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REIGN FC EARNS 1-0 WIN OVER CHICAGO STARS FC ON FRIDAY NIGHT AT LUMEN FIELD

Maddie Mercado scores lone goal to notch her sixth of the season and secure all three points at the club's annual Pride Match; Reign FC hits the road for a midweek match against Racing Louisville FC on Wednesday, August 19 (3:30 p.m. PT / FOX 13+, NWSL+)

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SEATTLE, WASH. – Reign FC (8-7-3, 27 points) earned a 1-0 victory over Chicago Stars FC (4-14-1, 13 points) on Friday night at Lumen Field during the club's annual

Pride Match. Maddie Mercado scored the game-winning goal in the 53rd minute, bringing her season total to a team-leading six goals.

Seattle now hits the road for back-to-back matches, beginning with a midweek clash against Racing Louisville FC on Wednesday, August 19 (3:30 p.m. PT / FOX 13+, NWSL+).

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MATCH NOTES

- **A NEW XI:** After naming the same starting XI in each of the past three matches, Head Coach Laura Harvey made two changes to the lineup, with Angharad James-Turner replacing an injured Sam Meza and Madison Curry stepping in for Rynne Brown. Through the club's first 18 matches of the season, Harvey has used 15 different starting lineups.
- **STREAKING SEATTLE:** With tonight's result, Seattle extended its unbeaten run to four straight matches (3W, 1D). The last time Reign FC went unbeaten in at least four consecutive matches in a single season was at the end of the 2025 campaign, when the club went five straight without a loss (2W, 3D) from September 28 through November 2.
- **CLAUDIA DICKEY:** Claudia Dickey registered two saves to earn her fifth shutout of the season and 18th of her NWSL regular season career. The fifth-year goalkeeper is now tied for the fifth-most shutouts in the league this season.
- **SOFIA HUERTA:** With tonight's appearance, Sofia Huerta tied Alyssa Naeher for the fourth-most regular season appearances in NWSL history (218). Since joining Seattle in 2021, Huerta has made 108 regular season appearances, the fifth-most in club history.
- **MADDIE MERCADO:** Maddie Mercado scored the game-winning goal in the 53rd minute, her team-leading sixth goal of the season and seventh of her NWSL career since being drafted by Seattle in 2024. Mercado is now part of a five-way tie for the 10th-most goals in club history, a group that includes Emeri Adames

and Sofia Huerta. The 25-year-old finished the night with a team-high nine shots, setting a single-game career high.

- **SERIES:** With tonight's result, Seattle holds a 12-12-10 record against Chicago Stars FC across all competitions.
- **UP NEXT:** Reign FC (8-7-3, 27 points) hits the road for a midweek match against Racing Louisville FC (5-11-2, 17 points) on Wednesday, August 19 at Lynn Family Stadium (3:30 p.m. PT / FOX 13+, NWSL+).

MATCH SUMMARY

Seattle Reign FC 1 – Chicago Stars FC 0
Friday, August 14, 2026

Venue: Lumen Field

Referee: Marie Durr

Assistants: Peter Hanson, Clarence Clark

Fourth Official: Christopher Calderon

VAR: Shawn Tehini

Attendance: 7,646

Weather: 75 degrees and sunny

SCORING SUMMARY

SEA – Maddie Mercado 53'

MISCONDUCT SUMMARY

None

LINEUPS & STATS

Seattle Reign FC – Claudia Dickey; Sofia Huerta ©, Phoebe McCleron, Jordyn Bugg, Madison Curry (Ryanne Brown 83'); Angharad James-Turner, Ainsley McCammon, Sally Menti (Emeri Adames 83'); Maddie Mercado (Brittany Ratcliffe 90+2'), Maddie Dahlien (Holly Ward 70'), Mia Fishel (Nerilia Mondesir 70')

Substitutes not used: Evan O'Steen, Cassie Miller, Shae Holmes, Ruby Hladek

Total shots: 24

Shots on goal: 6

Fouls: 4

Offside: 0

Corner-kicks: 13

Saves: 2

Chicago Stars FC – Katie Atkinson; Sam Staab, Taylor Wood, Leila Ouahabi, Maitane; Manaka Hayashi, Anna Gasper (Bea Franklin 46'), Tess Dellarose; Jameese Joseph (Jenna Bike 74'), Mallory Swanson (Nádia Gomes 46'), Brianna Pinto (Micayla Johnson 74')

Substitutes not used: Alyssa Naeher, Halle Mackiewicz, Elise Evans

Total shots: 5

Shots on goal: 2

Fouls: 5

Offside: 0

Corner-kicks: 3

Saves: 5

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