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Seattle Sounders FC Media Relations

Having reclaimed second place in the Western Conference, the Seattle Sounders FC aims to consolidate that position and perhaps climb closer to the top spot with a pair of matches in the coming week.

First, the Sounders FC (8-5-8, 32 points) returns home following three straight road matches to host the New England Revolution (6-6-6, 24) on Thursday night at 7 p.m. PT on Xbox Pitch at Qwest Field.

Seattle then goes on the road for the fourth consecutive weekend, traveling to Texas for Sunday night's meeting with the conference-leading Houston Dynamo (11-6-6, 39).

The Seattle-New England match will be nationally televised on ESPN2 with John Paul Dellacamera and John Harkes calling the action. The match will also be carried live on both ESPN Deportes television and radio.

Sunday's contest will be shown locally on KONG 6/16 and can be heard on News Talk 97.3 KIRO FM with Kevin Calabro and Greg Vanney calling the action. It will be available locally in Spanish on Ke Buena 1210 AM with Rene Aleman, Noe Menendez and Victor Hernandez.

Rejuvenated by a 2-0 road win at Los Angeles, Seattle will be playing its first home MLS match since drawing 0-0 with Chicago on July 25. The Galaxy win snapped a string of three games without a point, including two straight defeats.

New England is the only team Seattle has yet to face in its maiden season. The Revs have been idle since an August 8 home loss to the L.A. Galaxy.

The Sounders FC will be facing a Houston side seeking to avoid a third defeat to the first-year franchise. Seattle came from behind to edge the Dynamo, 2-1, at home on July 11. It essentially duplicated that feat 10 days later with a 2-1 overtime win over Houston in the semifinal round of the Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup.

Seattle concludes the month with a home game on August 29 against Toronto FC before back-to-back excursions to Washington, D.C. The Sounders FC faces D.C. United for the Open Cup on September 2 and returns to RFK Stadium on September 12 for an MLS match.

To purchase tickets to future home games, call 1-877-MLS-GOAL, visit www.SoundersFC.com, any Ticketmaster outlet or the Qwest Field Box office.

Upcoming Competition Schedule (All times Pacific)

Thursday, August 20, 7 p.m. - New England Revolution; Xbox Pitch at Qwest Field

Sunday, August 23, 5:30 p.m. - at Houston Dynamo; Robertson Stadium, Houston, Texas

Saturday, August 29, 1 p.m. - Toronto FC; Xbox Pitch at Qwest Field

Wednesday, September 2, 4:30 p.m. - at D.C. United, RFK Stadium, Washington, D.C. (Open Cup)

Saturday, September 12, 4:30 p.m. - at D.C. United, RFK Stadium, Washington, D.C.

Sounders FC Invites Fans to Bring Needed School Supplies for Local Students

The Sounders FC and the Boys & Girls Clubs of King County will host a school supply drive at the Sounders FC v New England Revolution match Thursday.

"Thousands of the area youth are not able to afford the proper supplies necessary to succeed in school, like backpacks, pencils, crayons and paper," said Boys and Girls Club Communications & Public Relations Director Rachel Doxtater. "We're so grateful to have loyal supporters who care about our Club kids and who step up to help provide these youth with the tools to succeed."

Volunteers will be collecting school supplies and cash donations starting at 5:30 p.m. at the following Qwest Field entrances: north, northwest, northwest VIP, southwest, southwest VIP and entrances into the stadium through the Qwest Field Event Center Garage.

Suggested school supply donations include the following: Backpacks, rulers, pencils, pens and colored pencils, crayons, calculators, binders, folders and notebooks, erasers, scissors, and glue.

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