzales Jr.; AVAR: Jozef Batko  
MLS Career: 169 games; FC/gm: 25.7; Y/gm: 3.3; R: 46; pens: 52

LEAGUE HEAD-TO-HEAD: Orlando City 3 wins, 10 goals ... Inter Miami 2 wins, 9 goals ... Ties 1  
AT INTER MIAMI: Orlando City 1 win, 3 goals ... Inter Miami 0 wins, 2 goals ... Ties 1

- Orlando City stretched their undefeated streak to five games with a second win in that time, defeating the Chicago Fire at Exploria Stadium, the game's lone goal coming from **Benji Michel**.
- Inter Miami CF won for a third time in four games and won for a fourth straight match at DRV PNK Stadium, defeating Toronto FC 3-1. **Rodolfo Pizarro** scored a pair of goals, now with three in the last two games.
- The teams are meeting for the third time this season. **Chris Mueller** and **Nani** scored seven minutes apart late as Orlando City SC overcame a deficit to take a 2-1 win June 25 at DRV PNK Stadium; OCSC's **Antonio Carlos** and IMCF's **Kieran Gibbs** as the teams reached a 1-1 draw Aug. 4 at Exploria Stadium.
- 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:** **Tesho Akindele** collected his fifth assist of the season, his last coming June 22, the last of three consecutive games with an assist.

**IMCF:** **Leandro González Pirez** collected a pair of assists, the first two-assist game of his MLS career. All three assists have come over the last two games; the three assists also equal his MLS single-season career-high, set in his first season with Atlanta United in 2017. ... **Robbie Robinson** scored his fourth goal of the season, his second in as many games. ... **Gonzalo Higuaín** recorded his fifth assist of the season, his third over the last two matches.

**ATLANTA UNITED vs. NASHVILLE SC**  
Saturday, August 28, 2021 (Week 22, MLS Game #284)  
Mercedes-Benz Stadium, Atlanta, Ga.  
3:30 p.m. ET (Univision / TUDN)

REFEREE: Rosendo Mendoza. AR1 (bench): Kyle Atkins; AR2 (opposite): Jeremy Hanson; 4th: Luis Guardia;  
VAR: Michael Radchuk; AVAR: Jeff Muschik  
MLS Career: 27 games; FC/gm: 24.6; Y/gm: 3.3; R: 4; pens: 6

LEAGUE HEAD-TO-HEAD: ATLUTD 2 wins, 10 goals ... Nashville SC 1 win, 8 goals ... Ties 2  
AT ATLANTA: ATLUTD 1 win, 4 goals ... Nashville SC 0 wins, 2 goals ... Ties 1

- Atlanta United won for a fourth game on the trot, defeating D.C. United 2-1 at Mercedes-Benz Stadium. **Josef Martínez** scored for a fourth time in six games, then **Marcelino Moreno** netted the late game-winner, his fourth in the last six games.
- Nashville SC gained a second result in a row, reaching a 1-1 draw with Orlando City SC at Nissan Stadium. **CJ Sapong** scored his ninth goal of the season, his fourth in the last three games, and his eighth in the last 10 matches.
- The teams are meeting for the third time this season, and both previous meetings have been 2-2 draws. **Marcelino Moreno** and **Erik López** gave ATLUTD a 2-goal lead, but two late goals three minutes apart from **Hany Mukhtar** pulled the teams back into a 2-2 draw May 29 at Mercedes-Benz Stadium, then on July 8 at Nissan Stadium, goals from ATLUTD's Anton Walkes and Jackson Conway surrounded goals from Nashville's Jalil Anibaba and **Hany Mukhtar**.
- The teams are met three times a season ago in Nashville SC's inaugural season. Atlanta United won the first two, including in the season opener for both clubs, the first match in Nashville SC's history. a 2-1 win Feb. 29 at Nissan Stadium. Atlanta United also took a 2-0 win Aug. 22 at Mercedes-Benz Stadium, before Nashville SC rolled to a 4-2 win Sept. 12 at Nissan Stadium.

**ATLUTD:** **Josef Martínez** collected his first assist of the season. ... **Marcelino Moreno** added his third assist of the season, the second time in his MLS career he's had a goal and an assist in the same game (also: May 29 vs. Nashville). ... **Anton Walkes** collected his second assist this season, both coming in the last six games.

**NASHVILLE SC:** **Hany Mukhtar** recorded his seventh assist of the season, his fifth over the last six games, dating back to July 24. He has four assists over the last three games.

**NEW YORK RED BULLS vs. CHICAGO FIRE FC**  
Saturday, August 28, 2021 (Week 22, MLS Game #285)  
Red Bull Arena, Harrison, N.J.  
6 p.m. ET (MSG; WGN-TV)

REFEREE: Victor Rivas. AR1 (bench): Adam Garner; AR2 (opposite): Brian Dunn; 4th: Guido Gonzales Jr.; VAR: Carol Anne Chenard; AVAR: Gjovalin Bori

MLS Career: 31 games; FC/gm: 23.1; Y/gm: 3.4; R: 5; pens: 12

LEAGUE HEAD-TO-HEAD: Red Bulls 20 wins, 82 goals ... Fire 29 wins, 98 goals ... Ties 13

AT RED BULLS: Red Bulls 15 wins, 50 goals ... Fire 12 wins, 44 goals ... Ties 3

- The scheduled match between NYCFC and the Red Bulls at Red Bull Arena was postponed to unplayable field conditions. No makeup date has yet been set. Last time out, The Red Bulls took a win by the game's only goal against the Columbus Crew at Red Bull Arena, as **John Tolkin** scored the first goal of his MLS career.
- The Fire couldn't rebound from a first loss in five games, dropping a decision by the game's only goal to Orlando City SC at Exploria Stadium on Saturday evening.
- The teams are meeting for the third time this season, each winning at home. **Cristian Casseres Jr.** and **Caden Clark** scored second-half goals as the Red Bulls claimed a 2-0 win May 1 at Red Bull Arena, then **Luka Stojanovic** scored twice within the opening eight minutes as the Fire took a 2-1 win at Soldier Field on Aug. 8.
- The Red Bulls have won five of the last six meetings in Harrison, the Fire win in that span coming April 21, 2018 in a 2-1 win, their first victory overall vs. the Red Bulls since Aug. 26, 2015. The Fire win in the final meeting in Bridgeview, a 1-0 win March 30, 2019, was their first in the series at home since 2015.

**RED BULLS:** **Fabio** collected his seventh assist of the season, his last coming on July 3, tied for fourth place in the MLS assist standings. ... **Andrew Gutman** recorded his first assist of the season, his first since coming to the Red Bulls; it was his first in an MLS game since Aug. 17, 2019 while with FC Cincinnati, his second league appearance. ... **Carlos Coronel** was credited with three saves in recording his sixth shutout of the season, tied for fourth-most in MLS this season.

**FIRE:** **Miguel Navarro** made his first start since July 24 after recovering from a knee injury.

## NEW YORK CITY FC vs. NEW ENGLAND REVOLUTION

Saturday, August 28, 2021 (Week 22, MLS Game #286)

Yankee Stadium, Bronx, N.Y.

7:30 p.m. ET (YES; WSBK-TV 38 / MyRITV)

REFEREE: Kevin Stott. AR1 (bench): Kathryn Nesbitt; AR2 (opposite): Gianni Facchini; 4th: Silviu Petrescu; VAR: Jose Carlos Rivero; AVAR: Thomas Supple

MLS Career: 371 games; FC/gm: 24.4; Y/gm: 3.1; R: 86; pens: 98

LEAGUE HEAD-TO-HEAD: NYCFC 5 wins, 20 goals ... Revolution 8 wins, 24 goals ... Ties 4

NYCFC HOME GAME: NYCFC 3 wins, 13 goals ... Revolution 4 wins, 14 goals ... Ties 2

- The scheduled match between NYCFC and the Red Bulls at Red Bull Arena was postponed to unplayable field conditions. No makeup date has yet been set. Last time out, NYCFC had their six-game undefeated streak put to an end, falling by the game's only goal to the Philadelphia Union at Subaru Park.
- The Revolution won a fourth consecutive game, their eighth win over a nine-game undefeated run, defeating FC Cincinnati 4-1 at Gillette Stadium on Saturday evening. **Adam Buksa** scored a pair of goals, and **Tajon Buchanan** and **Emmanuel Boateng** each had a goal and an assist.
- The teams are meeting for the second time this season. Carles Gil set up a pair of goals as the Revolution took a 3-2 win at Red Bull Arena on June 19.
- The teams met three times a season ago, evenly splitting their season series. NYCFC claimed a 2-0 win behind two second-half goals at Gillette Stadium on Sept. 2; then on Oct. 11, **Teal Bunbury** scored early and **Lee Nguyen** late as the Revolution took a 2-1 win at Yankee Stadium. The teams also reached a goalless draw on Sept. 19 in Foxborough.
- The NYCFC win in the first meeting last year ended a four-game undefeated streak for the Revs in the series in Foxborough. NYCFC has won four of the eight meetings all-time in the Bronx.

**NYCFC:** After going 25 consecutive league games with a goal, which was tied for the fourth-longest such streak in MLS history, NYCFC was held without a marker for a second time in four matches last time out vs. Philadelphia.

**REVOLUTION:** **Tajon Buchanan** collected his fourth assist of the season, the second time in his MLS career he had a goal and an assist in the same game, the last coming July 3 vs. Columbus. ... **Emmanuel Boateng** recorded his third assist of the season, his second in as many games, all three coming in the last five appearances. It's the second time he's had a goal and an assist in the same game, the first coming April 23, 2016 for the LA Galaxy (1 goal, 2 assists). ... **Gustavo Bou** recorded his fourth assist of the season; he has a goal and/or an assist in 12 of his last 15 outings, dating back to May 22.

**LOS ANGELES FOOTBALL CLUB vs. LA GALAXY**  
Saturday, August 28, 2021 (Week 22, MLS Game #288)  
Banc of California Stadium, Los Angeles, Calif.  
4 p.m. PT (FOX / FOX Deportes)

REFEREE: Allen Chapman. AR1 (bench): Adam Wienckowski; AR2 (opposite): Cameron Blanchard; 4th: Nima Saghafi; VAR: Joseph Dickerson; AVAR: Fabio Tovar

MLS Career: 188 games; FC/gm: 22.2; Y/gm: 3.8; R: 46; pens: 82

LEAGUE HEAD-TO-HEAD: LAFC 2 wins, 20 goals ... Galaxy 5 wins, 22 goals ... Ties 3

AT BANC OF CALIFORNIA STADIUM: LAFC 1 win, 7 goals ... Galaxy 1 win, 7 goals ... Ties 2

- LAFC had their skid continue, falling 2-1 to Vancouver Whitecaps FC at BC Place on Saturday evening. **Diego Rossi** converted a penalty kick for LAFC goal.
- The Galaxy dropped a second match, falling 2-1 to the San Jose Earthquakes at Dignity Health Sports Park on Friday evening. **Victor Vazquez** scored the Galaxy goal straight from a corner kick – a *gol olimpico*.
- The teams are meeting for the second time this season. **Javier Hernández** scored early then set up the **Jonathan dos Santos** game-winner late, as the Galaxy took the 2-1 win at Dignity Health Sports Park on May 8.
- When the teams met last year in the MLS is Back Tournament – it was another historic meeting. **Diego Rossi** scored four goals – the 13th player in league history to net that many in a game – and combined for five goals and assists, as LAFC won 6-2 on July 18. It was the eighth time in MLS history a player had five goals plus assists in a game, Rossi the first player to do it twice. The win marked the first time in league play LAFC defeated the Galaxy.
- There have been 50 goals scored in the nine meetings in all competitions between the clubs.
- The teams also met in 2019 in the Western Conference Semifinals – and LAFC came away victors, claiming a wild 5-3 victory at Banc of California Stadium on Oct. 24, as **Carlos Vela** scored two goals and added an assist.

**LAFC:** **Carlos Vela** was forced off through injury after 16 minutes; he also missed the 2021 MLS All-Star Game, meaning he will be unavailable for the Galaxy match.

**GALAXY:** The Vazquez *olimpico* was the eighth scored in MLS history, the last coming last Sept. 19 by Haris Medunjanin of FC Cincinnati.

**D.C. UNITED vs. PHILADELPHIA UNION**  
Saturday, August 28, 2021 (Week 22, MLS Game #287)  
Audi Field, Washington, D.C.  
8 p.m. ET (NBCS-Wash / TeleXitos; PHL17)

REFEREE: Rubiel Vazquez. AR1 (bench): Peter Balciunas; AR2 (opposite): Kevin Klinger; 4th: JC Griggs; VAR: Edvin Jurisevic; AVAR: Eric Weisbrod

MLS Career: 50 games; FC/gm: 22.4; Y/gm: 3.4; R: 8; pens: 10

LEAGUE HEAD-TO-HEAD: D.C. United 8 wins, 33 goals ... Union 16 wins, 53 goals ... Ties 5

AT D.C.: D.C. United 5 wins, 21 goals ... Union 5 wins, 27 goals ... Ties 5

- D.C. United had their losing slide extended, falling 2-1 to Atlanta United at Mercedes-Benz Stadium on Saturday evening. **Yordy Reyna** scored the United goal directly from a free kick.
- The Union gained a second result in a row, reaching a 1-1 draw with Nashville SC at Subaru Park on Saturday evening. 17-year-old **Quinn Sullivan** scored the second goal of his MLS career for the Union.
- The teams are meeting for the third time this season, and the Union have won the first two. **Kacper Przybylko** scored the game's only goal in a win at Audi Field on May 23, then Przybylko hit for the game-winner in a 2-1 victory July 17 at Subaru Park.
- The Union are undefeated in the last 10 meetings between the teams, over the past five seasons, winning seven in a row before a draw in the second meeting in 2020, with a 27-8 edge in goals. The Union have won the past eight meetings in Chester, Pa., over the last five-plus seasons, including a 4-1 victory in the last meeting there last Aug. 29; they are undefeated in four visits all-time to Audi Field, with three wins and a draw.

**UNITED:** The Reyna goal was the first direct free kick goal for D.C. United since Wayne Rooney hit one April 24, 2019, his second of two that season.

**UNION:** **Jack Elliott** recorded the second assist of his MLS career in his fifth season (119 league appearances), his first coming Aug. 26, 2017.



**SPORTING KANSAS CITY vs. COLORADO RAPIDS**  
Saturday, August 28, 2021 (Week 22, MLS Game #289)  
Children's Mercy Park, Kansas City, Kan.  
8 p.m. CT (Bally Sports KC+; Altitude)

REFEREE: Fotis Bazakos. AR1 (bench): Corey Parker; AR2 (opposite): Ryan Graves; 4th: Jeremy Scheer; VAR: Sorin Stoica; AVAR: Jonathan Johnson

MLS Career: 117 games; FC/gm: 24.9; Y/gm: 3.7; R: 23; pens: 37

LEAGUE HEAD-TO-HEAD: Sporting 28 wins (1 shootout), 114 goals ... Rapids 24 wins (3 shootout), 90 goals ... Ties 17

AT KC: Sporting 22 wins (0 shootout), 71 goals ... Rapids 6 wins (1 shootout), 34 goals ... Ties 5

- Sporting extended their undefeated streak to five games, reaching a scoreless draw with Minnesota United FC at Allianz Field on Saturday afternoon.
- The Rapids stretched their winning run to three games, defeating Real Salt Lake 2-1 at Dick's Sporting Goods Park on Saturday evening. **Diego Rubio** and **Mark Anthony-Kaye** scored seven minutes apart in the second half for the win.
- The teams are meeting for the third time this season. **Daniel Sallói** scored a pair of goals in the first half as Sporting took a 3-1 win June 23 at Children's Mercy Park; the teams reached a goalless draw Aug. 7 at Dick's Sporting Goods Park.
- 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 an eight-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:** **Tim Melia** was credited with seven saves in recording his fifth shutout of the season, his third in the last four games. The seven saves equaled his single-game high this season (also: July 4, 2-0 vs. LA Galaxy).

**RAPIDS:** **Jack Price** recorded his seventh assist of the season, his second in the last three games, tied for fourth place in the MLS assist standings. ... **Keegan Rosenberry** collected his second assist of the season, his first coming May 15. ... **Braian Galván** recorded his first assist of the season, his second career assist in MLS.

**HOUSTON DYNAMO FC vs. MINNESOTA UNITED FC**  
Saturday, August 28, 2021 (Week 22, MLS Game #290)  
BBVA Stadium, Houston, Texas  
8 p.m. CT (QuestTexas 55; Bally Sports North+ / CW)

REFEREE: Ted Unkel. AR1 (bench): Jeremy Kieso; AR2 (opposite): Corey Rockwell; 4th: Baldomero Toledo;  
VAR: Armando Villarreal; AVAR: Diego Blas

MLS Career: 119 games; FC/gm: 23.5; Y/gm: 4.0; R: 37; pens: 58

LEAGUE HEAD-TO-HEAD: Dynamo 4 wins, 17 goals ... MNUFC 3 wins, 12 goals ... Ties 4

AT HOUSTON: Dynamo 4 wins, 14 goals ... MNUFC 0 wins, 5 goals ... Ties 2

- Dynamo FC came back to gain a result, playing to a 2-2 tie with FC Dallas at BBVA Stadium. **Fafa Picault** converted a penalty kick – his third straight game with a goal – then **Matías Vera** scored the leveler.
- Minnesota United FC gained a second consecutive draw, playing to a scoreless result with Sporting Kansas City at Allianz Field on Saturday afternoon.
- The teams are meeting for the second time this season. **Robin Lod** scored early and **Brent Kallman** netted late as MNUFC took a 2-0 win at Allianz Field on Aug. 7.
- The teams met three times a season ago. They reached a pair of 2-2 draws in the final two meetings, Sept. 19 at BBVA Stadium and Oct. 18 at Allianz Field. On Sept. 2 in Houston, **Darwin Quintero** scored against his former club and **Ariel Lassiter** hit for his first two Dynamo goals, in a 3-0 win.
- The visiting team has yet to win in the all-time series, with the home team winning six meetings in a row before draws in the last two matchups. MNUFC had won two home meetings in a row before the tie last time out.

**DYNAMO FC:** **Matías Vera** scored his second goal over his last seven games. ... **Zarek Valentin** recorded his first assist of the season, his fourth in two years with Houston.

**MNUFC:** **Tyler Miller** was credited with five saves in recording his seventh clean sheet of the season, sitting in fourth place in the MLS shutout standings.

## **AUSTIN FC vs. FC DALLAS**

Sunday, August 29, 2021 (Week 22, MLS Game #292)

Q2 Stadium, Austin, Texas

7 p.m. CT (FS1 / FOX Deportes)

REFEREE: Jair Marrufo. AR1 (bench): Frank Anderson; AR2 (opposite): Cory Richardson; 4th: Baldomero Toledo; VAR: Hilario Grajeda; AVAR: Mike Kampmeiner  
MLS Career: 281 games; FC/gm: 22.9; Y/gm: 2.8; R: 44; pens: 87

LEAGUE HEAD-TO-HEAD: Austin FC 0 wins, 0 goals ... FCD 1 win, 2 goals ... Ties 0

AT Q2 STADIUM: First meeting.

- Austin FC put an end to a three-game losing skid, rolling to a 3-1 win against the Portland Timbers at Q2 Stadium. **Cecilio Domínguez** and **Diego Fagundez** scored goals, then **Sebastian Druissi** hit for his first since coming to MLS.
- FC Dallas snapped a two-game slide, reaching a 2-2 draw with Houston Dynamo FC at Toyota Stadium. **Nkosi Tafari** scored the first goal of his MLS career, then **Ricardo Pepi** netted his ninth of the season.
- The teams are meeting for the second time this season. **Ryan Hollingshead** and **Jesús Ferreira** scored second-half goals as FC Dallas took a 2-0 win at Toyota Stadium on Aug. 7 in the first meeting ever between the in-state rivals.

**ATXFC:** **Cecilio Domínguez** collected his third assist of the season; all three have come in the two games vs. Portland. ... **Diego Fagundez** recorded his second assist of the season, both coming in the last five games. ... **Nick Lima** recorded his first assist since coming to Austin FC.

**FCD:** **Jesús Ferreira** recorded his fourth assist of the season; he has two goals and an assist over his last six games.

## VANCOUVER WHITECAPS FC vs. REAL SALT LAKE

Sunday, August 29, 2021 (Week 22, MLS Game #293)

BC Place, Vancouver, B.C.

7 p.m. PT (TSN; KMYU-12)

REFEREE: Ramy Touchan. AR1 (bench): Mike Rottersman; AR2 (opposite): Chris Wattam; 4th: Marcos de Oliveira; VAR: David Gantar; AVAR: Rene Parra

MLS Career: 48 games; FC/gm: 25.8; Y/gm: 4.4; R: 8; pens: 5

LEAGUE HEAD-TO-HEAD: Whitecaps FC 11 wins, 32 goals ... Real 11 wins, 33 goals ... Ties 4

VANCOUVER HOME GAME: Whitecaps FC 9 wins, 23 goals ... Real 3 wins, 13 goals ... Ties 1

- Whitecaps FC won for a second game on the trot, claiming a 2-1 victory against Los Angeles Football Club in their return to BC Place on Saturday evening. **Brian White** and **Ryan Gauld** scored in the final half-hour to lead the 'Caps win, for Gauld his first since coming to MLS.
- Real saw a two-game winning streak put to an end, dropping a 2-1 decision to the Colorado Rapids at Dick's Sporting Goods Park on Saturday evening. **Albert Rusnák** scored the RSL goal, his fifth of the season.
- The teams are meeting for the third time this season, and Real have won both, both at Rio Tinto Stadium. **Damir Kreilach** scored a pair of goals, the second one of two in stoppage time, as RSL took a 3-1 on June 18 in their home game; on July 7 in a Vancouver home game, Kreilach scored a pair of goals in RSL's 4-0 victory.
- Whitecaps FC won both meetings a season ago, each by a 2-1 scoreline; Real won both meetings in 2019, both by a 1-0 scoreline. The Whitecaps FC win last year in Sandy ended a five-game RSL winning streak in the series at Rio Tinto Stadium.

**WHITECAPS FC:** **Javain Brown** had the first two-assist game of his MLS career, now with three in his rookie season. ... **Cristian Dajome** recorded his third assist of the season, his first since June 26. ... **Ryan Raposo** collected his second assist of the season, his first coming May 22. ... On Thursday, Whitecaps FC were knocked out of the Canadian Championship in the preliminary round, falling 4-3 to Pacific FC of the Canadian Premier League. **Ryan Gauld** scored a pair of goals and Cristian Dajome added a late penalty kick for the 'Caps.

**REAL:** **Pablo Mastroeni** on Friday was named the interim head coach for RSL, replacing Freddy Juarez. ... **Jonathan Menendez** collected his third assist of his MLS career, all coming in the last four games. ... **Aaron Herrera** was credited with his seventh assist of the season, his first since July 21, tied for fourth place in the MLS assist standings.

## SEATTLE SOUNDERS FC vs. PORTLAND TIMBERS

Sunday, August 29, 2021 (Week 22, MLS Game #294)

Lumen Field, Seattle, Wash.

7:30 p.m. PT (ESPN / ESPN Deportes)

REFEREE: Alan Kelly. AR1 (bench): Logan Brown; AR2 (opposite): Michael Barwegen; 4th: Nima Saghafi; VAR: Timothy Ford; AVAR: Joshua Patlak

MLS Career: 145 games; FC/gm: 24.2; Y/gm: 3.7; R: 18; pens: 53

LEAGUE HEAD-TO-HEAD: Sounders FC 14 wins, 54 goals ... Timbers 10 wins, 44 goals ... Ties 7

AT SEATTLE: Sounders FC 7 wins, 21 goals ... Timbers 3 wins, 13 goals ... Ties 4

- Sounders FC won a third road game in a seven-day stretch – the first time it's ever happened in MLS – coming back for a dramatic 2-1 win against the Columbus Crew in an MLS Cup rematch at Lower.com Field. **Xavier Arreaga** scored the 88th-minute equalizer, then **Will Bruin** scored the 89th-minute game-winner.
- The Timbers weren't able to build on draw, dropping a 3-1 decision to Austin FC at Q2 Stadium. **Dairon Asprilla** scored his fifth goal of the season.
- The teams are meeting for the third time this season. **Raúl Ruidíaz** and **Fredy Montero** scored 16 minutes apart in the second half to give Sounders FC a 2-1 win May 9 at Providence Park, then on Aug. 15 in Portland, Ruidiaz and Montero this time each scored a pair of goals as Sounders FC took an historic 6-2 victory.
- The visiting team has won eight of the last 10 meetings in the league series, a string of six consecutive away team victories snapped in the final two meetings in 2020, a 1-0 Timbers win in Portland on Sept. 23 and a 1-1 draw at Lumen Field on Oct. 22.

**SOUNDERS FC:** **Jimmy Medranda** collected his second assist of the season, his first coming May 2. ... The Sounders were the first time to win three games in a 7-day span. It was previously done over an 8-day span on three occasions: New England Revolution, July 4-11, 1996; LA Galaxy, July 20-27, 1997; Sporting Kansas City, Aug. 6-13, 2005.

**TIMBERS:** **Diego Chará** collected his first assist of the season, his first since gaining two last Oct. 11 vs. San Jose.

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