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REIGN FC FALLS 2-1 TO RACING LOUISVILLE FC ON WEDNESDAY AT LYNN FAMILY STADIUM

Maddie Mercado scores opening goal before Seattle concedes twice to Louisville; Reign FC wraps up road trip against the Kansas City Current on Saturday, August 22 (3:30 p.m. PT / ION)

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LOUISVILLE, KY – Reign FC (8-8-3, 27 points) saw its four-game unbeaten streak come to an end on Wednesday evening, falling 2-1 to Racing Louisville FC (7-11-2, 23 points) at Lynn Family Stadium. Maddie Mercado opened the scoring in the 19th minute

with her team-leading seventh goal of the season before Louisville responded with two unanswered goals from Emma Sears to secure all three points.

Reign FC wraps up its road trip against the Kansas City Current on Saturday, August 22 (3:30 p.m. PT / ION).

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MATCH NOTES

- **A NEW XI:** Wednesday's match marked Laura Harvey's 16th unique starting lineup through the club's first 19 matches of the season. Reign FC made three changes from last Friday's 1-0 win over Chicago: Rianne Brown for Madison Curry, Nerilia Mondesir for Sally Menti and Holly Ward for Maddie Dahlien.
- **MADDIE MERCADO:** Maddie Mercado opened the scoring in the 19th minute, bringing her team-leading season total to seven goals, including five in her last seven matches. The third-year forward became the first Reign FC player to score seven goals in a season since Bethany Balcer and Megan Rapinoe each tallied seven in 2022. With eight career regular season goals, Mercado is now tied with Veronica Latsko for ninth-most in club history.
- **SERIES:** With tonight's result, Seattle now holds an all-time record of 5-2-6 against Racing Louisville FC across all competitions.
- **UP NEXT:** Reign FC (8-8-3, 27 points) closes out its road trip against the Kansas City Current (9-8-3, 30 points) on Saturday, August 22 at CPKC Stadium (3:30 p.m. PT / ION).

MATCH SUMMARY

Seattle Reign FC 1 – Racing Louisville FC 2
Wednesday, August 19, 2026

Venue: Lynn Family Stadium

Referee: Brandon Stevis

Assistants: Ben Rigel, Jake Brochu

Fourth Official: Jose Lara

VAR: Amin Hadzic

Attendance: 5,258

Weather: 83 degrees and partly cloudy

SCORING SUMMARY

SEA – Maddie Mercado 19'

LOU – Emma Sears (Lauren Milliet) 35'

LOU – Emma Sears (Lauren Milliet) 52'

MISCONDUCT SUMMARY

SEA – Angharad James-Turner (caution) 33'

LINEUPS & STATS

Seattle Reign FC – Claudia Dickey; Sofia Huerta ©, Phoebe McClernon, Ryanne Brown (Madison Curry 63'), Jordyn Bugg; Angharad James-Turner (Brittany Ratcliffe 83'), Ainsley McCammon; Maddie Mercado, Holly Ward (Maddie Dahlien 62'), Mia Fishel (Sally Menti 63'), Nerilia Mondesir (Emeri Adames 73')

Substitutes not used: Cassie Miller, Emily Mason, Shae Holmes, Ruby Hladek

Total shots: 22

Shots on goal: 5

Fouls: 12

Offside: 1

Corner-kicks: 12

Saves: 1

Racing Louisville FC – Jordyn Bloomer; Arin Wright ©, Ellie Jean, Quincy McMahon (Rachel Hill 83'), Miran Gacioch; Lauren Milliet (Audrey McKeen 70'), Katie O'Kane, Taylor Flint; Makenna Morris (Ella Hase 55'), Kayla Fischer (Sarah Weber 83'), Emma Sears (Maja Lardner 70')

Substitutes not used: Maddie Prohaska, Courtney Petersen, Macey Hodge, Macy Philippus

Total shots: 8

Shots on goal: 3

Fouls: 8

Offside: 2

Corner-kicks: 0

Saves: 4

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