

MLS WEEK 26 – LOOK AHEAD

INTER MIAMI CF vs. NEW YORK RED BULLS

Friday, Sept. 17, 2021 (Week 26, MLS Game #327)

DRV PNK Stadium, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

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

REFEREE: Guido Gonzales Jr. AR1 (bench): Eric Weisbrod; AR2 (opposite): Jason White; 4th: Natalie Simon;

VAR: Edvin Jurisevic; AVAR: Jozef Batko

MLS Career: 29 games; FC/gm: 26.3; Y/gm: 4.3; R: 8; pens: 9

LEAGUE HEAD-TO-HEAD: Inter Miami 1 win, 3 goals ... Red Bulls 1 win, 5 goals ... Ties 0

AT INTER MIAMI: Inter Miami 0 wins, 1 goal ... Red Bulls 1 win, 4 goals ... Ties 0

- Inter Miami extended their club-record undefeated streak to six games with a fifth win in that time (a third win in a row), defeating Toronto FC the game's only goal at BMO Field on Tuesday evening.
- **Christian Makoun** netted the game's only goal, converting a penalty kick five minutes into second-half stoppage time, matching the latest goal scored in Inter Miami club history (also: Indiana Vassilev, Aug. 8 vs. Nashville SC).
- The Red Bulls dropped a 2-1 decision to the Columbus Crew at Lower.com Field on Tuesday evening. **Patryk Klimala** scored his fifth goal of the season, his second in the last five games; he has a goal and an assist in the last two games.
- The teams met twice in Inter Miami's inaugural season, each winning on the other's home ground. The Red Bulls got goals from four different players in cruising to a 4-1 win Sept. 23 at DRV PNK Stadium; **Matías Pellegrini** and **Gonzalo Higuaín** scored second-half goals as Inter Miami came from behind for a 2-1 win Oct. 7 at Red Bull Arena.

INTER MIAMI: **Nick Marsman** was credited with four saves in recording his fourth consecutive shutout, his first four in 12 MLS starts. Marsman is the first goalkeeper in club history to record clean sheets in four consecutive games, his shutout streak now at an IMCF-record 388 minutes, the second-longest shutout streak in MLS this season.

RED BULLS: **Dru Yearwood** was credited with his second assist in MLS, his first coming July 3; he has a goal and an assist in the last two games.

ATLANTA UNITED vs. D.C. UNITED

Saturday, Sept. 18, 2021 (Week 26, MLS Game #328)

Mercedes-Benz Stadium, Atlanta, Ga.

3:30 p.m. ET (Univision / TUDN)

REFEREE: Joseph Dickerson. AR1 (bench): Nick Uranga; AR2 (opposite): Jeffrey Swartzel; 4th: Greg Dopka;
VAR: Younes MARRAKCHI; AVAR: Claudiu BADEA
MLS Career: 59 games; FC/gm: 27.2; Y/gm: 4.0; R: 12; pens: 16

LEAGUE HEAD-TO-HEAD: ATLUTD 5 wins, 18 goals ... D.C. United 6 wins, 16 goals ... Ties 0

AT ATLANTA: ATLUTD 3 wins, 10 goals ... D.C. United 2 wins, 7 goals ... Ties 0

- Atlanta United won their second game in a row and for a sixth time in the last seven outings, defeating FC Cincinnati at Mercedes-Benz Stadium on Wednesday evening.
- **Josef Martínez** scored a pair of goals – his seventh and eighth of the season. The goals were the 84th and 85th of Martínez's MLS career, in his 100th league appearance – the most goals for any player in MLS history through their first 100 matches.
- D.C. United extended their undefeated run to three games, defeating Chicago Fire FC 3-0 at Audi Field on Wednesday evening.
- **Ola Kamara** scored a hat trick, now leading the MLS Golden Boot race with 16 goals. Kamara has five goals in his last three games; it was the second hat trick of his MLS career, the first coming in 2016 with Columbus. Kamara also became the eighth player in MLS history to score two goals in a single game from a penalty kick.
- The teams are meeting for the second time this season. **Josef Martínez** scored in the first half then set up **Marcelino Moreno's** late winner as ATLUTD took a 2-1 win Aug. 21 at Audi Field.
- The visiting team has won each of the last three meetings in the series, including both encounters a year ago. **Jon Gallagher** scored a pair of goals and **Brooks Lennon** hit for another and added two assists as Atlanta United rolled to a 4-0 win Oct. 3 at Audi Field; **Russell Canouse** and **Gelmin Rivas** scored in the final quarter-hour as D.C. took a 2-1 win Oct. 24 at Mercedes-Benz Stadium
- Home form had ruled in the previous two seasons, each winning 2-0 on their home ground in 2019, and winning by 3-1 scorelines on their own ground in 2018 in three meetings overall (two in Atlanta). D.C. United took all three meetings in ATLUTD's expansion season, winning 3-1 at Bobby Dodd Stadium on April 30 before taking the next two at RFK Stadium.

ATLUTD: **Ezequiel Barco** scored his sixth goal of the season, his second in as many games. It was his first goal directly from a free kick in MLS play, his 16th career league goal. ... **Luiz Araujo** scored his first MLS goal and added his first MLS assist, making his fifth league appearance. ... **Alan Franco** had three assists, the first ATLUTD player to record three assists in a game. They are his first assists in MLS, in 16 appearances. ... **Brad Guzan** was credited with three saves in recording a second consecutive shutout, his seventh of the season, now tied for fourth in MLS.

D.C. UNITED: **Bill Hamid** was credited with one save in recording his sixth shutout of the season, the 76th of his MLS league career, now tied for sixth-most in league history. ... **Julian Gressel** recorded his seventh assist of the season, his first since gaining assists on both D.C. goals Aug. 15 at Nashville SC.

NEW ENGLAND REVOLUTION vs. COLUMBUS CREW

Saturday, Sept. 18, 2021 (Week 26, MLS Game #329)

Gillette Stadium, Foxborough, Mass.

7 p.m. ET (WSBK-TV 38 / MyRITV; Bally Sports OH)

REFEREE: Allen Chapman. AR1 (bench): Andrew Bigelow; AR2 (opposite): Gjovalin Bori; 4th: Robert Sibiga;

VAR: Rosendo Mendoza; AVAR: Thomas Supple

MLS Career: 189 games; FC/gm: 22.2; Y/gm: 3.8; R: 46; pens: 83

LEAGUE HEAD-TO-HEAD: Revolution 24 wins (1 shootout), 91 goals ... Crew 38 wins (4 shootout), 115 goals ... Ties 14

AT NEW ENGLAND: Revolution 16 wins (0 shootout), 50 goals ... Columbus SC 17 wins (3 shootout), 46 goals ... Ties 6

- The Revolution won their league-leading 17th game of the season, their 10th in the last 12 outings, defeating New York City FC 2-1 at Gillette Stadium on Sept. 11. **Tajon Buchanan** netted his seventh goal of the season, his fourth in the last six games, and **Emmanuel Boateng** added his second.
- The Crew won a second game in the last four matches, coming from behind for a 2-1 win against the New York Red Bulls at Lower.com Field on Tuesday evening. **Miguel Berry** hit for the game-winner in the 88th minute – his fourth goal in the last four games.
- The teams are meeting for the third time this season. **Adam Buksa** netted the game's only goal in the 86th minute, giving the Revolution the victory May 16 at Gillette Stadium; the teams also reached a 2-2 draw July 3 at Lower.com Field.
- The win in the first meeting was the first for the Revs in the series since May 21, 2017, a 2-1 victory in Foxborough. Columbus SC have won six of the previous nine meetings between the teams (with one draw).
- Columbus SC have a seven-game undefeated streak alive at home in the series (5-0-2); the last Revolution league win in Columbus was on Oct. 27, 2013, though the Revolution won the first leg of their Eastern Conference Semifinal Series there in 2014.
- The teams did meet last year in the Eastern Conference Final, **Artur** scoring the game's only goal in the 59th minute to book the Crew's place in the 2020 MLS Cup. It was the first win for Columbus in eight meetings all-time in the MLS Cup Playoffs.

REVOLUTION: **Carles Gil** recorded his league-leading 16th assist of the season, his first since recording a pair of assists July 31 vs. New York Red Bulls. ... Rookie **Edward Kizza** gained his first career assist in MLS, making his second career start (both in the last two games). ... **Andrew Farrell** collected his second assist of the season, his first coming on May 1.

CREW: **Darlington Nagbe** netted his second goal of the season for the equalizer.

TORONTO FC vs. NASHVILLE SC
Saturday, Sept. 18, 2021 (Week 26, MLS Game #330)
BMO Field, Toronto, Ont.
7:30 p.m. ET (TSN; MyTV30)

REFEREE: Pierre-Luc Lauziere. AR1 (bench): Michael Barwegen; AR2 (opposite): Lyes Arfa; 4th: David Gantar;
VAR: Carol Anne Chenard; AVAR: Philippe Briere
MLS Career: 3 games; FC/gm: 23.3; Y/gm: 4.0; R: 2; pens: 1

LEAGUE HEAD-TO-HEAD: TFC 0 wins, 3 goals ... Nashville SC 1 win, 4 goals ... Ties 1
AT BMO FIELD: TFC 0 wins, 1 goal ... Nashville SC 0 wins, 1 goal ... Ties 1

- Toronto FC saw their losing slide extended, falling by the game's only goal to Inter Miami CF at BMO Field on Tuesday evening.
- Nashville SC extended their undefeated run to five games with a fourth win in that span, defeating CF Montréal by the game's only goal at Stade Saputo on Sept. 11. **Walker Zimmerman** scored the Nashville goal; **Joe Willis** was credited with three saves in recording his MLS-leading 10th shutout of the season, a single-season career high in his 11th MLS campaign.
- The teams are meeting for the third time this season. **Luke Haakenson** scored a pair of late goals, the 83rd-minute equalizer and the stoppage-time game-winner, leading Nashville SC to the 3-2 win June 23 at Nissan Stadium, then on Aug. 1 at BMO Field, **Omar Gonzalez** scored early for TFC, but **Robert Castellanos** equalized before the interval, leaving the teams in a 1-1 draw.
- The first meeting this season was the first ever 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.

TFC: Longtime campaigner **Justin Morrow** announced his retirement following the conclusion of the season. Morrow is in his 12th MLS campaign, having made 271 appearances with 19 goals and 23 assists, playing the last eight years with TFC.

NASHVILLE SC: **Hany Mukhtar** recorded his ninth assist of the season, now with a goal and/or an assist in six consecutive games, with three goals and five assists in that span. Mukhtar leads MLS in combined goals and assists, with 19 (10 goals, 9 assists). ... **Joe Willis** was credited with three saves in recording his 10th shutout of the season, a single-season career-high in his 11th league campaign, leading the league this year.

FC CINCINNATI vs. NEW YORK CITY FC

Saturday, Sept. 18, 2021 (Week 26, MLS Game #331)

TQL Stadium, Cincinnati, Ohio

7:30 p.m. ET (WSTR – Star 64; YES)

REFEREE: Ted Unkel. AR1 (bench): C.J. Morgante; AR2 (opposite): Jose da Silva; 4th: Silviu Petrescu; VAR: Kevin Stott; AVAR: Benjamin Hall-Volpenheim

MLS Career: 121 games; FC/gm: 23.5; Y/gm: 4.0; R: 37; pens: 58

LEAGUE HEAD-TO-HEAD: FCC 0 wins, 4 goals ... NYCFC 5 wins, 20 goals ... Ties 0

AT CINCINNATI: FCC 0 wins, 1 goal ... NYCFC 1 win, 4 goals ... Ties 0

- FC Cincinnati weren't able to make it two wins on the trot, falling 4-0 to Atlanta United at Mercedes-Benz Stadium on Wednesday evening.
- NYCFC snapped a two-game losing skid, reaching a 3-3 draw with FC Dallas at Red Bull Arena on Tuesday evening.
- **Jesús Medina** was involved in all three NYCFC goals, scoring his eighth goal of the season and also adding a pair of assists (now with four for the season), the first time in his MLS career he was involved in three goals in an MLS game.
- The teams are meeting for the second time this season. **Jesús Medina** scored a pair of goals and **Valentin Castellanos** scored a goal and added an assist as NYCFC cruised to a 5-0 win April 24 at Yankee Stadium.
- NYCFC has won all five meetings in the series between the teams, now with a 20-4 advantage in goal differential. NYCFC has scored the last nine goals in the series without reply.

NYCFC: **Maximiliano Moralez** scored his second goal of the season, his first coming July 25. ... **Ismael Tajouri-Shradi** recorded his first assist of the season, his last coming Sept. 26, 2020 vs. FC Cincinnati. ... **Talles Magno** scored his first in MLS and with NYCFC, making his 10th appearance of the season. ... **Gudmundur Thorarinnsson** recorded his first assist of the season, his second in two MLS seasons (in 36 appearances).

FCC: **Brandon Vazquez** made his first start of the season after 20 appearances off the substitutes' bench.

MINNESOTA UNITED FC vs. LA GALAXY

Saturday, Sept. 18, 2021 (Week 26, MLS Game #332)

Allianz Field, St. Paul, Minn.

7:30 p.m. CT (Bally Sports North+ / CW; SpecSN)

REFEREE: Jair Marrufo. AR1 (bench): Eric Boria; AR2 (opposite): Brian Dunn; 4th: Ramy Touchan; VAR: Hilario Grajeda; AVAR: Jeff Muschik

MLS Career: 284 games; FC/gm: 22.8; Y/gm: 2.8; R: 45; pens: 87

LEAGUE HEAD-TO-HEAD: MNUFC 0 wins, 6 goals ... Galaxy 5 wins, 14 goals ... Ties 2

AT MINNESOTA: MNUFC 0 wins, 2 goals ... Galaxy 3 wins, 6 goals ... Ties 1

- Minnesota United FC fell to a second successive reversal, dropping a 4-0 decision to Sporting Kansas City at Children's Mercy Park on Wednesday evening.
- The Galaxy reached a third consecutive draw, playing to a 1-1 result with Houston Dynamo FC at Dignity Health Sports Park on Wednesday evening. **Javier Hernández** scored his 11th goal of the season, making a second consecutive start after missing 12 games through injury; the 11 goals are tied for sixth in the MLS Golden Boot standings.
- The teams are meeting for the second time this season. **Kévin Cabral** scored the game's only goal in the 41st minute as the Galaxy took the win Aug. 14 at Allianz Field.
- The teams had last met during the 2019 season. **Jonathan dos Santos** and **Chris Pontius** netted goals five minutes apart in the first half and **Sebastian Lletget** added a late one as the Galaxy held out for a 3-2 win March 16 at Dignity Health Sports Park; the teams reached a goalless draw April 24 at Allianz Field.
- The Galaxy have never lost to Minnesota United FC, now in seven meetings between the teams all-time, with five wins. The Galaxy also won a Round One meeting in the MLS Cup Playoffs in 2019, a 2-1 win in Saint Paul.

MNUFC: **Joseph Rosales** made his MLS and MNUFC debut, coming on as a substitute for the final 32 minutes.

GALAXY: **Dejan Joveljic** collected his second assist; he has two goals and two assists in his six appearances since his arrival in MLS.

HOUSTON DYNAMO FC vs. FC DALLAS

Saturday, Sept. 18, 2021 (Week 26, MLS Game #333)

BBVA Stadium, Houston, Texas

8:30 p.m. CT (UniMás 67; FCDTV / Estrella KMPX-29)

REFEREE: Victor Rivas. AR1 (bench): Adam Wienckowski; AR2 (opposite): Logan Brown; 4th: Nima Saghafi;
VAR: Daniel Radford; AVAR: Jonathan Johnson
MLS Career: 33 games; FC/gm: 23.2; Y/gm: 3.4; R: 5; pens: 12

LEAGUE HEAD-TO-HEAD: Dynamo 12 wins, 57 goals ... FC Dallas 13 wins, 64 goals ... Ties 16

AT DYNAMO: Dynamo 9 wins, 34 goals ... FC Dallas 4 wins, 29 goals ... Ties 8

- FC Dallas gained a second successive draw, twice coming back from a goal down before reaching a 3-3 result with New York City FC at Red Bull Arena on Tuesday evening. **Jader Obrian** netted a pair of goals, his fifth and sixth in his first MLS season and his first multiple-goal game, and **Jesús Ferreira** netted his sixth goal of the season, his fourth goal in the last four games.
- Dynamo FC gained a second successive result, reaching a 1-1 draw with the LA Galaxy at Dignity Health Sports Park on Wednesday evening. **Fafa Picault** scored his ninth goal of the season, a second consecutive game with a goal and his seventh goal in the last nine games.
- The teams are meeting for the third time this season, reaching a pair of draws. FCD's **Fafa Picault** converted a penalty kick, then Dynamo FC's **Jader Obrian** hit for the leveler, as the teams reached a 1-1 draw May 8 at Toyota Stadium; then on Aug. 21 at BBVA Stadium, Picault converted another spot kick and **Matías Vera** scored late, wrapped around goals from **Nkosi Tafari** and **Ricardo Pepi** as the teams finished 2-2.
- The Dynamo have won in the series each of the last two seasons. Since the start of 2013, FC Dallas are 10-3-9 in league play against Houston, and have won the three meetings between the teams in the Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup.
- FC Dallas has won five of the 13 matches (with five draws) between the teams over all competitions at BBVA Stadium. The Dynamo haven't won in Frisco since 2011, FCD winning the last four there.
- The clubs play for "El Capitán," the 19th-century Mountain Howitzer cannon to be awarded to the winner of the season series by supporters' groups for both clubs.

FCD: **Ricardo Pepi** collected his third assist of the season; he has four goals and two assists in the last five games. ... **Andrés Ricuarte** recorded his third assist of the season, his last coming July 24.

DYNAMO: **Darwin Quintero** collected his first assist of the season, his first since last Oct. 28, when he had the last of his 10 assists on the season. ... **Maximiliano Urruti** gained his third assist of the season, his last coming July 3.

AUSTIN FC vs. SAN JOSE EARTHQUAKES
Saturday, Sept. 18, 2021 (Week 26, MLS Game #334)
Q2 Stadium, Austin, Texas
8 p.m. CT (KNVA [CW Austin] / UniMás Austin; NBCS-BA+)

REFEREE: Baldomero Toledo. AR1 (bench): Kathryn Nesbitt; AR2 (opposite): Kyle Atkins; 4th: Jon Freemon;
VAR: Armando Villarreal; AVAR: Fabio Tovar
MLS Career: 298 games; FC/gm: 25.3; Y/gm: 3.5; R: 106; pens: 113

LEAGUE HEAD-TO-HEAD: ATXFC 0 wins, 0 goals ... Quakes 0 wins, 0 goals ... Ties 1
AT Q2 STADIUM: ATXFC 0 wins, 0 goals ... Quakes 0 wins, 0 goals ... Ties 1

- Austin FC had their losing slide extended, falling 2-1 to Los Angeles Football Club at Q2 Stadium on Wednesday evening.
- The Quakes dropped a 4-3 decision to Real Salt Lake at PayPal Park on Wednesday evening, a second consecutive reversal on their home ground.
- **Eduardo “Chofis” López** scored a hat trick, now with eight goals in his opening MLS season, in 23 appearances. The third goal came directly from a corner kick, the ninth *gol olimpico* in MLS history, and the second this season (also: Victor Vazquez, LA, Aug. 20). The hat trick was the eighth scored by a Mexican-born player in league history, also the second this season (also: Javier Hernández, LA, April 25).
- The teams are meeting for the second time this season and in their histories. They reached a goalless draw June 19 in the grand opening of Q2 Stadium.

ATXFC: **Diego Fagundez** scored his sixth goal of the season, his third in the last five games.

QUAKES: **Luciano Abecasis** collected his third assist of the season, his second in the last four games.

REAL SALT LAKE vs. SEATTLE SOUNDERS FC
Saturday, Sept. 18, 2021 (Week 26, MLS Game #335)
Rio Tinto Stadium, Sandy, Utah
7:30 p.m. MT (KMYU-12; JOEtv / Amazon Prime)

REFEREE: Ismail Elfath. AR1 (bench): Ian Anderson; AR2 (opposite): Corey Parker; 4th: Timothy Ford; VAR: Michael Radchuk; AVAR: TJ Zablocki
MLS Career: 171 games; FC/gm: 25.7; Y/gm: 3.3; R: 46; pens: 53

LEAGUE HEAD-TO-HEAD: Real 12 wins, 34 goals ... Sounders FC 12 wins, 34 goals ... Ties 5
AT SALT LAKE: Real 9 wins, 23 goals ... Sounders FC 1 win, 9 goals ... Ties 3

- Real Salt Lake won for a second time in the last three matches, getting a late winner for a 4-3 win against the San Jose Earthquakes at PayPal Park on Wednesday evening. **Rubio Rubin** scored a pair of goals, his sixth and seventh of the season, including the 80th-minute game-winner.
- Sounders FC won for a fourth time in five games in league play, defeating Minnesota United FC by the game's only goal at Lumen Field on Sept. 11. **João Paulo** scored his second goal of the season for the match-winner.
- **Stefan Frei** made his first appearance since May 12 and recorded his third shutout of the season, credited with four saves.
- The teams are meeting for the second time this season. **Cristian Roldan** and **Raúl Ruidíaz** scored second-half goals as Sounders FC took a 2-1 win June 23 at Lumen Field.
- Sounders FC have won 10 of the past 11 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 a 2-2 draw there last Sept. 2 in the last meeting in Sandy.
- 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.

REAL: **Albert Rusnák** scored his seventh goal of the season and added a pair of assists, his seventh and eighth this year; it was the fifth time in his four MLS seasons he was involved in three goals in a single game. ... **Justin Meram** scored his second goal this season, both coming in the last six games. ... **Pablo Ruiz** was credited with his fourth assist of the season.

SOUNDERS FC: Sounders FC reached the final of the 2021 Leagues Cup, defeating Club Santos Laguna of Mexico 1-0 at Lumen Field on Wednesday evening. **Raúl Ruidíaz** scored the game's only goal three minutes deep into second-half stoppage time to send the club into its first international final. ... **Nicolás Lodeiro** collected his first assist of the season, his first since Decision Day last year (Nov. 8), when he had the last of his 10 assists on the season, a fourth consecutive season in double figures in assists. ... **Nicolas Benezet** recorded his second assist of the season, both coming in his five appearances since coming to Sounders FC from Colorado via trade.

CF MONTRÉAL vs. CHICAGO FIRE FC
Sunday, Sept. 19, 2021 (Week 26, MLS Game #336)
Stade Saputo, Montréal, Qué.
1 p.m. ET (TVA Sports / TSN; WGN-TV)

REFEREE: Marcos de Oliveira. AR1 (bench): Oscar Mitchell-Carvalho; AR2 (opposite): Cory Richardson; 4th: David Barrie; VAR: Drew Fischer; AVAR: Robert Schaap
MLS Career: 55 games; FC/gm: 25.4; Y/gm: 3.5; R: 5; pens: 16

LEAGUE HEAD-TO-HEAD: CFMTL 9 wins, 30 goals ... Fire 7 wins, 30 goals ... Ties 6
AT MONTRÉAL: CFMTL 7 wins, 19 goals ... Fire 2 wins, 13 goals ... Ties 3

- CF Montréal won for the second time in three games, defeating Orlando City SC 4-2 at Exploria Stadium on Wednesday evening. **Romell Quioto** scored his fourth goal of the season and added a pair of assists, now with six on the year, the second time in his MLS career he was involved in three goals in a game (also: April 21, 2018, for Houston Dynamo FC).
- The Fire went down to a 3-0 defeat by D.C. United at Audi Field on Wednesday evening.
- The teams are meeting for the second time this season. **Mason Toye** scored the game's only goal in the 87th minute as CFMTL took the win May 29 at Soldier Field.
- The teams have evenly split their season series each of the last five years. The home team had won each of the previous four meetings before last year's 2-2 draw Oct. 3 at Red Bull Arena in the only meeting between the teams.

CFMTL: **Lassi Lappalainen** scored his first goal of the season, his last in MLS coming last Oct. 7. ... **Mathieu Choinière** scored his second career goal in MLS, his first coming July 7 vs. Inter Miami. ... **Djordje Mihailovic** recorded a pair of assists, the fourth two-assist game of his MLS career. ... **Sunusi Ibrahim** scored his second MLS goal, both coming in the last six games.

FIRE: **Ignacio Aliseda** came on as a substitute in the 58th minute, appearing in back-to-back games for the first time since Aug. 1 and 4.

PHILADELPHIA UNION vs. ORLANDO CITY SC
Sunday, Sept. 19, 2021 (Week 26, MLS Game #337)
Subaru Park, Chester, Pa.
4 p.m. ET (ESPN / ESPN Deportes)

REFEREE: Alan Kelly. AR1 (bench): Adam Garner; AR2 (opposite): Ryan Graves; 4th: JC Griggs; VAR: Kevin Terry Jr.; AVAR: Claudiu Badea
MLS Career: 147 games; FC/gm: 24.1; Y/gm: 3.4; R: 18; pens: 53

LEAGUE HEAD-TO-HEAD: Union 4 wins, 21 goals ... Orlando City 4 wins, 18 goals ... Ties 5
AT UNION: Union 3 wins, 11 goals ... Orlando City 2 wins, 8 goals ... Ties 1

- The Union return to league play for the first time since Aug. 28, their last match a 1-0 loss to the New England Revolution on Sept. 3 at Subaru Park.
- Orlando City suffered a 4-2 loss to CF Montréal at Exploria Stadium on Wednesday evening. **Robin Jansson** and **Ruan** both scored their first career goals in MLS, both coming in their third seasons in the league.
- The teams are meeting for the second time this season. **Benji Michel** scored in the first half and **Andres Perea** in the second as OCSC took a 2-1 win July 22 at Exploria Stadium.
- The previous two meetings in the series had ended in draws. The Union had won on their last visit to face Orlando City SC, taking a 3-1 win July 3, 2019, behind a pair of goals from **Kacper Przybylko**. OCSC has taken points on its last two visits to Chester, winning there 2-0 on April 13, 2018.

UNION: The Union saw their inaugural participation in the Concacaf Champions League come to an end at the semifinal stage, falling in the second leg of their series with Club América of Mexico 2-0 at Subaru Park, 4-0 on aggregate.

OCSC: **Emmanuel Mas** collected his first career assist in MLS.

PORTLAND TIMBERS vs. LOS ANGELES FOOTBALL CLUB

Sunday, Sept. 19, 2021 (Week 26, MLS Game #338)

Providence Park, Portland, Ore.

4:30 p.m. PT (FS1 / FOX Deportes)

REFEREE: Chris Penso. AR1 (bench): Apolinar Mariscal; AR2 (opposite): Chantal Boudreau; 4th: Malik Badawi;
VAR: Jorge Gonzalez; AVAR: Joshua Patlak

MLS Career: 181 games; FC/gm: 23.7; Y/gm: 3.7; R: 54; pens: 71

LEAGUE HEAD-TO-HEAD: Timbers 2 wins, 13 goals ... LAFC 3 wins, 17 goals ... Ties 4

AT PORTLAND: Timbers 2 wins, 7 goals ... LAFC 1 win, 6 goals ... Ties 1

- The Timbers extended their undefeated streak to four games following three consecutive victories, reaching a 2-2 draw with the Colorado Rapids at Providence Park on Wednesday evening. **Sebastian Blanco** scored the game-tying goal in stoppage time, his third of the season, and added his third assist of the year.
- LAFC won a third consecutive game and extended their undefeated streak to four games, defeating Austin FC 2-1 at Q2 Stadium on Wednesday evening. **Cristian Arango** scored his fifth goal over the last four matches, converting a penalty kick.
- The teams are meeting for the second time this season. **Felipe Mora** scored the dramatic game-winner in second-half stoppage time, giving the Timbers the 2-1 win July 21 at Providence Park.
- The Timbers win in the first meeting ended a seven-game LAFC undefeated streak in the series, since the Timbers won the first meeting ever between the clubs, a 2-1 win May 19 at Providence Park. LAFC won three of the seven meetings, with four draws.

TIMBERS: **Felipe Mora** scored his 10th goal of the season, tied for eighth place in the MLS Golden Boot standings. ... **Dario Zuparic** recorded his first career assist in MLS, making his 40th league appearance.

L AFC: **Danny Musovski** scored the game-winner, his second goal of the season, his first coming Aug. 4. ... **José Cifuentes** collected his fourth assist of the season, his first since July 28.

COLORADO RAPIDS vs. VANCOUVER WHITECAPS FC

Sunday, Sept. 19, 2021 (Week 26, MLS Game #339)

Dick's Sporting Goods Park, Commerce City, Colo.

7 p.m. MT (TSN; Altitude)

REFEREE: Rubiel Vazquez. AR1 (bench): Jeffrey Greeson; AR2 (opposite): Matthew Nelson; 4th: Timothy Ford;

VAR: Jose Carlos Rivero; AVAR: Mike Kampmeiner

MLS Career: 52 games; FC/gm: 22.5; Y/gm: 3.4; R: 8; pens: 12

LEAGUE HEAD-TO-HEAD: Rapids 11 wins, 35 goals ... Whitecaps FC 9 wins, 33 goals ... Ties 5

AT COLORADO: Rapids 7 wins, 19 goals ... Whitecaps FC 4 wins, 13 goals ... Ties 1

- The Rapids stretched their undefeated streak to nine matches, reaching a 2-2 draw with the Portland Timbers at Providence Park on Wednesday evening. **Michael Barrios** scored his seventh goal of the season, his second in as many games.
- Whitecaps FC saw their four-game winning streak put to an end last time out, falling by the game's lone goal to the Portland Timbers at BC Place on Sept. 11.
- The teams are meeting for the second time this season. **Diego Rubio** scored the game's only goal directly from a free kick, giving the Rapids the victory May 2 at Rio Tinto Stadium.
- The Rapids win in the first meeting ended a four-game undefeated streak for Whitecaps FC on trips to Commerce City, when they won twice (in both 2017 and 2018) – just their second and third wins ever at Dick's Sporting Goods Park. The only other Whitecaps FC win in Commerce City came in 2012.
- The last meeting in Vancouver ended in a 2-2 draw, June 22, 2019. The Rapids won the previous meeting at BC Place, a 1-0 victory there July 1, 2018. It was their first win over their past six trips to Vancouver, their previous win there coming on April 5, 2014.

RAPIDS: **Jonathan Lewis** scored his fourth goal of the season, his third over the last six matches. ... **Jack Price** recorded his eighth assist of the season. ... **Andre Shinyashiki** gained his second assist of the year, both coming in the last two games.

WHITECAPS FC: The 'Caps had their club-record undefeated streak put to an end after 10 games. The previous mark was eight games without loss, set in 2014.

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