



PORTLAND TIMBERS2 PRESS RELEASE

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TIMBERS2 CLINCH MLS NEXT PRO PLAYOFFS FOR FIRST TIME IN CLUB HISTORY WITH 3-0 VICTORY AT NORTH TEXAS SC T2 sets new league record with 13th shutout this season, extends unbeaten streak to a seventh straight match

PORTLAND, Ore. – Portland Timbers2 (13-4-6, 48pts) clinched a spot in the MLS NEXT Pro playoffs with a 3-0 shutout victory on the road against North Texas SC (7-8-6, 29pts) on Saturday evening. Notably, T2 set a new league record for shutouts with their 13th of the season, while also extending their unbeaten streak to a seventh straight result (5-0-2).

History Made!

For the first time in club history, T2 earned a spot in the MLS NEXT Pro postseason. Portland is just the second team out of 30 in the league to secure its spot in the playoffs. Additionally, Timbers2 recorded a new league record with their 13th shutout this season, while goalkeeper Sam Joseph earned his 11th clean sheet of the year. Goals from Daniel Cervantes, Eric Izoita and Maximilian Kissel propelled Portland to its 13th win this season and league-best ninth win on the road.

Goal-Scoring Plays

POR – Daniel Cervantes (Lucas Fernandez-Kim), 32nd minute: From the left wing, Lucas Fernandez-Kim spotted Daniel Cervantes darting into the six-yard area and played a pinpoint pass for him to finish at the near post.

POR – Eric Izoita, 57th minute: Eric Izoita won the ball at the top of the opponent's 18-yard box, took a touch inside and slotted a left-footed shot into the bottom right corner.

POR – Maximilian Kissel (Eric Izoita), 90+8 minute: Eric Izoita gathered the ball in the center of the pitch and dribble down the left wing before delivering a low cross into the box. Maximilian Kissel finished the play with a one-touch strike into the back of the net.

Notes

- T2 clinched its first ever MLS NEXT Pro postseason with tonight's win.
- Timbers2 (13-4-6, 48pts) are in second place in the Western Conference table.
- T2 extended its undefeated streak to a seventh straight result (5-0-2).
- Timbers2 registered their league-leading ninth road win of the 2026 campaign.
- Portland recorded its 13th shutout of the year, setting a new league record.
- Goalkeeper Sam Joseph leads the league in clean sheets with 11 this season.
- Joseph is now tied for second most clean sheets in a single season in MLSNP history, just two behind the record.
- Daniel Cervantes scored his team-leading eighth goal of the season.
- Eric Izoita scored his sixth goal of the season.

- Izoita also earned his third assist on the campaign.
- Izoita's goal and assist bring him to nine goal contributions (6G, 3A) on the season.
- The 22-year-old now has the most goal contributions on the team.
- Lucas Fernandez-Kim found his team-leading fifth assist of the season.
- Maximilian Kissel notched his third goal of the season.

Next Game

Timbers2 stay on the road, visiting Ventura County in Thousand Oaks on Sunday, August 23. Kickoff from William Rolland Stadium is set for 7 p.m. (Pacific) [on MLSNEXTPro.com](https://www.mlssoccer.com/next) and [OneFootball.com](https://www.onefootball.com/).

Portland Timbers2 (13-4-6, 48pts) vs. NTSC (7-8-6, 29pts)

August 15, 2026 – Mansfield Stadium (Mansfield, Texas)

Goals by Half	1	2	F
Portland Timbers2	1	2	3
NTSC	0	0	0

Scoring Summary:

POR: Cervantes (Fernandez-Kim), 32

POR: Izoita, 57

POR: Kissel (Izoita), 90+8

Misconduct Summary:

POR: Cervantes (caution), 42

POR: Jura (caution), 45+3

NTX: Ospina (caution), 42

POR: VanVoorhis (caution), 77

Lineups:

POR: GK Joseph, D Bamford (Santos, 78), D Jura (Cruthers, 69), D Lund, D Mueller (VanVoorhis, 56), M Fernandez-Kim, M Enriquez ©, M E. Izoita, F Griffith, F Barjolo, F Cervantes (Kissel, 69)

TOTAL SHOTS: 23 (Griffith, 6); SHOTS ON GOAL: 8 (three players tied, 2); FOULS: 21 (Jura, 5); OFFSIDES: 2; CORNER KICKS: 5; SAVES: 4

NTX: GK Dymora, D Newman, D Starnes ©, D Goncalves, D Vejrostek, M Ospina (Martins, 81), M Nys, M Swann (Luccin, 61), F James (Contreras, 61), F Baran (Baran, 69), F Louis (Kimbrough, 69)

TOTAL SHOTS: 12 (Baran, 3); SHOTS ON GOAL: 4 (Baran, 2); FOULS: 8 (Louis, Swann, 2); OFFSIDES: 2; CORNER KICKS 3; SAVES: 5

Referee: Reyes Vargas

Assistant Referees: Bill Bolsen III, Eric Aplis

Fourth Official: Olvin Oliva

All statistics contained in this box score are unofficial.

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