

MLS WEEK 35 (midweek) – LOOK AHEAD

LOS ANGELES FOOTBALL CLUB vs. VANCOUVER WHITECAPS FC

Tuesday, Nov. 2, 2021 (Week 35, MLS Game #442)

Banc of California Stadium, Los Angeles, Calif.

7:30 p.m. PT (TSN; Bally Sports SoCal / Estrella TV)

REFEREE: Alex Chilowicz. AR1 (bench): Chris Elliott; AR2 (opposite): Ian Anderson; 4th: Baldomero Toledo;

VAR: Younes Marrakchi; AVAR: Fabio Tovar

MLS Career: 59 games; FC/gm: 23.7; Y/gm: 3.6; R: 6; pens: 17

LEAGUE HEAD-TO-HEAD: LAFC 3 wins, 20 goals ... Whitecaps FC 3 wins, 10 goals ... Ties 2

AT BANC OF CALIFORNIA STADIUM: LAFC 2 wins, 16 goals ... Whitecaps FC 0 wins, 5 goals ... Ties 2

- LAFC stretched their undefeated run to five games with a third win in that time, defeating Seattle Sounders FC 3-0 at Banc of California Stadium on Oct. 26.
- **Cristian Arango** scored his 13th goal of the season, his fourth straight game with a goal, with seven goals in that span. With 13 goals in his first 15 games to open his MLS career, it equals the third-fastest start to a player's time in MLS in league history.
- Whitecaps FC extended their undefeated streak to four games with a third win in that time, defeating Minnesota United FC 2-1 at BC Place on Oct. 27. **Brian White** scored his 12th goal of the season for the game-winner, his 11th goal in the last 14 games (dating back to Aug. 18).
- The teams are meeting for the third time this season. They reached a 2-2 draw July 24 at Banc of California Stadium, then on Aug. 21 at BC Place, **Brian White** and **Ryan Gauld** scored in the final half-hour to lead Whitecaps FC to a 2-1 win.
- The overall series is evenly split through the first eight meetings all-time, each team winning three with two draws. LAFC scored six goals in each of the first two meetings in downtown Los Angeles, a 6-0 win Sept. 23, 2020, and a 6-1 win July 6, 2019.

L AFC: **Jamal Blackman** was credited with five saves in recording the first shutout of his MLS career, in his fifth appearance. ... **Latif Blessing** scored his second goal of the season, and also added his third assist of the season. It was the third time in his MLS career he's had a goal and an assist in the same game – the first two coming three games apart July 3-15, 2018. ... **Raheem Edwards** collected his first assist of the season, his last coming Sept. 20 of last year with Minnesota United. ... **Kim Moon-Hwan** collected his second assist of his MLS career, the first coming July 17. ... **Cristian Arango** collected his second assist in MLS, both coming in the last four games.

WHITECAPS FC: **Ryan Gauld** collected his fifth assist of the season; he has a goal and three assists over the last six games. ... **Cristian Dajomé** recorded his fifth assist of the season, his last coming Sept. 4.

CF MONTRÉAL vs. HOUSTON DYNAMO FC
Wednesday, Nov. 3, 2021 (Week 35, MLS Game #443)
Stade Saputo, Montréal, Qué.
7:30 p.m. ET (TVA Sports; TSN5; QuestTexas 55 / TeleXitos 47.2)

REFEREE: Ted Unkel. AR1 (bench): Kyle Atkins; AR2 (opposite): Peter Balciunas; 4th: Drew Fischer; VAR: Jon Freeman; AVAR: Robert Schaap

MLS Career: 125 games; FC/gm: 23.4; Y/gm: 4.0; R: 39; pens: 60

LEAGUE HEAD-TO-HEAD: CFMTL 6 wins, 21 goals ... Dynamo 7 wins, 19 goals ... Ties 1

AT MONTRÉAL: CFMTL 6 wins, 16 goals ... Dynamo 0 wins, 2 goals ... Ties 0

- CF Montréal saw their four-game run without defeat put to an end, falling by the game's lone goal to the New York Red Bulls at Red Bull Arena on Saturday afternoon.
- Dynamo FC saw their losing skid extended, falling by the game's only goal to the Colorado Rapids at PNC Stadium on Saturday evening.
- The last met in the 2019 season. **Mauro Manotas** scored a late game-winner, as Dynamo FC took the 2-1 win March 9 of that year in Houston.
- The visiting team has never won in the eight-year history of the series between the clubs, the road team coming away with points just once (a 1-1 draw in Houston in 2011).
- The Impact have won all six meetings in the series at Stade Saputo, last a 1-0 win June 2, 2019 at Stade Saputo. Dynamo FC have won the past seven meetings between the teams in Houston in all competitions, including in the Knockout Round of the MLS Cup Playoffs in 2013, last with a 3-1 win July 5, 2017.

CFMTL: Sebastian Breza made his first goal between the posts since Aug. 27, credited with four saves.

DYNAMO FC: Juan Castilla made his Dynamo FC and MLS debut, coming on as a late substitute. Aged 17 years, 96 days, he is the youngest player to appear in the club's history (surpassing Francisco Navas Cobo, who was 18 years, 151 days when he played 4/17/2010 vs. Chivas USA).

NEW YORK RED BULLS vs. ATLANTA UNITED
Wednesday, Nov. 3, 2021 (Week 35, MLS Game #444)
Red Bull Arena, Harrison, N.J.
7:30 p.m. ET (MSG; Bally Sports South)

REFEREE: Alan Kelly. AR1 (bench): Jason White; AR2 (opposite): Eric Weisbrod; 4th: Silviu Petrescu; VAR: Geoff Gamble; AVAR: Logan Brown

MLS Career: 152 games; FC/gm: 24.2; Y/gm: 3.4; R: 19; pens: 56

LEAGUE HEAD-TO-HEAD: Red Bulls 6 wins, 13 goals ... ATLUTD 0 wins, 5 goals ... Ties 3

AT RED BULL ARENA: Red Bulls 2 wins, 3 goals ... ATLUTD 0 wins, 0 goals ... Ties 1

- The Red Bulls rebounded from their first defeat in nine games in dramatic fashion, getting the game's only goal in stoppage time for a win against CF Montréal at Red Bull Arena on Saturday afternoon to maintain a place in the MLS Cup Playoffs positions. **Fabio** netted the goal, his sixth of the season.
- ATLUTD extended their undefeated run to four games, reaching a 1-1 draw with Toronto FC at Mercedes-Benz Stadium on Saturday afternoon. **Luiz Araujo** scored his fourth goal in MLS, a second consecutive game with a goal and third in the last four games.
- The teams are meeting for the second time this season. They reached a goalless draw June 27 at Mercedes-Benz Stadium.
- The Red Bulls have never lost to Atlanta United in nine meetings all-time, winning six. The Red Bulls have won each of the last two matchups at Red Bull Arena – a place where Atlanta United has yet to score a goal, in four visits all-time over all competitions.
- Atlanta United did claim the Eastern Conference Championship in 2018, winning 3-0 at home in the first leg before the Red Bulls took the second leg 1-0 in Harrison.

RED BULLS: **Carlos Miguel Coronel** was credited with one save in recording his 12th shutout of the season, now tied for third-most in the league. ... **Patryk Klimala** collected his seventh assist of the season, his second in the last three games. ... **Caden Clark** recorded his fourth assist of the season and his MLS career, the last coming July 31.

ATLUTD: **Luiz Araujo** has been involved in each of Atlanta United's last four games, over the last three games (2 goals, 2 assists), and in six of the last seven goals over the last five contests.

AUSTIN FC vs. SPORTING KANSAS CITY
Wednesday, Nov. 3, 2021 (Week 35, MLS Game #445)
Q2 Stadium, Austin, Texas
8 p.m. CT (KBVO [MyNetwork] / Bally Sports KC)

REFEREE: Nima Saghafi. AR1 (bench): Chantal Boudreau; AR2 (opposite): Diego Blas; 4th: Allen Chapman;
VAR: Daniel Radford; AVAR: Jonathan Johnson
MLS Career: 84 games; FC/gm: 26.3; Y/gm: 3.8; R: 9; pens: 25

LEAGUE HEAD-TO-HEAD: ATXFC 0 wins, 2 goals ... Sporting 1 win, 3 goals ... Ties 1
AT AUSTIN: First meeting.

- Austin FC fell just short of claiming the Copa Tejas in the club's inaugural season, falling 2-1 to FC Dallas at Toyota Stadium in the final match between the three MLS Texas rivals. **Diego Fagundez** scored his seventh goal of the season for the ATXFC goal.
- Sporting had their two-game winning run put to an end, falling 2-1 to Minnesota United FC at Allianz Field on Sunday afternoon. **Khiry Shelton** scored his third goal of the season as **Johnny Russell** collected his eighth assist of the season, extending his streak of games involved with a goal to nine though his record goalscoring streak was put to an end.
- The teams are meeting for the third time this season and in their histories. **Jon Gallagher** gave ATXFC the lead after just seven minutes, but Sporting got goals eight minutes apart late from **Ilie Sánchez** and **Gadi Kinda** to secure a 2-1 win May 9 at Children's Mercy Park. Then on June 12 in Kansas City, **Cecilio Domínguez** gave ATXFC a first-half lead, but **Daniel Sallói** netted the equalizer in the 71st minute, leaving the teams in a 1-1 draw.

ATXFC: **Alexander Ring** collected his third assist of the season, his second in as many games; all three assists have come over the last eight games, since Sept. 18.

SPORTING: **Gadi Kinda** recorded his seventh assist of the season, a second consecutive game with an assist (with three assists in the span), and his fourth assist over the last five matches (since Oct. 3).

REAL SALT LAKE vs. PORTLAND TIMBERS
Wednesday, Nov. 3, 2021 (Week 35, MLS Game #446)
Rio Tinto Stadium, Sandy, Utah
8:30 p.m. MT (ESPN / ESPN Deportes)

REFEREE: Chris Penso. AR1 (bench): Gjovalin Bori; AR2 (opposite): Mike Rottersman; 4th: Victor Rivas; VAR: Fotis Bazakos; AVAR: TJ Zablocki
MLS Career: 187 games; FC/gm: 23.7; Y/gm: 3.7; R: 55; pens: 74

LEAGUE HEAD-TO-HEAD: Real 8 wins, 39 goals ... Timbers 11 wins, 46 goals ... Ties 8
AT SALT LAKE: Real 6 wins, 20 goals ... Timbers 5 wins, 19 goals ... Ties 2

- Real Salt Lake had their club-record seven-game home winning streak put to an end, falling 4-3 to the San Jose Earthquakes at Rio Tinto Stadium on Saturday afternoon. **Albert Rusnák** scored a pair of goals, now with 10 for the season, equaling his MLS single-season career-high also set in 2018 and 2019.
- The Timbers return to action after putting an end to a three-game losing slide last time out, defeating the San Jose Earthquakes 2-0 at Providence Park on Oct. 27. **Diego Chará** scored his second goal of the season then **Dairon Asprilla** scored his 10th of the season from an audacious overhead kick.
- The teams are meeting for the third time this season, and the Timbers have won both. In the last meeting on Sept. 25, six different players scored goals for the Timbers, the first by **Felipe Mora**, and one from both **Yimmi** and **Diego Chará** (the second time brothers scored a goal in the same game), in a 6-1 win at Providence Park. On Aug. 7 in Portland, **Dairon Asprilla**, **Yimmi Chará** and **Felipe Mora** all scored goals in a 3-2 result.
- The Real win in the last meeting at Rio Tinto Stadium, a 2-1 win last Oct. 14, ended a five-game Timbers undefeated streak in the series, a four-game winning streak coming to an end in the first meeting. The Timbers have come away with points on six of their last eight league visits to Rio Tinto Stadium, dating back to 2014, with five wins and a draw in that span.
- The teams also met in Round One of the 2019 MLS Cup Playoffs. **Jefferson Savarino** scored the game-winner three minutes from the end, giving RSL the 2-1 win on Oct. 19 at Rio Tinto Stadium.

REAL: **Damir Kreilach** collected his ninth assist of the season; he has seven goals and four assists over the last 10 games, dating back to Sept. 12. ... **Aaron Herrera** recorded his 11th assist of the season, now tied for fifth place in the MLS assist standings. ... **Maikel Chang** netted his second goal of the season, his first coming July 21. ... **Anderson Julio** was credited with the first assist of his MLS career.

TIMBERS: **Steve Clark** was credited with five saves in recording his sixth shutout of the season, making his 22nd start. ... **Felipe Mora** collected his fifth assist of the season, his last coming Aug. 29. ... **Santiago Moreno** recorded his third assist in his MLS career, all coming in the last seven games.

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