



Portland Timbers Match Day

Portland Timbers (0-1-0, 0pts) vs. Carolina RailHawks (3-0-0, 9pts)

Thursday, April 30, 2009 • Match #2 Home Match #1

PGE Park • Portland, Ore.

Schedule/Results

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME / RESULT
April 25	@ Vancouver	0-1 L
April 30	CAROLINA	7 p.m.
May 2	CAROLINA	7 p.m.
May 9	@ Cleveland	4 p.m.
May 14	ROCHESTER	8 p.m.
May 22	@ Puerto Rico	5 p.m.
May 24	@ Puerto Rico	3 p.m.
May 30	VANCOUVER	7 p.m.
May 31	CLUB AMERICA RES.	5 p.m.
June 4	MONTREAL	7 p.m.
June 11	@ Carolina	4 p.m.
June 13	@ Charleston	4:30 p.m.
June 19	MINNESOTA	8 p.m.
June 28	MONTREAL	5 p.m.
July 2	BAYERN MUNICH II	7 p.m.
July 4	@ Minnesota	5:05 p.m.
July 11	@ Austin	5:30 p.m.
July 17	@ Miami	5 p.m.
July 19	@ Miami	3 p.m.
July 23	PUERTO RICO	7 p.m.
Aug. 1	@ Minnesota	5:05 p.m.
Aug. 6	VANCOUVER	7 p.m.
Aug. 8	CHARLESTON	7 p.m.
Aug. 12	@ Montreal	4:45 p.m.
Aug. 15	@ Rochester	4:35 p.m.
Aug. 22	MIAMI	7 p.m.
Aug. 28	@ Charleston	5 p.m.
Sept. 3	ROCHESTER	7 p.m.
Sept. 7	@ Austin	4 p.m.
Sept. 11	AUSTIN	7 p.m.
Sept. 13	CLEVELAND	5 p.m.
Sept. 17	CLEVELAND	7 p.m.

All times Pacific, home games in bold

TONIGHT'S MATCH: The Portland Timbers open their 2009 home schedule tonight in the first of two games this week against the Carolina RailHawks at PGE Park. The two sides meet again on Saturday at 7 p.m.



J. Claesson

TIMBERS FALL IN SEASON OPENER IN VANCOUVER: The Timbers turned in a solid performance in their first match of the season, however a second-half strike by midfielder Martin Nash helped the Vancouver Whitecaps edge Portland 1-0 on April 25 at Swangard Stadium. It was the Timbers first season-opening loss since the 2006 season. Midfielder **Johan Claesson** recorded three shots and midfielder **Ryan Pore** added two of his own to lead the Timbers. Making his Timbers debut,

goalkeeper **Steve Cronin** recorded three saves, including a first-half stop on the goal line. Nash cashed in on an open look from the top of the box to pick up his first goal of the season and forward Charles Gbeke took a game-high six shots to aid the Whitecaps in their first victory on year.

TIMBERS ACQUIRE GK CHRIS SEITZ ON LOAN FROM REAL SALT LAKE: The Timbers announced today that the club has acquired goalkeeper **Chris Seitz** on loan from Major League Soccer's Real Salt Lake as the result of a minor injury to starting goalkeeper **Steve Cronin** on Wednesday. Seitz, on loan through Saturday, is available for tonight's match. He will join first-year goalkeeper **Brian Visser** as part of the Timbers goalkeeping unit this week.

HOME SWEET HOME: After starting the 2009 campaign on the road, the Timbers return home to kick off their 15-match regular-season home schedule. Portland has won their last two home openers, capturing wins over the Puerto Rico Islanders to begin each of the 2007 and 2008 home slates. The Timbers are 5-2-1 in their seasonal PGE Park debut since 2001.

WHAT'S NEXT? The Timbers face Carolina again Saturday at PGE Park at 7 p.m. The first 2,000 fans receive a 2009 magnet schedule courtesy of PGE and a Timbers poster presented by Cricket Wireless. Tickets start at \$11 and are available through the PGE Park box office, area Ticketmaster outlets online at www.ticketmaster.com or by phone at (800) 745-3000.

TONIGHT'S OFFICIALS: Referee: Ben Chouaf; Assistant Referee: Greg Marshall; Assistant Referee: Ryan Abbott; Fourth Official: Kevin Watts



Tonight marks the first of three regular-season matches between the Timbers and RailHawks and first of two this week at PGE Park. Carolina has had the better of the Timbers in their five previous meetings holding a 2-1-1 record in the series.

All-time record vs. CAR:
1-2-2

All-time record vs. CAR at home:
0-0-2

All-time record vs. CAR on the road:
1-2-0

2009 Season Series vs. CAR:
April 30 - POR vs. CAR:
May 2 - POR vs. CAR:
June 11 - POR @ CAR:

2008 vs. CAR:
0-2-1
June 27: POR @ CAR - 0-1 L
July 24: POR vs. CAR - 0-0 D
Sept. 20: POR @ CAR - 0-1 L

Last time POR shutout CAR:
July 24, 2008: 0-0 D in POR
Last time CAR shutout POR:
Sept. 20, 2008: 1-0 W in CAR

2009 USL FIRST DIVISION STANDINGS:

Team	Pts	GP	W	L	T
Carolina	9	3	3	0	0
Miami	6	3	2	1	0
Austin	5	3	1	0	2
Vancouver	5	3	1	1	2
Puerto Rico	4	2	1	0	1
Rochester	4	3	1	1	1
Charleston	3	3	0	0	3
Minnesota	2	4	0	2	2
Montreal	1	2	0	1	1
Portland	0	1	0	1	0
Cleveland	0	2	0	2	0

Timbers On The Air

Tonight's match is the first of seven home matches televised throughout the Northwest on FSN. Timbers broadcaster Andy McNamara will call the action on FSN. A live online broadcast is available at www.portlandtimbers.com with John Strong calling the action. A live video webcast is available online through USL Live - now a free service at www.usllive.com.

TIMBERS GAME NOTES

Portland & Carolina Records

Portland Timbers

Overall Record: 0-1-0 (0pts)

Home Record: 0-0-0

Away Record: 0-1-0

Carolina RailHawks

Overall Record: 3-0-0 (9pts)

Home Record: 3-0-0

Away Record: 0-0-0

Timbers' 2008 vs. 2009 Season Comparison

Through Game 1:

2009: 0-1-0, 0 GF, 1 GA, 0 SO, 0pts

2008: 1-0-0, 1 GF, 0 GA, 1 SO, 3pts

League & Team Honors:

None

Portland Timbers Stat Leaders

Goals: n/a

Assists: n/a

Minutes: Seven players tied at 90 minutes

Shots: Johan Claesson - Three shots

Fouls: Two players tied at two fouls

ABOUT PORTLAND TIMBERS

The Portland Timbers open their 15-match, regular-season schedule tonight as they play host to the Carolina RailHawks at PGE Park. Tonight's match is the first of two matches this week between the two sides; Portland and Carolina square off again Saturday at PGE Park at 7 p.m.

The Timbers have won their last two home openers at PGE Park, recording victories over the Puerto Rico Islanders to open both the 2007 and 2008 campaigns. The Timbers are 5-2-1 in their seasonal PGE Park debut. The team is 2-0-1 in their last three home openers, and haven't been handed a loss in their home debut since May 1, 2008 against the Seattle Sounders.

Under third-year head coach **Gavin Wilkinson**, the Timbers are 14-5-11 at PGE Park since 2007.

Portland and Carolina meet for just the fifth time since the RailHawks joined the USL First Division in 2007. The Timbers and RailHawks have battled to scoreless draws in each of their two previous meetings at PGE Park. In their only match in Portland last season, both teams were reduced to 10 men as two teams played to 0-0 draw on July 24. Timbers forward Chris Brown was sent off with a straight red card in the first half and RailHawks defender David Stokes received his second yellow card of the game in the second half. Portland is 1-2-2 all time against Carolina. The two teams conclude their three-game, regular-season series on June 11 in Cary, N.C.

Prior to the game, the Timbers announced the acquisition of goalkeeper **Chris Seitz** on loan from Major League Soccer's Real Salt Lake due to a minor injury sustained by starter **Steve Cronin** on Wednesday in training. Seitz, 22, is in his third season with Real Salt Lake and is a current member of the U.S. U-23 National Team. In two seasons with Salt Lake, he has made three starts for the first team and played in an additional 17 matches in the MLS Reserve Division.

Cronin will be re-evaluated on Friday and could be available to play as soon as Saturday for the Timbers' second match against the RailHawks this week.

TIMBERS GAME NOTES

TIMBERS PLAYER NOTES

- * Midfielder **Johan Claesson** took a team-high three shots against the Whitecaps in the team's season opener last weekend.
- * Midfielder **Tom Poltl** needs just six more appearances to reach 100 games played for the Timbers.
- * Defender **David Hayes** is on pace to play in his 250th-career USL First Division regular-season match this season. He currently sits at 235 games played in this 11-year career.
- * Midfielders **Ryan Pore** (Kansas City Wizards) and **Keith Savage** (Chivas USA) and defender **Stephen Keel** (Colorado Rapids) each join the Timbers this season after playing the 2008 season in Major League Soccer.
- * Forward **Mandjou Keita** was the Malaysia Super League's Golden Boot winner in 2006 with 17 goals while with Perak FC.

ABOUT CAROLINA RAILHAWKS

The RailHawks embark on their first road trip of the 2009 season with a pair of matches against the Portland Timbers this week. Carolina has jumped out to a perfect 3-0-0 record to start the season and currently sits at the top of the USL First Division table.

Carolina has outscored its first three opponents 4-1, and has held opponents scoreless for 243 consecutive minutes. Four different players have contributed on offense, receiving goals from defender **Mark Schulte**, forward **Gavin Ginton**, forward **Sallieu Bundu** and midfielder **Brian Plotkin**. Goalkeepers **Eric Reed** and **Caleb Patterson**, who have alternated starts this season, each have a shutout to their credit.

In their last match, Carolina captured a 1-0 win over the Minnesota Thunder at WakeMed Soccer Park on April 26. Plotkin tallied the game's lone goal in the 58th minute, finishing a loose ball in the box past Thunder goalkeeper Nic Platter. The RailHawks' current three-game winning streak set a new franchise record.

The RailHawks had two players selected to the USL First Division Team of the Week for Week 3 – Plotkin and defender **John Gilkerson** – for their efforts last weekend against Minnesota.

Much like the Timbers, the 2009 RailHawks feature several new faces this season. Over the off-season, Carolina hired **Martin Rennie**, who guided the Cleveland City Stars to the USL Second Division championship in 2008, as the franchise's second head coach. He has brought in several new players, including former Timbers midfielder **Luke Kreamalmeyer**, former Seattle Sounders midfielder **Josh Gardner**, and defender **Jeremy Tolleson**, who was a member of Cleveland's championship team in 2008.

RAILHAWKS PLAYER NOTES:

- * According to team reports, defender **Paul Ritchie** (knee) and Plotkin (stomach) will be unavailable due to injury.
- * Defender **Brad Rusin**, a standout at UCLA, was signed earlier this week. To make room for Rusin on their roster, the RailHawks released **Nate Norman**.
- * Kreamalmeyer played two seasons for the Timbers from 2006-07. He logged over 4,000 minutes in 50 matches, and recorded 21 points on nine goals and three assists. He was traded to the Charleston Battery on Dec. 5, 2007, for defender Tim Karalexis.

This Week in the USL First Division:

Thursday, April 30	Carolina at Portland	7 p.m.
Friday, May 1	Rochester at Cleveland	5 p.m. (Pacific)
Saturday, May 2	Carolina at Portland	7 p.m.
	Montreal at Puerto Rico	5 p.m. (Pacific)
	Charleston at Miami	5 p.m. (Pacific)
	Vancouver at Minnesota	5:05 p.m. (Pacific)

TIMBERS PLAYER NOTES



0 Steve Cronin GK

*Ht: 6-3 Wt: 200 DOB: 05/28/83
Hometown: Fair Oaks, CA*
2009 - 4/25 @ VAN: Started, played 90 minutes in Timbers debut ... recorded three saves, including one on the goal line in the first half ... allowed one goal ... **2008:** Played in 22 games for the Los Angeles Galaxy of MLS. Recorded the team's only two shutouts on the season.



2 Brian Farber M

*Ht: 5-8 Wt: 155 DOB: 04/15/82
Hometown: Sandpoint, ID*
2008: Played with the Stockton Cougars of the PASL-Pro (indoor). Guided the team to the league title and garnered league MVP honors.



5 David Hayes D

*Ht: 5-10 Wt: 165 DOB: 05/24/76
Hometown: Waldorf, MD*
2009 - 4/25 @ VAN: Started, played 89 minutes ... recorded one foul ... **2008:** Started 29 matches for the Atlanta Silverbacks and recorded three goals and two assists. Was named to the USL-1 All-League First Team.



6 Cameron Knowles D

*Ht: 6-2 Wt: 195 DOB: 10/11/82
Hometown: Auckland, New Zealand*
2009 - 4/25 @ VAN: Started, played 90 minutes ... recorded two shots ... **2008:** Played in 29 matches for the Timbers and ranked among league-leaders in minutes played with 2,610. Earned his second USL All-League selection.



7 Shaun Higgins D/M

*Ht: 5-8 Wt: 155 DOB: 10/17/78
Hometown: Redlands, CA*
2008: Set new career-highs with the Timbers playing 2,313 minutes in 28 games. Also scored two goals. Named to the league's Team of the Week in Week 2.



8 Tom Poltl M

*Ht: 5-6 Wt: 150 DOB: 09/21/1977
Hometown: San Marcos, CA*
2008: Made 25 appearances with the Timbers and tallied an assist. Joined modern-franchise leaders in games (94) and minutes (6,216) minutes played.



9 Antouman Jallow F

*Ht: 6-0 Wt: 165 DOB: 06/11/81
Hometown: Uppsala, Sweden*
2009 - 4/25 @ VAN: Did not play (CD) ... **CAREER:** Played in 31 games during the 2007-08 season with Sirius IK of Sweden's second tier. Started his professional career in 2005 with top-flight Swedish club Gefle IF.



10 Mandjou Keita F

*Ht: 6-1 Wt: 170 DOB: 11/28/79
Hometown: Nzerekore, Gambia*
2009 - 4/25 @ VAN: Started, played 90 minutes ... logged one shot and one foul ... **CAREER:** Last played for club DPMM FC in Brunei. Made his mark on the Malaysia Super League with Perak FC, earning the league's Golden Boot award with 17 goals.



11 Johan Claesson M

*Ht: 5-10 Wt: 160 DOB: 08/21/81
Hometown: Uppsala, Sweden*
2009 - 4/25 @ VAN: Started, played 90 minutes ... took a team-high three shots ... **CAREER:** Played a total of 97 regular-season matches over four seasons between 2005-2008 with Gefle IF of Sweden's top league called Allsvenskanliga.



12 Tony McManus M

*Ht: 5-9 Wt: 165 DOB: 09/22/80
Hometown: Memphis, TN*
2009 - 4/25 @ VAN: Started, played 90 minutes ... **2008:** Played in 28 games for the Atlanta Silverbacks. Scored three goals and recorded a career-high 2,466 minutes on the pitch.



13 Josh Cameron M

*Ht: 5-9 Wt: 155 DOB: 10/17/86
Hometown: Gresham, OR*
COLLEGE: Played in 73 career games for Oregon State University and totaled four goals and 11 assists. He led the team in assists in each of his last two seasons.



14 Jason McLaughlin F

*Ht: 6-1 Wt: 175 DOB: 04/14/82
Hometown: Wetumpka, AL*
2009 - 4/25 @ VAN: Played 14 minutes as a sub ... booked with one foul ... **2008:** Played in all 30 games for the Atlanta Silverbacks. Ranked among the team's leading scorers with six goals and three assists.

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16 Stephen Keel D

*Ht: 6-0 Wt: 185 DOB: 04/11/83
Hometown: Littleton, CO*
2009 - 4/25 @ VAN: Started, played 86 minutes ... logged one foul ... **2008:** Played in a career-high six matches for the Colorado Rapids of Major League Soccer. Also made 10 appearances in MLS Reserve

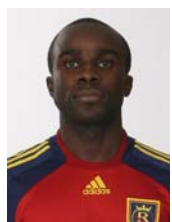
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17 Scot Thompson D

*Ht: 6-0 Wt: 175 DOB: 02/11/81
Hometown: Rancho Santa Margarita, CA*
2009 - 4/25 @ VAN: Entered the match as a sub in the 89th minute ... **2008:** Started 27 matches for the Timbers, recorded one goal and paced the team with three assists. Named to the USL-1 Team of the

Week in Week 2.



18 Alex Nimo M

*Ht: 5-5 Wt: 150 DOB: 03/21/90
Hometown: Portland, OR*
2009 - 4/25 @ VAN: Played 21 minutes as a sub ... logged one shot ... **2008:** Selected 17th overall by Real Salt Lake in the 2008 Major League Soccer SuperDraft. Played in 10 MLS Reserve Division matches during

his rookie season.



19 George Josten F

*Ht: 6-0 Wt: 175 DOB: 05/12/86
Hometown: Idaho Falls, ID*
2009 - 4/25 @ VAN: Entered the match as a sub in the 89th minute ... **2008:** Played his rookie season with the Columbus Crew of Major League Soccer. Tallied one goal and two assists in 11 MLS Reserve Division

matches.



20 Takuro Nishimura D

*Ht: 5-9 Wt: 155 DOB: 08/15/77
Hometown: Tokyo, Japan*
2009 - 4/25 @ VAN: Started, played 89 minutes ... called for a pair of fouls ... **CAREER:** Played in 90 matches in the J-League with the Urawa Red Diamonds (2001-04) and Omiya Ardija (2004-08).



21 Cameron Dunn D

*Ht: 5-11 Wt: 170 DOB: 02/13/84
Hometown: Alta Loma, CA*
2008: Joined the Timbers in August and played in seven matches down the stretch. Recorded his first career goal with the Timbers against Miami FC at PGE Park.



22 Keith Savage M

*Ht: 6-2 Wt: 185 DOB: 08/09/85
Hometown: Gulf Breeze, FL*
2009 - 4/25 @ VAN: Started, played 69 minutes ... **2008:** Played in six matches during his rookie season with Chivas USA of Major League Soccer. Tallied an assist in 295 minutes.



23 Ryan Pore M

*Ht: 5-11 Wt: 165 DOB: 09/23/83
Hometown: Mansfield, OH*
2009 - 4/25 @ VAN: Started, played 90 minutes ... took two shots and called for two fouls ... **2008:** Appeared in 14 matches for the Kansas City Wizards of Major League Soccer. Recorded an assist in 485 minutes.



24 Brian Visser GK

*Ht: 6-3 Wt: 200 DOB: 08/13/87
Hometown: Elmhurst, IL*
2009 - 4/25 @ VAN: Did not play (CD) ... **COLLEGE:** Was a two-time All-Big East selection at DePaul University. Set several goalkeeper records at DePaul, including goal games (75) and career shutouts (28).



30 Takayuki Suzuki F

*Ht: 6-0 Wt: 165 DOB: 06/05/76
Hometown: Hitachi, Japan*
2009 - 4/25 @ VAN: Started, played 76 minutes ... Logged two shots and two fouls ... **2008:** Played in 27 matches with the Timbers and scored a goal and an assist. Named the USL Player of the Week in Week

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98 Mamadou Danso D

*Ht: 6-3 Wt: 185 DOB: 04/27/83
Hometown: Serekunda, Gambia*
2009 - 4/25 @ VAN: Played four minutes ... Came on as a sub in the 86th minute ... **2008:** Played in eight games for the Cary Clarets of the Premier Development League. Tallied two goals in 675 minutes.