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REIGN FC FALLS 1-0 TO GOTHAM FC ON SUNDAY AT SPORTS ILLUSTRATED STADIUM

Seattle's ninth postseason appearance ends following an early own goal in the quarterfinals of the 2026 NWSL Playoffs, presented by Google Pixel; Captain Jess Fishlock, who played in her 12th playoff match today, concludes her 14-year career with Reign FC as the club's all-time leader in goals and assists

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HARRISON, N.J. – Reign FC (14-11-5, 47 points) fell 1-0 to top-seeded Gotham FC in the quarterfinals of the 2026 NWSL Playoffs, presented by Google Pixel, on Sunday at

Sports Illustrated Stadium. Gotham took the lead in the fourth minute on an own goal that deflected off defender Jordyn Bugg, ultimately ending Seattle's ninth postseason run. Captain Jess Fishlock, the club's last remaining original player from its inaugural 2013 season, made her 12th postseason appearance before concluding her 14-year career with Reign FC as the club's all-time leader in goals (52) and assists (31).

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VIDEO – HEAD COACH LAURA HARVEY POST-MATCH PRESS CONFERENCE

VIDEO – JESS FISHLOCK & SOFIA HUERTA POST-MATCH PRESS CONFERENCE

MATCH NOTES

- **SAME STARTERS** Today's starting XI was unchanged from last week's 1-0 victory over the Orlando Pride on Decision Day. Throughout the 2026 regular season, Laura Harvey fielded 24 unique starting lineups across 30 matches. Nine of Seattle's 11 starters were also in the starting lineup in last year's quarterfinal matchup against the Orlando Pride.

- **JESS FISHLOCK:** With today's appearance, Jess Fishlock becomes the eighth player in NWSL history to appear in 12 playoff games, joining Lauren Barnes for the most in club history.

- **SERIES:** Seattle now holds an all-time record of 12-13-10 against Gotham FC across all competitions.

MATCH SUMMARY

Seattle Reign FC 0 – Gotham FC 1
Sunday, November 8, 2026

Venue: Sports Illustrated Stadium
Referee: Brad Jensen
Assistants: Ben Rigel, Marcus Bennett
Fourth Official: Jeremy Scheer
VAR: Matthew Corrigan
Attendance: 11,328
Weather: 60 degrees and sunny

SCORING SUMMARY

GFC – Own Goal (Jordyn Bugg) 4’

MISCONDUCT SUMMARY

GFC – Jaedyn Shaw (caution) 76'
GFC – Leila Ouahabi (caution) 90'

LINEUPS & STATS

Seattle Reign FC – Claudia Dickey; Sofia Huerta, Phoebe McClernon, Jordyn Bugg Madison Curry; Jess Fishlock © (Sally Menti 75'), Ainsley McCammon (Emeri Adames 84'), Sam Meza; Maddie Mercado, Mia Fishel (Brittany Ratcliffe 63'), Nerilia Mondesir (Holly Ward 74')

Substitutes not used: Cassie Miller, Angharad James-Turner, Emily Mason, Ryanne Brown, Shae Holmes

Total shots: 11
Shots on goal: 3
Fouls: 7
Offside: 3
Corner-kicks: 2
Saves: 0

Gotham FC – Ann-Katrin Berger; Tierna Davidson ©, Mandy Freeman, Midge Purce, Jess Carter; Denise O’Sullivan, Jaelin Howell (Savannah McCaskill 66’), Rose Lavelle (Leila Ouahabi 46’), Guro Reiten; Jaedyn Shaw, Sam Kerr

Substitutes not used: Shelby Hogan, Taryn Torres, Talia Sommer, Sofia Cook, Andrea Kitahata, Meredith Speck, Olivia Wingate

Total shots: 5
Shots on goal: 0
Fouls: 11
Offside: 2
Corner-kicks: 5
Saves: 3

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