GAME NOTES

POSTGAME NOTES

SEATTLE REIGN FC 3
CHICAGO STARS FC 1

Martin Stadium – Sunday, October 18, 2026 – 4:00 p.m. PT – Attendance: 3,501

- **A NEW XI:** Reign FC fielded its 22nd unique starting XI in 28 matches this season, continuing to showcase the club's depth. Seattle made one change from its 1-0 loss to the North Carolina Courage on October 2, with Holly Ward starting in place of Maddie Dahlien, who was placed on the season-ending injury list over the weekend.

- **PLAYOFF PUSH:** Tonight's victory moves Reign FC into the eighth and final playoff position with two matches remaining in the 2026 NWSL regular season. Seattle now has 13 wins this season, marking the fourth time in club history the team has reached that total (2014, 2015, 2021, 2026).

- **JESS FISHLOCK:** Jess Fishlock recorded her first assist of the season, setting up Maddie Mercado's opening goal in the 38th minute. The 39-year-old now has 31 career regular season assists, tied for third-most in NWSL history and the most by a player with a single club. Fishlock also moved into a tie with Christine Sinclair for sixth-most goal contributions in league history with 83 (52 goals, 31 assists).

- **SOFIA HUERTA:** Sofia Huerta assisted Nerilia Mondesir's goal in the 80th minute, recording her fourth assist of the season to tie Maddie Dahlien and Ainsley McCammon for the team lead. The NWSL's all-time assists leader extended her regular season record to 36 assists and now has 77 career goal contributions (41 goals, 36 assists), tied with Megan Rapinoe and Sophia Wilson for eighth-most in league history.

- **MADDIE MERCADO:** Maddie Mercado recorded her first career brace, scoring once in each half to bring her season total to 10 goals. The third-year forward

becomes the first Reign FC player to reach double-digit goals in a single season since Megan Rapinoe scored 12 in 2017.

- **SAM MEZA:** Sam Meza made her 50th NWSL regular season appearance tonight. The third-year midfielder made her league debut in 2025, appearing in all 26 matches last season and 24 of Seattle's 28 matches this year.

- **NERILIA MONDESIR:** Nerilia Mondesir scored her second goal of the season and third of her NWSL career in the 80th minute. Her last goal came in Seattle's 2-1 home victory over Racing Louisville FC on March 28.

- **BRITTANY RATCLIFFE:** Brittany Ratcliffe made her 24th substitute appearance of the season, setting a new NWSL record for appearances off the bench in a single season. The veteran forward also assisted Maddie Mercado's second goal of the night, recording her first assist with Reign FC and fourth of her NWSL career.

- **SERIES:** With tonight's result, Seattle now holds an all-time record of 13-12-10 against Chicago Stars FC across all competitions.

- **UP NEXT:** Reign FC (12-11-4, 40 points) travels to face Utah Royals FC (14-10-4, 46 points) for its final road match of the 2026 regular season on Friday, October 23 (6:30 p.m. PT / FOX 13+, NWSL+).

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