MLS WEEK 32 – LOOK AHEAD

SEATTLE SOUNDERS FC vs. SPORTING KANSAS CITY

Saturday, Oct. 23, 2021 (Week 32, MLS Game #413) Lumen Field, Seattle, Wash. 12:30 p.m. PT (Univision / TUDN; FOX13+ / Amazon Prime; Bally Sports KC)

REFEREE: Ismail Elfath. AR1 (bench): Corey Parker; AR2 (opposite): Mike Rottersman; 4th: Ramy Touchan; VAR: Rubiel Vazquez; AVAR: Rene Parra MLS Career: 175 games; FC/gm: 25.9; Y/gm: 3.4; R: 48; pens: 54

LEAGUE HEAD-TO-HEAD: Sounders FC 10 wins, 26 goals ... Sporting 8 wins, 28 goals ... Ties 4 AT SEATTLE: Sounders FC 5 wins, 11 goals ... Sporting 4 wins, 10 goals ... Ties 2

- Sounders FC concluded a two-game road run with a result, reaching a 1-1 draw with the Colorado Rapids at Dick's Sporting Goods Park on Wednesday evening. **Cristian Roldan** netted his sixth goal of the season for the equalizer, his fourth goal in the last six league games.
- Sporting had their two-game winning run put to an end, falling 2-1 to Vancouver Whitecaps FC at BC Place on Sunday evening. **Johnny Russell** scored his 11th goal of the season, a sixth consecutive game with a goal, tied for the eighth-longest such streak in MLS history and the longest in Sporting's 26 seasons.
- The teams are meeting for the third time this season, each winning on the other's ground. Johnny Russell, Daniel Sallói and Cameron Duke all scored as Sporting took a 3-1 win July 25 at Lumen Field; Cristian Roldan and Will Bruin scored on either side of halftime as Sounders FC took the 2-1 win Sept. 26 at Children's Mercy Park.
- The Seattle win in the last meeting ended a three-game Sporting winning streak in the series, where they had scored three goals in each. The Sounders win also ended a six-game undefeated at Children's Mercy Park for SKC (five wins), dating back to 2013. Sporting has won on three of their last five visits to Seattle, since 2016 their first wins there since a 1-0 win in 2009, the first meeting ever between the clubs.

SOUNDERS FC: Léo Chu collected his first career assist in MLS, making a fifth appearance, all as a substitute.

<u>SPORTING</u>: Daniel Sallói recorded his eighth assist of the season, a second consecutive game with an assist; he has a goal and/or an assist now in three consecutive matches, with three goals and two assists in that span.

COLUMBUS CREW vs. NEW YORK RED BULLS

Saturday, Oct. 23, 2021 (Week 32, MLS Game #406) Lower.com Field, Columbus, Ohio 6 p.m. ET (Bally Sports GL; MSG)

REFEREE: Alan Kelly. AR1 (bench): Oscar Mitchell-Carvalho; AR2 (opposite): Cory Richardson; 4th: Adam Kilpatrick; VAR: Hliario Grajeda; AVAR: Claudiu Badea MLS Career: 150 games; FC/gm: 24.3; Y/gm: 3.4; R: 19; pens: 55

LEAGUE HEAD-TO-HEAD: Crew SC 31 wins, 95 goals ... Red Bulls 31 wins, 105 goals ... Ties 12 AT COLUMBUS: Crew SC 18 wins, 51 goals ... Red Bulls 12 wins, 48 goals ... Ties 7

- The Crew gained a fifth result out of the last six matches, reaching a 1-1 draw with Nashville SC at Nissan Stadium on Wednesday evening. Lucas Zelaráyan scored his eighth goal of the season, his last coming Aug. 27.
- The Red Bulls extended their undefeated streak to seven games with a third consecutive victory (and fifth over the span), defeating NYCFC by the game's lone goal at Red Bull Arena on Sunday afternoon.
 Cristian Cásseres Jr. scored for the Red Bulls after just three minutes, his fifth of the season.
- The teams are meeting for the third time this season, each winning on their home ground. John Tolkin netted the game's only goal in the 33rd minute as the Red Bulls took the victory Aug. 18 at Red Bull Arena, then on Sept. 14 at Lower.com Field, Darlington Nagbe and Miguel Berry both scored late as the Crew came back for a 2-1 win.
- The Red Bulls victory in the first meeting ended a six-game undefeated streak for the Crew in the series in league play. The Red Bulls have not won in Columbus since March 28, 2015, a span of six games; the Crew have won three of those, with three draws. The Crew had won the previous two meetings in Harrison.
- The teams also met last year 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.

<u>CREW:</u> Pedro Santos recorded his sixth assist of the season, his third assist in the last two games. ... Miguel Berry collected his first career assist in MLS, in his 14th appearance.

RED BULLS: Andrés Reyes was credited with the first assist of his MLS career, making his 27th appearance over two seasons. ... Sean Davis collected his fourth assist of the season, his third in the last seven games. ... Carlos Miguel Coronel was credited with three saves in recording his 11th shutout of the season, tied for second-most in MLS this season. He extended his personal shutout streak to 343 minutes with a third straight clean sheet, now sixth-longest in MLS this season.

TORONTO FC vs. CF MONTRÉAL

Saturday, Oct. 23, 2021 (Week 32, MLS Game #407) BMO Field, Toronto, Ont. 7:30 p.m. ET (TSN5; MyTV33 / UniMás 69)

REFEREE: Allen Chapman. AR1 (bench): Michael Barwegen; AR2 (opposite): Jeffrey Greeson; 4th: Nima Saghafi; VAR: Geoff Gamble; AVAR: Robert Schaap MLS Career: 193 games; FC/gm: 22.2; Y/gm: 3.7; R: 47; pens: 84

LEAGUE HEAD-TO-HEAD: Toronto FC 14 wins, 46 goals ... CFMTL 10 wins, 38 goals ... Ties 4 MONTREAL HOME GAME: Toronto FC 6 wins, 19 goals ... CFMTL 3 wins, 15 goals ... Ties 3

- Toronto FC suffered a second consecutive defeat, falling 3-0 to Inter Miami CF at DRV PNK Stadium on Wednesday evening.
- CF Montréal extended their undefeated run to three games with a second draw in a row, playing to a 1-1 result with Orlando City SC at Exploria Stadium. **Rudy Camacho** scored his second goal of the season, his first coming on Aug. 4.
- The teams are meeting for the third time this season, and CF Montréal have won the first two. 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, then they got goals from three players in a 3-1 win Aug. 27 at Stade Saputo.
- CFMTL has won three of the last four meetings, dating back to last Sept. 1, on the heels of a four-game TFC winning streak in the league series. The away team won three of the four meetings in 2020 (one played in a neutral site at the MLS is Back Tournament).
- 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.

TFC: Jahkeele Marshall-Rutty made his first league start of the 2021 MLS season, playing 80 minutes in the backline.

<u>CFMTL:</u> Djordje Mihailovic collected his 15th assist of the season, second in the league, two behind leader Carles Gil of New England. Mihailovic has an assist in four consecutive games, and nine assists over his last nine games.

NEW YORK CITY FC vs. D.C. UNITED Saturday, Oct. 23, 2021 (Week 32, MLS Game #408) Yankee Stadium, Bronx, N.Y. 7:30 p.m. ET (YES; NBCS-Wash / TeleXitos)

REFEREE: Joseph Dickerson. AR1 (bench): Jeremy Hanson; AR2 (opposite): Adam Wienckowski; 4th: Malik Badawi; VAR: Younes Marrakchi; AVAR: TJ Zablocki MLS Career: 63 games; FC/gm: 27.2; Y/gm: 4.0; R: 12; pens: 16

LEAGUE HEAD-TO-HEAD: NYCFC 7 wins, 26 goals ... D.C. United 5 wins, 18 goals ... Ties 3 NYCFC HOME GAME: NYCFC 5 wins, 17 goals ... D.C. United 0 wins, 6 goals ... Ties 2

- NYCFC gained a second draw in the last three games, getting a late equalizer for a 1-1 draw with Atlanta United at Mercedes-Benz Stadium on Wednesday evening. **Gudmundur Thorarinsson** scored directly from a free kick for the 90th minute leveler, his second goal of the season both directly from a free kick.
- D.C. United saw their winless run extended to three games, falling 3-2 to the New England Revolution at Audi Field on Wednesday evening. **Nigel Robertha** scored his fourth goal of the season, his second in the last five games, while **Ramón Ábila** hit for his fifth late, his third in seven games since coming to D.C. United.
- The teams are meeting for the third time this season, each winning in their home match. **Brendan Hines-**Ike and **Russell Canouse** scored five minutes late in the first half, leading United to a 2-1 win in the season opener for both teams, April 17 at Audi Field, snapping a four-game undefeated streak for NYCFC in the series, then on June 27 at Red Bull Arena, **Keaton Parks** hit for the leveler in the 84th minute then **Thiago Andrade** scored the winner in stoppage time as NYCFC came back for a 2-1 victory.
- D.C. United has never won at Yankee Stadium (two draws in six visits all-time). NYCFC had come away with points from their previous two trips to Audi Field before the first meeting this year; NYCFC's win at Audi Field on April 21, 2019 was just the second by the road team in the series.

<u>NYCFC</u>: Gudmundur Thorarinsson became the third player in NYCFC history to score two goals directly from a free kick in club history, joining David Villa (2015) and Alejandru Mitrita (2019). ... NYCFC saw their goalless streak snapped after 509 minutes, the longest in MLS this season, the ninth-longest in MLS history.

UNITED: Kevin Paredes recorded his first assist of the season, his second in two MLS campaigns.

PHILADELPHIA UNION vs. NASHVILLE SC

Saturday, Oct. 23, 2021 (Week 32, MLS Game #409) Subaru Park, Chester, Pa. 7:30 p.m. ET (PHL17; MyTV30)

REFEREE: Armando Villarreal. AR1 (bench): Kyle Atkins; AR2 (opposite): Diego Blas; 4th: Kevin Broadley; VAR: Jorge Gonzalez; AVAR: Matthew Nelson MLS Career: 165 games; FC/gm: 22.7; Y/gm: 3.3; R: 29; pens: 35

LEAGUE HEAD-TO-HEAD: Union 0 wins, 0 goals ... Nashville SC 1 win, 1 goal ... Ties 0 AT SUBARU PARK: First meeting.

- The Union had their undefeated run put to an end after six games, falling 3-2 to Minnesota United FC at Allianz Field. **Daniel Gázdag** scored both Union goals, now with in his first MLS season.
- Nashville SC extended their undefeated run to six games with a fifth consecutive draw, reaching a 1-1 draw with the Columbus Crew at Nissan Stadium on Wednesday evening. **Hany Mukhtar** scored his 14th goal of the season, tied for fifth place in the MLS Golden Boot standings.
- The teams are meeting for the second time this season and in their histories. **CJ Sapong** netted the game's only goal in the second minute as Nashville SC took the victory July 3 at Nissan Stadium.

<u>UNION</u>: Jamiro Monteiro collected his sixth assist of the season, his last coming Sept. 19. ... **Kai Wagner** recorded his fifth assist of the year; he has a goal and an assist in the last two games.

NASHVILLE SC: Daniel Rios collected his first career assist in MLS, in his second season (29 appearances). ... **Ake Loba** collected his first career assist in MLS, in his 15th appearance.

INTER MIAMI CF vs. FC CINCINNATI

Saturday, Oct. 23, 2021 (Week 32, MLS Game #410) DRV PNK Stadium, Fort Lauderdale, Fla. 8 p.m. ET (MyTV33 / UniMás 69; WSTR – Star 64)

REFEREE: Drew Fischer. AR1 (bench): Logan Brown; AR2 (opposite): Cameron Blanchard; 4th: Silviu Petrescu; VAR: Alejandro Mariscal; AVAR: Fabio Tovar MLS Career: 151 games; FC/gm: 25.1; Y/gm: 3.2; R: 22; pens: 46

LEAGUE HEAD-TO-HEAD: Inter Miami 3 wins, 6 goals ... FCC 0 wins, 3 goals ... Ties 0 AT INTER MIAMI: Inter Miami 1 win, 2 goals ... FCC 0 wins, 1 goal ... Ties 0

- Inter Miami put an end to a six-game losing slide, defeating Toronto FC 3-0 at DRV PNK Stadium on Wednesday evening. Federico Higuaín scored his second goal of the season, his first since April 24, and Christian Makoun scored his second goal, his first coming Sept. 14 (also vs. Toronto FC).
- FC Cincinnati saw their losing slide continued, falling to a late goal in a 4-3 defeat by Chicago Fire FC at TQL Stadium on Wednesday evening. **Brandon Vazquez** scored his second goal of the season and added his third assist, while **Luciano Acosta** netted his seventh goal of the season, his third in the last six games.
- The teams are meeting for the third time this season, and Inter Miami CF have won both. **Gonzalo Higuaín** netted a pair of goals, including the 85th game-winner, in a 3-2 victory in the first-ever game played at TQL Stadium on May 16, then on Sept. 4 in Cincinnati, **Brek Shea** scored the game's only goal in the 90th minute.
- The teams met once in Inter Miami's inaugural season a year ago. **Mikey Ambrose** and **Leandro Gonzalez Pirez** netted goals as Inter Miami took a 2-1 win at home on Decision Day (Nov. 8).

IMCF: Gonzalo Higuaín collected his fourth assist of the season; he had scored Inter Miami's last goal on Sept. 22.

<u>FCC:</u> Tyler Blackett scored his first career MLS goal, making his seventh appearance. ... Ronald Matarrita recorded a pair of assists, the second two-assist game of his MLS career (in six seasons). ... Geoff Cameron recorded his third assist of the season, his first since July 3. ... Zico Bailey gained the first assist of his MLS career, in his second season (12 appearances).

CHICAGO FIRE FC vs. REAL SALT LAKE

Saturday, Oct. 23, 2021 (Week 32, MLS Game #411) Soldier Field, Chicago, III. 7 p.m. CT (WGN-TV; KMYU-12)

REFEREE: Rosendo Mendoza. AR1 (bench): Gianni Facchini; AR2 (opposite): Gjovalin Bori; 4th: Mark Allatin; VAR: Sorin Stoica; AVAR: Peter Balciunas MLS Career: 32 games; FC/gm: 23.9; Y/gm: 3.3; R: 4; pens: 8

LEAGUE HEAD-TO-HEAD: Fire 7 wins, 26 goals ... Real 7 wins, 21 goals ... Ties 8 AT FIRE: Fire 4 wins, 12 goals ... Real 3 wins, 9 goals ... Ties 5

- The Fire gained a second result on the trot, getting a late winner for a 4-3 win against FC Cincinnati at TQL Stadium on Wednesday evening. **Luka Stojanovic** scored the game-winner three minutes into stoppage time, his eighth goal of the season, his last coming Aug. 18 when he scored four goals over three games.
- **Robert Beric** scored a pair of goals, the first multiple-goal game of his MLS career; he has four goals over the last four games.
- Real Salt Lake won for a fifth time in the last eight games, defeating the Colorado Rapids 3-1 at Rio Tinto Stadium on Saturday evening. Damir Kreilach scored his 14th goal of the season, sitting tied for fourth place in the MLS Golden Boot standings, and added a pair of assists, now with eight for the year.
- The teams last met during the 2019 season, reaching a 1-1 draw on June 22 at SeatGeek Stadium in Bridgeview. The Fire had won the previous home meeting, a 2-0 victory in 2017, which ended a five-game winless streak in the series. Real have won the last two meetings at Rio Tinto Stadium, last a 2-1 win in 2018.
- The teams have met once in their histories at Soldier Field, a 3-1 Fire win in 2005 in RSL's first season in MLS.

<u>FIRE:</u> Álvaro Medran scored his third goal of the season, directly from a free kick; it was his fifth goal over two MLS campaigns. ... The four goals were a season-high for the Fire in 2021.

REAL: Damir Kreilach collected the fourth two-assist game of his MLS career, his second this season (also May 1 vs. Sporting KC). ... Rubio Rubin scored his eighth goal of the season; he has a goal and an assist in the last two games. ... Anderson Julio scored his eighth goal of the year, his second in the last three games. ... Albert Rusnák recorded his 11th assist of the season, his seventh over the last eight games, now in a tie for fourth place in the MLS assist standings. ... Aaron Herrera recorded his 10th assist of the season, in a tie for sixth place in the league.

MINNESOTA UNITED FC vs. LOS ANGELES FOOTBALL CLUB

Saturday, Oct. 23, 2021 (Week 32, MLS Game #412) Allianz Field, Saint Paul, Minn. 7 p.m. CT (Bally Sports North+ / CW; My13 / KCOP, Estrella TV)

REFEREE: Robert Sibiga. AR1 (bench): Felisha Mariscal; AR2 (opposite): Eric Weisbrod; 4th: Elvis Osmanovic; VAR: Jon Freemon; AVAR: Jeff Muschik MLS Career: 139 games; FC/gm: 21.6; Y/gm: 3.4; R: 24; pens: 38

LEAGUE HEAD-TO-HEAD: MNUFC 2 win, 10 goals ... LAFC 1 win, 6 goals ... Ties 2 AT MINNESOTA: MNUFC 1 win, 6 goals ... LAFC 0 wins, 2 goals ... Ties 1

- Minnesota United FC gained their second win in a row, defeating the Philadelphia Union 2-1 at Allianz Field on Wednesday evening. **Franco Fragapane** scored his fourth goal of the season, his second in as many games, and added his ninth assist, his fifth over the last seven games.
- Los Angeles Football Club won their second game on the trot, getting a late winner for a 3-2 victory
 against FC Dallas at Toyota Stadium on Wednesday evening. Cristian Arango scored the hat trick, now
 with 11 goals in his first 13 games in MLS.
- The teams are meeting for the second time this season. **Hassani Dotson** netted the equalizer five minutes deep into second-half stoppage time, leaving the teams in a 2-2 draw July 28 at Banc of California Stadium.
- The teams had last met during the 2019 season. **Mason Toye** netted goals four minutes apart midway through the first half, leading Minnesota United to a 2-0 win on Sept. 1 at Banc of California Stadium. The teams then reached a 1-1 draw Sept. 29 at Allianz Field.
- The teams split their first two meetings in LAFC's inaugural season. LAFC won 2-0 on May 9 at Banc of California Stadium, then Minnesota United FC returned the favor with a 5-1 victory on July 22 at TCF Bank Stadium in Minneapolis.

<u>MNUFC:</u> Emanuel Reynoso recorded a pair of assists, now with 10 assists for the season; he has four assists over the last five. ... Robin Lod scored his eighth goal of the season, his second in the last six games. ... Adrien Hunou netted his sixth goal of the season, his second over the last three matches.

LAFC: Cristian Arango has scored each of LAFC's last five goals, over the last two games. ... Danny Musovski gained his second assist of the season, his last coming Sept. 3. ... Bryce Duke collected his third assist of the season, all coming since Sept. 3.

COLORADO RAPIDS vs. PORTLAND TIMBERS

Saturday, Oct. 23, 2021 (Week 32, MLS Game #414) Dick's Sporting Goods Park, Commerce City, Colo. 7 p.m. MT (Altitude; KPDX)

REFEREE: Ted Unkel. AR1 (bench): Chantal Boudreau; AR2 (opposite): Jeff Hosking; 4th: Matthew Franz; VAR: Kevin Terry Jr.; AVAR: Ryan Graves MLS Career: 124 games; FC/gm: 23.4; Y/gm: 4.0; R: 39; pens: 60

LEAGUE HEAD-TO-HEAD: Rapids 8 wins, 33 goals ... Timbers 10 wins, 34 goals ... Ties 6 AT COLORADO: Rapids 6 wins, 24 goals ... Timbers 2 wins, 14 goals ... Ties 4

- The Rapids continued their home undefeated run, reaching a 1-1 draw with Seattle Sounders FC at Dick's Sporting Goods Park on Wednesday evening. **Dominique Badji** scored his second goal of the season, his first since Sept. 4.
- The Timbers fell to a second consecutive loss, dropping a 3-2 decision to Vancouver Whitecaps FC at Providence Park on Wednesday evening. **Yimmi Chará** scored his sixth goal of the season, his third in the last five games, and added his fifth assist, his second in the last five games.
- The teams are meeting for the second time this season. **Michael Barrios** put the Rapids ahead in the 87th minute, but **Sebastian Blanco** netted the leveler in stoppage time, leaving the teams in a 2-2 draw Sept. 15 at Providence Park.
- The Rapids win last year on Nov. 4 in the only meeting between the teams, in Portland, ended a fivegame undefeated streak for the Timbers in the series, winning three consecutive matchups before draws in both meetings in 2019. The last Rapids win had come June 17, 2017, a 2-1 win in Commerce City.
- The visiting team has won just four times in the all-time series, the Timbers winning twice in Commerce City since 2015. The Rapids win last year ended a nine-game home undefeated streak for Portland in the series; the lone other win for the Rapids in Portland coming June 11, 2011.

RAPIDS: The Rapids extended their home undefeated streak to 14 games, third-longest in club history; next up is 16 games, set 5/31/2003-5/22/2004. ... **Jack Price** collected his 12th assist of the season, sitting in third place in the MLS assist standings. The 12 assists are a single-season high in his four MLS campaigns, surpassing his 11 in 2019.

<u>TIMBERS</u>: Dairon Asprilla netted his ninth goal of the season, his fourth over the last six games. ... Cristhian Paredes recorded his first assist of the season, his last coming Aug. 14, 2019.

LA GALAXY vs. FC DALLAS Saturday, Oct. 23, 2021 (Week 32, MLS Game #405) Dignity Health Sports Park, Carson, Calif. 7 p.m. PT (UniMás / TUDN)

REFEREE: Baldomero Toledo. AR1 (bench): Frank Anderson; AR2 (opposite): Ian Anderson; 4th: Alex Chilowicz; VAR: Kevin Stott; AVAR: Mike Kampmeinert MLS Career: 300 games; FC/gm: 25.3; Y/gm: 3.5; R: 105; pens: 114

LEAGUE HEAD-TO-HEAD: Galaxy 35 wins (1 shootout), 129 goals ... FC Dallas 29 wins (1 shootout), 110 goals ... Ties 12

AT GALAXY: Galaxy 26 wins (1 shootout), 77 goals ... FC Dallas 7 wins (1 shootout), 39 goals ... Ties 5

- The Galaxy won a second game in a row, defeating Houston Dynamo FC 3-0 at PNC Stadium on Wednesday evening. **Sacha Kljestan** converted a penalty kick for his fifth goal of the season, a second consecutive game with a spot kick goal, and **Kévin Cabral** scored his fifth goal of the season.
- FC Dallas had their winless slide extended, falling 3-2 to Los Angeles Football Club at Toyota Stadium on Wednesday evening. **Franco Jara** scored his fifth goal of the season, his first since Sept. 4, while **Ryan Hollingshead** collected third goal of the season.
- The teams are meeting for the third time this season, each winning at home less than three weeks apart.
 Rayan Raveloson and Kévin Cabral each netted their first goals for the Galaxy, in the first half, in a 3-1 win July 7 at Dignity Health Sports Park, then on July 24 at Toyota Stadium, Ricardo Pepi became the youngest player to score a hat trick in MLS history, in a 4-0 FC Dallas win.
- The FCD win in the last meeting ended a two-game Galaxy winning streak in the series, both at Dignity Health Sports Park, which snapped a five-game FC Dallas winning streak. FCD has won each of the last four meetings in Frisco; they had won each of the two previous meetings in Carson, which came on the heels of a nine-game home undefeated streak in the series for the Galaxy (dating back to 2009), having gone 7-0-2 over that stretch.

<u>GALAXY</u>: Javier Hernández collected his third assist of the season; he has a goal or an assist in each of the last four games, with two goals and two assists in that span.

<u>FCD:</u> Jader Obrian collected a pair of assists, now with three in his first MLS season. ... Jesús Ferreira recorded two assists, now with eight for the season, a single-season career-high in his fifth MLS season. It was his third career two-assist game.

SAN JOSE EARTHQUAKES vs. VANCOUVER WHITECAPS FC

Saturday, Oct. 23, 2021 (Week 32, MLS Game #415) PayPal Park, San Jose, Calif. 7 p.m. PT (TSN1; NBCS-BA)

REFEREE: Marcos de Oliveira. AR1 (bench): Andrew Bigelow; AR2 (opposite): Jose da Silva; 4th: Michael Radchuk; VAR: Jair Marrufo; AVAR: Joshua Patlak MLS Career: 58 games; FC/gm: 25.5; Y/gm: 3.5; R: 5; pens: 16

LEAGUE HEAD-TO-HEAD: Earthquakes 8 wins, 39 goals ... Whitecaps FC 10 wins, 41 goals ... Ties 10 AT SAN JOSE: Earthquakes 5 wins, 19 goals ... Whitecaps FC 1 win, 11 goals ... Ties 7

- The Quakes put an emphatic end to a three-game losing slide, defeating Austin FC 4-0 at PayPal Park. The Quakes got goals from four different players, the opener from **Eduardo López**, his 12th of the season, seventh over the last seven games.
- Whitecaps FC came back from a two-goal halftime deficit to record a 3-2 win against the Portland Timbers at Providence Park on Wednesday evening. **Brian White** scored his 11th goal of the season, his fifth in the last five games and 10th over the last 13 games.
- Chris Wondolowski scored his third goal of the season, the 169th of his MLS league career (most alltime). Wondolowski has now scored 171 goals in league and MLS Cup play, surpassing Landon Donovan for the most in MLS history.
- The teams are meeting for the third time this season. **Brian White** scored all three goals for his first career hat trick as Whitecaps FC took a 3-0 victory Oct. 2 at BC Place; they also reached a goalless draw Aug. 13 at PayPal Park.
- Whitecaps FC have won two of the last three meetings between the teams (with one draw), following a four-game winning streak for the Quakes in the series. The Quakes wins ended a five-game Whitecaps FC undefeated streak in the series in league and MLS Cup play in the first meeting, their first win vs. Vancouver since March 11, 2017.

QUAKES: Carlos Fierro scored his second goal of the season, both coming in the last two games. ... Benji Kikanovic netted his third goal of the year, his second in the last five games. ... Cristian Espinoza recorded his seventh assist of the season, his first since Aug. 8. ... Jeremy Ebobisse gained his first assist of the season. ... JT Marcinkowski was credited with four saves in recording his fifth shutout of the season, a single-season career-high in his third MLS year.

WHITECAPS FC: Deiber Caicedo scored his fifth goal of the season, and added his seventh assist, the first time in his MLS career he had a goal and an assist in the same game. ... Bruno Gaspar recorded his first MLS assist, in his 13th appearance. ... Janio Bikel recorded his first career assist in MLS, in his second season (42 appearances).

AUSTIN FC vs. HOUSTON DYNAMO FC

Sunday, Oct. 24, 2021 (Week 32, MLS Game #416) Q2 Stadium, Austin, Texas 4 p.m. CT (ESPN / ESPN Deportes)

REFEREE: Timothy Ford. AR1 (bench): Jason White; AR2 (opposite): Adam Garner; 4th: Luis Guardia; VAR: Guido Gonzales Jr.; AVAR: Jonathan Johnson MLS Career: 47 games; FC/gm: 21.1; Y/gm: 3.3; R: 10; pens: 7

LEAGUE HEAD-TO-HEAD: ATXFC 1 win, 3 goals ... Dynamo FC 1 win, 5 goals ... Ties 0 AT Q2 STADIUM: ATXFC 1 win, 3 goals ... Dynamo FC 0 wins, 2 goals ... Ties 0

- Austin FC fell to a second successive reversal, dropping a 4-0 decision to the San Jose Earthquakes at PayPal Park on Wednesday evening.
- Dynamo FC weren't able to make it back-to-back wins, falling 3-0 to the LA Galaxy at PNC Stadium on Wednesday evening.
- The teams are meeting for the third time this season and in their histories, splitting the first two. **Tomás Pochettino** scored a pair of goals and **Cecilio Dominguez** added the third as ATXFC took a 3-2 win Aug. 4 at Q2 Stadium, then Fafa Picault scored a pair of goals as Dynamo FC took a 3-0 win Sept. 11 in Houston.

<u>ATXFC</u>: Austin FC can record the most points in matches among the three Texas clubs with wins vs. Houston and FC Dallas (Wednesday, Oct. 27).

DYNAMO FC: Adam Lundkvist came on as a halftime substitute, his first appearance since Sept. 18.

ORLANDO CITY SC vs. NEW ENGLAND REVOLUTION Sunday, Oct. 24, 2021 (Week 32, MLS Game #417) Exploria Stadium, Orlando, Fla.

7:30 p.m. ET (FS1 / FOX Deportes)

REFEREE: Chris Penso. AR1 (bench): Nick Uranga; AR2 (opposite): Peter Manikowski; 4th: Silviu Petrescu; VAR: Drew Fischer; AVAR: Fabio Tovar MLS Career: 185 games; FC/gm: 23.7; Y/gm: 3.7; R: 55; pens: 73

LEAGUE HEAD-TO-HEAD: Orlando City 2 wins, 23 goals ... Revolution 5 wins, 29 goals ... Ties 5 AT ORLANDO CITY: Orlando City 2 wins, 19 goals ... Revolution 0 wins, 12 goals ... Ties 4

- Orlando City SC extended their undefeated streak to four games, reaching a 1-1 draw with CF Montréal at Exploria Stadium on Wednesday evening. **Chris Mueller** scored his third goal of the season, his last coming in back-to-back games June 25-July 3.
- The Revolution made it eight games without loss with a sixth win in that time, defeating D.C. United 3-2 at Audi Field on Wednesday evening. **Gustavo Bou** scored his 15th goal of the season and **Adam Buksa** his 14th, sitting fourth and fifth respectively in the race for the MLS Golden Boot.
- The teams are meeting for the second time this season. **Adam Buksa** scored early and an own goal proved the winner, in a 2-1 Revolution victory at Gillette Stadium on Sept. 25.
- The teams did not meet in league play last year, but did in an Eastern Conference Semifinal at Exploria Stadium. **Gustavo Bou** scored a pair of goals and **Carles Gil** added one as the Revolution took a 3-1 win on Nov. 29.
- The away team has never won in league play, in 12 meetings. The last two regular-season meetings in Orlando have ended in 3-3 draws; Orlando City has outscored New England 12-7 in the last three matchups in Florida. The Revolution have won five of the six meetings at Gillette Stadium, including each of the past four years.

OCSC: Ruan gained his third assist of the season, his second in as many games. ... Daryl Dike recorded his third assist of the season; he has three goals and an assist in the last five matches.

<u>REVOLUTION</u>: Carles Gil scored his fourth goal of the season; he has a goal and an assist in the last two games. ... **Tommy McNamara** collected a pair of assists, now with six for the season; it was the second two-assist game of his MLS career. ... **Adam Buksa** also collected his third assist of the season; he has a goal when he has an assist for three of his five career assists in MLS.

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