

MLS WEEK 34 – LOOK AHEAD

INTER MIAMI CF vs. NEW YORK CITY FC

Saturday, Oct. 30, 2021 (Week 34, MLS Game #431)

DRV PNK Stadium, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

1:30 p.m. ET (Univision / TUDN)

REFEREE: Rosendo Mendoza. AR1 (bench): Jason White; AR2 (opposite): Eric Weisbrod; 4th: Rubiel Vazquez;

VAR: Geoff Gamble; AVAR: Jozef Batko

MLS Career: 33 games; FC/gm: 23.9; Y/gm: 3.4; R: 4; pens: 8

LEAGUE HEAD-TO-HEAD: Inter Miami 0 wins, 2 goals ... NYCFC 3 wins, 6 goals ... Ties 0

AT INTER MIAMI: Inter Miami 0 wins, 2 goals ... NYCFC 1 win, 3 goals ... Ties 0

- Inter Miami CF had their two-game winning streak put to an end, dropping a 2-1 decision to Atlanta United at Mercedes-Benz Stadium on Wednesday evening. **Gonzalo Higuaín** converted a penalty kick for the Inter Miami goal, his 12th of the season.
- NYCFC won a second game in a row and extended their undefeated streak to three games, defeating Chicago Fire FC by the game's only goal at Yankee Stadium on Wednesday evening. **Valentin Castellanos** converted a penalty kick for his 16th goal of the season, tied for second place in the MLS Golden Boot standings, one behind Ola Kamara of D.C. United.
- The teams are meeting for the second time this season. **Valentin Castellanos** scored both goals in the opening half as NYCFC took a 2-0 win Aug. 14 at Yankee Stadium.
- The teams met twice during Inter Miami's inaugural season and NYCFC won both. **Ismael Tajouri-Shradi** scored the game's only goal as NYCFC took the victory July 20 during the MLS is Back Tournament, then **Alejandro Mitrita** and **Lewis Morgan** each scored a pair of goals, but **Anton Tinnerholm** netted the decider in a 3-2 NYCFC win Oct. 3, as all five goals came in the opening 43 minutes.

IMCF: **Gonzalo Higuaín** has a goal and/or an assist in three consecutive games, with two goals and four assists over that span.

NYCFC: **Valentin Castellanos** scored for a second consecutive game, with three goals over that time. ... **Sean Johnson** was credited with five saves in recording his ninth shutout of the season, tied for sixth-most in MLS this season. It was the 76th shutout of his league career, now tied for seventh-most in MLS history.

REAL SALT LAKE vs. SAN JOSE EARTHQUAKES

Saturday, Oct. 30, 2021 (Week 34, MLS Game #436)

Rio Tinto Stadium, Sandy, Utah

1:30 p.m. MT (Univision / TUDN; KMYU-12)

REFEREE: Jon Freemon. AR1 (bench): Chantal Boudreau; AR2 (opposite): Jeremy Hanson; 4th: Ramy Touchan; VAR: Joseph Dickerson; AVAR: Mike Kampmeiner

MLS Career: 12 games; FC/gm: 27.4; Y/gm: 4.1; R: 2; pens: 1

LEAGUE HEAD-TO-HEAD: Real 12 wins, 50 goals ... Earthquakes 13 wins, 46 goals ... Ties 11

AT SALT LAKE: Real 6 wins, 26 goals ... Earthquakes 4 wins, 14 goals ... Ties 7

- Real Salt Lake recorded a third win in the last five games, making a late comeback for a 2-1 win against FC Dallas at Toyota Stadium on Wednesday evening. **Damir Kreilach** scored the equalizer, his 15th goal of the season, now tied for sixth place in the MLS Golden Boot standings, and **Albert Rusnák** hit for the game-winner in the 90th minute, his eighth of the year.
- The Quakes saw their two-game undefeated run come to an end, falling 2-0 to the Portland Timbers at Providence Park on Wednesday evening.
- The teams are meeting for the third time this season. On Sept. 15 at PayPal Park, **Rubio Rubin** scored his second goal of the game for the game-winner in the 81st minute, overcoming an **Eduardo López** hat trick as Real took a 4-3 win. On May 7 at Rio Tinto Stadium, **Chris Wondolowski** scored goals five minutes late after coming off the substitutes' bench, leading the Quakes to a 2-1 comeback win.
- In the previous meeting between the teams, last Oct. 28 at PayPal Park, **Wondolowski** scored both goals as the Quakes took a 2-0 win at home. The Quakes now own a six-game undefeated streak in the series in San Jose, with five wins in that span, the last RSL win there a 1-0 triumph on April 5, 2015.
- The Quakes win in the first meeting ended a six-game home undefeated streak for Real in the series, with three wins and three draws in that time. The last San Jose victory in Sandy had come in 2013.

REAL: **Damir Kreilach** scored his seventh goal in the last nine games (along with three assists). ... Justin Meram recorded a pair of assists, now with four for the season, the third two-assist game of his MLS career.

QUAKES: With the loss in Portland, the Quakes were officially eliminated from contention for the Audi 2021 MLS Cup Playoffs.

NEW YORK RED BULLS vs. CF MONTRÉAL
Saturday, Oct. 30, 2021 (Week 34, MLS Game #430)
Red Bull Arena, Harrison, N.J.
4 p.m. ET (TVA Sports; MSG)

REFEREE: Chris Penso. AR1 (bench): Peter Manikowski; AR2 (opposite): Jeffrey Swartzel; 4th: Ismir Pekmic;
VAR: Alan Kelly; AVAR: Thomas Supple
MLS Career: 186 games; FC/gm: 23.7; Y/gm: 3.7; R: 55; pens: 74

LEAGUE HEAD-TO-HEAD: Red Bulls 11 wins, 40 goals ... CFMTL 8 wins, 31 goals ... Ties 2
RED BULLS HOME GAME: Red Bulls 10 wins, 33 goals ... CFMTL 1 win, 11 goals ... Ties 0

- The Red Bulls had their four-game winning streak and eight-game undefeated run put to an end, falling by the game's only goal to D.C. United at Audi Field on Wednesday evening.
- CFMTL gained a third consecutive draw and extended their undefeated run to four games last time out, reaching a 1-1 draw with Toronto FC at BMO Field on Oct. 23. **Sunusi Ibrahim** scored his fourth goal of the season, his second in the last three games.
- CF Montréal return to league play at the weekend, their last MLS match a 1-1 draw with Toronto FC at BMO Field on Saturday evening. **Sunusi Ibrahim** scored his fourth goal in MLS, his second in the last four games as CFMTL extended their league undefeated run to four games.
- The teams are meeting for the second time this season. **Victor Wanyama** converted a penalty kick eight minutes deep into second-half stoppage time for the game-winner, giving CF Montréal a 2-1 win Aug. 14 at Stade Saputo.
- The Red Bulls won in the only meeting a year ago, a 4-1 victory Sept. 27 at Red Bull Arena, which ended a three-game Montréal winning streak in the series. Montréal has won the past five league meetings at home, all by shutout; the Red Bulls put an end to a 443-minute goalless streak in Québec in the first meeting this year. CFMTL has one win in 11 regular season meetings at Red Bull Arena, though they did win there in the 2016 Eastern Conference Semifinals.

RED BULLS: **Lucas Monzón** made his MLS and Red Bulls debut, coming off the substitutes' bench for the final 22 minutes of the game.

CFMTL: At midweek, CF Montréal reached the final of the Canadian Championship, winning in a penalty shootout after 11 rounds following a scoreless draw with Forge FC of Hamilton, Ont. of the Canadian Premier League at Tim Horton's Field in Hamilton. CFMTL will face the winner of the Toronto FC-Pacific FC match for the Canadian domestic title.

ATLANTA UNITED vs. TORONTO FC
Saturday, Oct. 30, 2021 (Week 34, MLS Game #432)
Mercedes-Benz Stadium, Atlanta, Ga.
6 p.m. ET (TSN; Bally Sports South/SE)

REFEREE: Alex Chilowicz. AR1 (bench): Claudiu Badea; AR2 (opposite): Kevin Klinger; 4th: Sergii Demianchuk;
VAR: Jorge Gonzalez; AVAR: Jonathan Johnson
MLS Career: 58 games; FC/gm: 23.8; Y/gm: 3.6; R: 6; pens: 17

LEAGUE HEAD-TO-HEAD: ATLUTD 3 wins, 14 goals ... Toronto FC 3 wins, 14 goals ... Ties 3
AT ATLANTA: ATLUTD 2 wins, 7 goals ... Toronto FC 0 wins, 4 goals ... Ties 2

- ATLUTD extended their undefeated streak to three games with a second win in that time, defeating Inter Miami CF 2-1 at Mercedes-Benz Stadium on Wednesday evening. **Luiz Araujo** scored his third goal in MLS, this directly from a free kick, for the ATL opener, then **Josef Martínez** netted the game-winner, his 11th of the season.
- Toronto FC recorded a second draw in a row, reaching a 2-2 result with the Philadelphia Union at BMO Field on Wednesday evening. **Jozy Altidore** scored his fourth goal of the season, a second consecutive game with a goal.
- The teams are meeting for the third time this season, and Atlanta United have won both. **Ezequiel Barco** netted the game's only goal in the 20th minute to give ATLUTD the win Aug. 18 at Mercedes-Benz Stadium, then on Oct. 16 at BMO Field, **Luiz Araujo** and **Marcelino Moreno** scored in stoppage time of each half as ATLUTD took a 2-0 win.
- The Atlanta win in the last meeting was their first in three trips to BMO Field. ATLUTD has won the last two meetings in Atlanta.
- 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: **Luiz Araujo** also added an assist, his fourth since coming to MLS, the second time he's had a goal and an assist in the same game; Luiz Araujo has a goal and/or assist in four consecutive games, with two goals and three assists in that span. ... **Brooks Lennon** gained his sixth assist of the season, his last coming Sept. 10; the six assists are a single-season career-high in his fifth MLS campaign.

TFC: **Noble Okello** collected his first career assist in MLS, in his third season in the league (13th league appearance).

D.C. UNITED vs. COLUMBUS CREW

Saturday, Oct. 30, 2021 (Week 34, MLS Game #434)

Audi Field, Washington, D.C.

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

REFEREE: Drew Fischer. AR1 (bench): Kathryn Nesbitt; AR2 (opposite): Brian Poeschel; 4th: Robert Sibiga;
VAR: Edvin Jurisevic; AVAR: Kyle Atkins

MLS Career: 152 games; FC/gm: 25.0; Y/gm: 3.2; R: 23; pens: 46

LEAGUE HEAD-TO-HEAD: United 32 wins (5 shootout), 101 goals ... Crew 30 wins (0 shootout), 106 goals ...
Ties 11

AT D.C.: United 23 wins (3 shootout), 68 goals ... Crew 10 wins (0 shootout), 46 goals ... Ties 4

- D.C. United put an end to a two-game losing skid, defeating the New York Red Bulls by the game's only goal at Audi Field on Wednesday evening. **Kevin Paredes** scored the United goal, his third of the season, his last on July 21.
- The Crew put an end to a two-game winless skid, defeating Orlando City SC 3-2 at Exploria Stadium on Wednesday evening. **Lucas Zelarayán** hit a stunning strike for the game-winner, his ninth goal of the season and second in the last three games.
- The teams are meeting for the third time this season. **Lucas Zelarayán** scored directly from a free kick and the Crew took advantage of a pair of own goals, taking a 3-1 win at Historic Crew Stadium on May 8. Then on Aug. 4 in the first meeting at Lower.com Field, **Yordy Reyna** and **Ola Kamara** each netted a pair of goals as D.C. United claimed a 4-2 win, their third in a row in Columbus.
- United have won both meetings all-time at Audi Field, including a win by the game's only goal there in the last meeting, last Oct. 28. United's win in their last visit to Columbus before this year, a 1-0 win April 24, 2019, was the first there for D.C. since the 2007 season. Crew SC had won eight of the 11 meetings in between on their home ground, with three draws.

UNITED: **Nigel Robertha** collected the first assist of his MLS career, in his 16th appearance. ... **Bill Hamid** was credited with five saves in recording his eighth shutout of the season, the 78th of his MLS career (sixth-most in MLS history).

CREW: **Lucas Zelarayán** also added an assist, his seventh of the season, the fourth time he's had at least a goal and an assist in the same game in MLS; he has a goal or an assist now in three games in a row, with two goals and three assists in that span. ... **Miguel Berry** scored a goal for a second consecutive game, now with seven goals for the season (in 16 appearances). ... **Derrick Etienne Jr.** scored his first goal of the season, his last coming last Aug. 20 vs. Chicago. ... **Steven Moreira** recorded his second assist in MLS, both coming in the last two games.

FC DALLAS vs. AUSTIN FC

Saturday, Oct. 30, 2021 (Week 34, MLS Game #435)

Toyota Stadium, Frisco, Texas

7 p.m. CT (FCDTV / Estrella KMPX-29; KNVA [CW Austin] / UniMás Austin)

REFEREE: Silviu Petrescu. AR1 (bench): Logan Brown; AR2 (opposite): Jeffrey Greeson; 4th: Marcos de Oliveira; VAR: Kevin Terry Jr.; AVAR: Adam Garner

MLS Career: 182 games; FC/gm: 27.5; Y/gm: 4.0; R: 25; pens: 42

LEAGUE HEAD-TO-HEAD: FCD 2 wins, 7 goals ... Austin FC 0 wins, 2 goals ... Ties 0

AT TOYOTA STADIUM: FCD 1 win, 2 goals ... Austin FC 0 wins, 0 goals ... Ties 0.

- FC Dallas saw their winless skid extended, falling to a late comeback in a 2-1 loss to Real Salt Lake at Toyota Stadium on Wednesday evening. **Matt Hedges** scored his first goal of the season, his first since Decision Day 2019 (Oct. 6) vs. Sporting KC.
- Austin FC snapped a brief losing slide with a wild 2-1 win against Houston Dynamo FC at Q2 Stadium on Sunday afternoon. **Sebastian Driussi** scored the game-winner, his fourth goal of the season, after a bizarre own goal gave ATXFC the lead.
- The teams are meeting for the third time this season and in their histories, and FC Dallas have won both. **Ryan Hollingshead** and **Jesús Ferreira** scored second-half goals as FC Dallas took a 2-0 win at Toyota Stadium on Aug. 7, then on Aug. 29 at Q2 Stadium, Ferreira and **Ricardo Pepi** each netted a pair of goals as FCD rolled to a 5-3 victory.

FCD: **Justin Che** recorded his third assist of the season, his last coming Sept. 11.

ATXFC: **Alexander Ring** collected his second assist of the season, both coming in the last seven games. ... With a victory, Austin FC will take the season series between the Texas clubs, with nine points.

MINNESOTA UNITED FC vs. SPORTING KANSAS CITY

Sunday, Oct. 31, 2021 (Week 34, MLS Game #439)

Allianz Field, Saint Paul, Minn.

12 noon CT (ESPN / ESPN Deportes)

REFEREE: Victor Rivas. AR1 (bench): Jeremy Kieso; AR2 (opposite): Ryan Graves; 4th: Joshua Encarnacion;
VAR: Jose Carlos Rivero; AVAR: Robert Schaap
MLS Career: 37 games; FC/gm: 23.2; Y/gm: 3.4; R: 6; pens: 15

LEAGUE HEAD-TO-HEAD: MNUFC 3 wins, 10 goals ... Sporting 7 wins, 21 goals ... Ties 3

AT MINNESOTA: MNUFC 2 wins, 7 goals ... Sporting 1 win, 5 goals ... Ties 3

- Minnesota United FC had their three-game undefeated streak put to an end, falling 2-1 to Vancouver Whitecaps FC at BC Place on Wednesday evening. **Fanendo Adi** scored his first goal of 2021 and first since joining MNUFC, his last coming July 13, 2019 while with FC Cincinnati.
- Sporting won for a second consecutive game and a sixth time in the last eight game, defeating the LA Galaxy 2-0 at Children's Mercy Park, securing their berth in the Audi 2021 MLS Cup Playoffs.
- **Johnny Russell** scored both Sporting goals, now with 14 for the season, in a tie for eighth place in the MLS Golden Boot standings. Russell has scored a goal in eight consecutive games, now the fifth-longest streak in MLS history.
- The teams are meeting for the third time this season. **Johnny Russell** scored a goal and added two assists as Sporting cruised to a 4-0 win Sept. 15 at Children's Mercy Park; the teams also reached a goalless draw Aug. 21 at Allianz Field.
- SKC has won all six matchups at home in league play. Sporting's win at Allianz Field last year was their first in six visits to Minnesota all-time in all competitions; there have now been three draws there.
- The teams also met in the Western Conference Semifinal at Children's Mercy Park last year, Minnesota United FC taking a 3-0 win. **Kevin Molino** scored a pair of goals while **Emanuel Reynoso** collected assists on all three MNUFC goals, a second consecutive game in the MLS Cup Playoffs with three assists – the first player to record three assists or more in multiple games in MLS postseason history.

MNUFC: **Jan Gregus** made his first appearance since Aug. 19, coming on as a substitute for the final 18 minutes.

SPORTING: **Gadi Kinda** recorded assists on both SKC goals, now with six assists for the season, the first multiple-assist game of his MLS career (in 42 appearances over two seasons).

HOUSTON DYNAMO FC vs. COLORADO RAPIDS

Sunday, Oct. 31, 2021 (Week 34, MLS Game #438)

PNC Stadium, Houston, Texas

2 p.m. CT (QuestTexas 55; Altitude)

REFEREE: Guido Gonzales Jr. AR1 (bench): Felisha Mariscal; AR2 (opposite): Gjovalin Bori; 4th: Nima Saghafi;
VAR: Younes Marrakchi; AVAR: Fabio Tovar

MLS Career: 34 games; FC/gm: 26.4; Y/gm: 4.3; R: 9; pens: 11

LEAGUE HEAD-TO-HEAD: Dynamo 10 wins, 44 goals ... Rapids 14 wins, 49 goals ... Ties 10

AT HOUSTON: Dynamo 6 wins, 28 goals ... Rapids 5 wins, 25 goals ... Ties 5

- Dynamo FC return to action, their last match a 2-1 loss to Austin FC at Q2 Stadium, the lone goal coming through an own goal.
- The Rapids saw their two-game undefeated run put to an end, falling by the game's only goal to the New England Revolution at Gillette Stadium on Wednesday evening.
- The teams are meeting for the third time this season, and the Rapids have won both by 3-1 scorelines. **Michael Barrios** set up a pair of goals as the Rapids scored three before the break May 15 at Dick's Sporting Goods Park, then on Aug. 14 in Houston, Barrios scored again in the Colorado victory.
- The Rapids have taken points on three consecutive trips to Houston. The Rapids win in the first meeting this year was their first at home in the series since 2017.

DYNAMO FC: Goalkeeper **Marko Marić** made his first appearance between the posts in 10 matches (since Aug. 21) and was credited with five saves.

RAPIDS: With a win, the Rapids will reach 58 points for the season, equaling the club record set in 2016.

ORLANDO CITY SC vs. NASHVILLE SC
Sunday, Oct. 31, 2021 (Week 34, MLS Game #440)
Exploria Stadium, Orlando, Fla.
4 p.m. ET (UniMás / TUDN)

REFEREE: Allen Chapman. AR1 (bench): Matthew Nelson; AR2 (opposite): Ian McKay; 4th: Lukasz Szpala; VAR: Rosendo Mendoza; AVAR: Jose da Silva

MLS Career: 194 games; FC/gm: 22.2; Y/gm: 3.7; R: 47; pens: 84

LEAGUE HEAD-TO-HEAD: Orlando City 1 win, 9 goals ... Nashville SC 1 win, 8 goals ... Ties 3

AT ORLANDO: Orlando City 1 win, 5 goals ... Nashville SC 1 win, 4 goals ... Ties 0

- Orlando City had their five-game undefeated run snapped, falling 3-2 to the Columbus Crew at Lower.com Field on Wednesday evening. **Daryl Dike** converted a penalty kick for his eighth goal of the season, a second consecutive game with a goal and fifth in the last seven games.
- Nashville SC won for the first time in seven games, overcoming a two-goal deficit for a 6-3 win against FC Cincinnati at TQL Stadium on Wednesday evening. The six goals are a club record for a game and secured a spot in the Audi MLS Cup Playoffs for a second consecutive season, the fifth expansion team in MLS history to qualify for the postseason in its first two seasons.
- **Randall Leal** scored a pair of goals, the first two-goal game of his MLS career, now with eight for the season, and added his eighth assist of the year, the first time in two MLS seasons he's been involved in three goals in a single game.
- The teams are meeting for the third time this season, reaching a pair of draws in the first two. **CJ Sapong** gave Nashville SC a first-half lead, but **Antonio Carlos** equalized after the break, leaving the teams in a 1-1 draw Aug. 18 at Nissan Stadium. Then on Sept. 29 in Nashville, a late goal for Orlando City left the teams in a 2-2 deadlock.
- 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.

OCSC: **Robin Jansson** scored his third goal of the season and of his MLS career, making his 76th league appearance for Orlando City. ... **Tesho Akindede** gained his sixth assist of the season, his last coming Aug. 21.

NASHVILLE SC: **Hany Mukhtar** collected three assists, his single-game career-high in 44 MLS appearances, and now has 12 for the season, tied for third in the MLS assist standings (he is tied for eighth place in the MLS Golden Boot race with 14 goals). ... **CJ Sapong** netted a pair of goals, now with 12 for the season, the 10th multiple-goal game of his MLS career. ... **Walker Zimmerman** scored his third goal of the season, and added his second assist, the first time in his MLS career he's had a goal and an assist in the same game (185 career appearances). ... **Aké Loba** scored his first career goal in MLS, and added his second assist.

PHILADELPHIA UNION vs. FC CINCINNATI
Sunday, Oct. 31, 2021 (Week 34, MLS Game #433)
Subaru Park, Chester, Pa.
7:30 p.m. ET (PHL17; WSTR – Star 64)

REFEREE: Fotis Bazakos. AR1 (bench): Brian Dunn; AR2 (opposite): Cory Richardson; 4th: Alan Kelly; VAR: Robert Sibiga; AVAR: Jeff Muschik
MLS Career: 121 games; FC/gm: 24.8; Y/gm: 3.7; R: 23; pens: 39

LEAGUE HEAD-TO-HEAD: Union 4 wins, 9 goals ... FCC 0 wins, 1 goal ... Ties 1
AT UNION: Union 2 wins, 5 goals ... FCC 0 wins, 0 goals ... Ties 0

- The Union gained a second successive result, reaching a 2-2 draw with Toronto FC at BMO Field on Wednesday evening. **Alejandro Bedoya** scored his third goal of the season, his second in the last seven games, and **Sergio Santos** scored his sixth of the year, his second in the last six games.
- FCC has their losing skid extended falling 6-3 to Nashville SC at TQL Stadium on Wednesday evening. **Brenner** converted a penalty kick for his eighth goal of the season, his last coming Sept. 18, also seeing one saved.
- The teams are meeting for the second time this season. **Kacper Przybylko** and **Brendan Aaronson** scored on either side of halftime as the Union took a 2-1 win at TQL Stadium on Oct. 9.
- The teams have met five times during FCC's first two seasons, and the Union have won four, conceding their first goal in the series in 442 minutes in the first meeting this year. A year ago, the Union took a 3-0 win in the last meeting Oct. 7 at Subaru Park; they also reached a goalless draw Sept. 23 at Nippert Stadium.
- The teams met twice in FC Cincinnati's inaugural season in MLS, and the Union won both, each by a 2-0 scoreline – March 30 at Nippert Stadium, and May 1 in Chester.

UNION: **Kai Wagner** collected assists on both Union goals, now with seven for the season, the second two-assist game of his MLS career (also: Oct. 20, 2020 vs. Toronto FC). ... **Daniel Gázdag** recorded his fourth assist since coming to MLS; he has two goals and an assist in the last two games.

FCC: **Brandon Vazquez** scored his fourth goal of the season, all coming over the last eight games, since Sept. 25.

SEATTLE SOUNDERS FC vs. LA GALAXY

Monday, Nov. 1, 2021 (Week 34, MLS Game #441)

Lumen Field, Seattle, Wash.

7 p.m. PT (TUDN; FOX 13+ / Amazon Prime)

REFEREE: Joseph Dickerson. AR1 (bench): Cameron Blanchard; AR2 (opposite): Jeff Hosking; 4th: Ramy Touchan; VAR: Jose Carlos Rivero; AVAR: Joshua Patlak
MLS Career: 65 games; FC/gm: 27.2; Y/gm: 4.0; R: 12; pens: 17

LEAGUE HEAD-TO-HEAD: Sounders FC 11 wins, 47 goals ... Galaxy 10 wins, 42 goals ... Ties 11

AT SEATTLE: Sounders FC 6 wins, 25 goals ... Galaxy 4 wins, 17 goals ... Ties 5

- Sounders FC had their winless run extended to four games, falling 3-0 to Los Angeles Football Club at Banc of California Stadium on Tuesday evening.
- The Galaxy had their four-game undefeated run put to an end, dropping a 2-0 decision to Sporting Kansas City at Children's Mercy Park on Wednesday evening.
- The teams are meeting for the third time this season, and Sounders FC have won both. **Raúl Ruidíaz** scored a pair of goals, and **Brad Smith** netted a goal and added an assist, as Sounders FC cruised to a 3-0 win at Lumen Field on May 2, then on June 19 at Dignity Health Sports Park, **Yeimar Gómez Andrade** and Ruidíaz scored on either side of halftime as Seattle took a 2-1 win.
- Sounders FC have come away with points on seven of their last eight trips to Carson, with four wins and three draws. The Seattle win in 2016 ended an 11-game winless streak there in league and MLS Cup play.
- Sounders FC have scored 12 goals in the last three home meetings with the Galaxy. Sounders FC claimed a 5-0 victory Aug. 18, 2018 in Seattle, equaling the club's record for margin of victory over its 10 MLS seasons, and the Galaxy equaling the biggest margin of defeat in their history (set twice previously). It was their first against the Galaxy at home in league play since 2014 (though Sounders FC did win twice at home in the MLS Cup Playoffs over that timeframe).

SOUNDERS FC: **Nicolás Lodeiro** came on as a substitute for the final 22 minutes, his first appearance since Sept. 11.

GALAXY: **Ethan Zubak** came on as a substitute for the final six minutes, his first appearance since Sept. 11.

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