



Portland Timbers Match Day

Portland Timbers (0-1-1, 1pt) vs. Carolina RailHawks (3-0-1, 10pts)

Saturday, May 2, 2009 • Match #3 Home Match #2

PGE Park • Portland, Ore.

Schedule/Results

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME / RESULT
April 25	@ Vancouver	0-1 L
April 30	CAROLINA	0-0 D
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

2009 USL FIRST DIVISION STANDINGS:

Team	Pts	GP	W	L	T
Carolina	10	4	3	0	1
Rochester	7	4	2	1	1
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
Charleston	3	3	0	0	3
Minnesota	2	4	0	2	2
Montreal	1	2	0	1	1
Portland	1	2	0	1	1
Cleveland	0	3	0	3	0

TONIGHT'S MATCH: The Portland Timbers play host to the Carolina RailHawks tonight in the second match of the season series between the two clubs. The two teams squared off earlier this week on Thursday at PGE Park.



M. Keita

TIMBERS EARN FIRST SHUTOUT IN DRAW WITH CAROLINA:

Goalkeeper **Chris Seitz** recorded six saves to help the Portland Timbers earn their first shutout of the season in a 0-0 draw against the Carolina RailHawks on Thursday at PGE Park. Seitz recorded each of his saves in the first half and forward **Mandjou Keita** logged a game-high six shots on the night to lead the Timbers in their 2009 PGE Park debut. The Timbers put in a commanding performance in the second half, holding Carolina

to just two shots and peppering the visitor's net with seven shots of their own. Seitz joined the Timbers Thursday on loan from Major League Soccer's Real Salt Lake; he is on loan through tonight's match.

TIMBERS ACQUIRE GK CHRIS SEITZ ON LOAN FROM REAL SALT LAKE:

The Timbers announced Thursday that the club has acquired Seitz on loan from Major League Soccer's Real Salt Lake as the result of a minor injury to starting goalkeeper **Steve Cronin** earlier in the week. Seitz is on loan through tonight's match and joins first-year goalkeeper **Brian Visser** as part of the Timbers goalkeeping unit this week.

TIMBERS U-23s KICK OFF INAUGURAL SEASON MAY 9:

The Timbers' new development team, the Portland Timbers U-23s, begin their inaugural season in USL's Premier Development League on Saturday, May 9, against the Victoria Highlanders at the Tualatin Hills Recreation Center at 7 p.m. Tickets will be available at the door. Learn more about the Timbers U-23s and the PDL at www.portlandtimbers.com.

WHAT'S NEXT? The Timbers hit the road for their next match on Saturday, May 9, against the expansion Cleveland City Stars at 4 p.m. (Pacific). A live broadcast will be available on 95.5 The Game or online at www.portlandtimbers.com. A live video webcast will also be available through USL Live - now a free service at www.usllive.com.

Tonight's Officials: Referee: Alejandro Mariscal; **Assistant Referee:** Edurado Irigoyen; **Assistant Referee:** Jeremy Hanson; **Fourth Official:** David Grbavac



The Timbers wrap up their home portion of the season series against the Carolina RailHawks tonight at PGE Park. The two teams are playing one another for the second time in three days.

All-time record vs. CAR:
1-2-3

All-time record vs. CAR at home:
0-0-3

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

2009 Season Series vs. CAR:
April 30 - POR vs. CAR: 0-0 D
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:
April 30, 2009: 0-0 D in POR
Last time CAR shutout POR:
April 30, 2009: 0-0 D in POR

Timbers On The Air

Tonight's match will be broadcast live on 95.5 The Game with Timbers announcers Andy McNamara and John Strong calling the action. A live video webcast is also available through USL Live - now a free service at www.usllive.com. A live Spanish-language broadcast is available on 1230AM KSNZ with broadcaster Arnulfo Alvarez on the play-by-play.

TIMBERS GAME NOTES

Portland & Carolina Records

Portland Timbers

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

Home Record: 0-0-1

Away Record: 0-1-0

Carolina RailHawks

Overall Record: 3-0-1 (10pts)

Home Record: 3-0-0

Away Record: 0-0-1

Timbers' 2008 vs. 2009 Season Comparison

Through Game 2:

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

2008: 2-0-0, 3 GF, 1 GA, 1 SO, 6pts

League & Team Honors:

None

Portland Timbers Stat Leaders

Goals: n/a

Assists: n/a

Minutes: Three players tied at 180 minutes

Shots: For. Mandjou Keita - seven shots

Fouls: Two players tied at four fouls

ABOUT PORTLAND TIMBERS

The Portland Timbers face the RailHawks for the second time this week and the second time in three days tonight at PGE Park. On Thursday, the Timbers put together a solid second half of play as they took control of the match and kept the RailHawks under pressure, taking seven shots in the half. Tonight, Portland will look to break their three-game scoreless streak against Carolina at PGE Park.

While the Timbers have been held without a goal in their first two contests, it's certainly not due to limited opportunities. Through their first two matches, Portland has taken a total of 25 shots and forced opposing goalkeepers to record 11 saves. On the defensive side of the field, Portland has conceded just one goal over its first two matches and handed the RailHawks their first shutout of the season Thursday.

Tonight's match marks the sixth game between Portland and Carolina since the RailHawks joined the USL First Division in 2007. In their three previous encounters at PGE Park, including Thursday's match, neither club has been able to find the back of the net, resulting in three straight 0-0 stalemates. In their all-time series against Carolina, the Timbers have scored just one goal against the RailHawks, coming from forward Bryan Jordan in the 80th minute on Sept. 1, 2007, in Carolina. Portland has been shut out in the other five matches in the series. The Timbers are 1-2-3 all-time against Carolina, including a 0-0-3 mark at home. The two teams wrap up the 2009 season series on June 11 in Carolina.

Goalkeeper **Steve Cronin**, who missed Thursday's match due to injury, was re-evaluated on Friday and will be unavailable for tonight's match. Portland still has goalkeeper **Chris Seitz** on loan from Major League Soccer's Real Salt Lake through tonight's match. He logged six saves and picked up a shutout in the team's game on Thursday. First-year goalkeeper **Brian Visser** is also available for the Timbers.

Following tonight's match, the Timbers hit the road for a match against the expansion Cleveland City Stars on Saturday, May 9. Cleveland is led by former Timbers assistant coach Rod Underwood. One of two expansion sides this season, Cleveland has started their first season in the USL First Division with a record of 0-3-0.

TIMBERS GAME NOTES

TIMBERS PLAYER NOTES

- * Forward **Mandjou Keita** recorded a team-high six shots in the Timbers match against Carolina Thursday.
- * 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.

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 an unbeaten 3-0-1 record to start the season and currently sits at the top of the USL First Division table.

Carolina has out-scored its first three opponents 4-1, and has held opponents scoreless for 333 consecutive minutes. Despite picking up the team's third shutout of the season on Thursday against the Timbers, the RailHawks were also held scoreless for the first time this season in a 0-0 draw at PGE Park.

Four different players have contributed on offense for the RailHawks this season, receiving goals from defender **Mark Schulte**, forward **Gavin Glinton**, forward **Sallieu Bundu** and midfielder **Brian Plotkin**.

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.

After tonight's match, the RailHawks return home to play host to the Charleston Battery at WakeMed Soccer Park on Saturday, May 9. The Battery will mark just Carolina's fourth different opponent this season despite playing its sixth game of the season next week. The RailHawks have played the Minnesota Thunder twice and, following tonight's game, the Timbers twice so far this season.

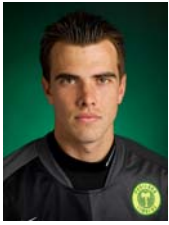
RAILHAWKS PLAYER NOTES:

- * According to team reports, defender **Paul Ritchie** (knee) and Plotkin (stomach) will be unavailable due to injury.
- * Goalkeeper Caleb Patterson has recorded two of the team's three shutouts so far this season.
- * 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 0-0 Portland	
Friday, May 1	Rochester 3-0 Cleveland	
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 ... **4/30 vs. CAR:** Did not play (INJ) ... **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

2009 - 4/30 vs. CAR: Started the second half as sub ... played 45 min ... **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 ... **4/30 vs. CAR:** Started, played 90 min ... **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 ... **4/30 vs. CAR:** Started, played 90 min ... logged three fouls ... **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 ... **4/30 vs. CAR:** Started, played 83 min ... took a team-high six shots ... **CAREER:** 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 ... **4/30 vs. CAR:** Started, played 90 min ... took two 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 ... **4/30 vs. CAR:** Started, played 90 min ... picked up two fouls ... **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 ... **4/30 vs. CAR:** Entered as a sub, played seven min ... had one shot ... **2008:** Played in all 30 games for the Atlanta Silverbacks. Ranked among the

team's leading scorers with six goals and three assists.

TIMBERS PLAYER NOTES



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 ... **4/30 vs. CAR:** Started, played 90 min ... recorded one shot ... **2008:** Played in a career-high six matches for the Colorado Rapids of Major League

Soccer. Also made 10 appearances in MLS Reserve Division matches.



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 ... **4/30 vs. CAR:** Started the second half as sub ... played 45 min ... **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 ... **4/30 vs. CAR:** Did not play (CD) ... **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 ... **4/30 vs. CAR:** Played seven minutes late in the match as a sub ... **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 ... **4/30 vs. CAR:** Started, played 45 min ... **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 ... **4/30 vs. CAR:** Started, played 45 min ... **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 ... **4/30 vs. CAR:** Started, played 83 min ... took three shots ... **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) ... **4/30 vs. CAR:** Did not play (CD) ... **COLLEGE:** Was a two-time All-Big East selection at DePaul University. Set several goalkeeper records at DePaul, including 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 ... **4/30 vs. CAR:** Started, played 90 min ... logged one shot, 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 2.



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 ... **4/30** Did not play (CD) ... **2008:** Played in eight games for the Cary Clarets of the Premier Development League.