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TIMBERS2 EXTEND UNBEATEN STREAK IN 2-2 DRAW AT VENTURA COUNTY FC

**T2 secure additional point in shootout after securing eighth-straight unbeaten
result**

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. – Portland Timbers2 (13-4-7, 50pts) extended their unbeaten streak to eight-straight games in 2-2 draw at Ventura County FC (11-6-6, 42pts) on Sunday night. Daniel Cervantes converted two penalties in each half to open the scoring and rescue the road result for Portland. Timbers2 earned an additional point in the ensuing penalty kick shootout with a 4-2 win.

Streaks on Streaks

T2 extended its current unbeaten streak to eight matches (5-0-3), outscoring their opposition 12-4 in the longest undefeated stretch of all MLS NEXT Pro. Additionally, the last time Portland suffered defeat away was on June 13, registering a 5-0-2 record on the road since and outscoring opponents 13-4 while earning four shutouts.

Goal-Scoring Plays

POR – Daniel Cervantes (penalty kick), 41st minute: Daniel Cervantes stepped up to the penalty kick spot and slotted the ball with a right-footed shot into the bottom left corner.

VCFC – Eric Preston (Julian Placias), 45th minute: Eric Preston received a ball down the left wing before finishing a right footed shot into the top right corner of the goal.

VCFC – Eric Preston (Gabriel Arnold, Vicente Garcia), 60th minute: Eric Preston received a pass inside the left side of the Portland 18-yard box and hit a first time shot into the bottom far corner of the goal.

POR – Daniel Cervantes (penalty kick), 67th minute: Daniel Cervantes buried his second penalty kick of the night with a right-footed shot into the bottom left corner

Notes

- Portland Timbers2 (13-4-7, 50pts) are in second place in the Western Conference table following tonight's draw.
- With the result, Portland extended its undefeated streak to an eighth-straight result (5-0-3).
- Timbers2 has outscored the opposition 12-4 over their current unbeaten stretch.
- Of note, the result gives T2 the longest unbeaten streak in all of MLSNP play.

- Daniel Cervantes secured his club-leading ninth and tenth goals of the campaign with two successful penalty kicks.
- Notably, Cervantes registered his first multi-goal game of the season.
- He becomes the fourth Timbers2 player to have multiple goal contributions in a game this year.
- Cervantes is now tied for sixth in most goals scored in MLSNP this campaign.
- Nicklas Lund and Victor Enriquez became the league's top two players in minutes played in the 2026 season.
- Lund has amassed 2,133 minutes played this year (24 apps., all starts) to lead MLS NEXT Pro.
- Enriquez has played 2,129 minutes (24 apps., all starts) and is second in all of MLSNP in the category.
- Timbers2 took part in their seventh penalty kick shootout this season, securing their fourth win from spot kicks.
- Portland are 4-3 in post-draw shootouts this year.
- Sam Joseph registered a key save in the ensuing penalty shootout, his sixth in seven shootouts participated in.

Next Game

Timbers2 return home to host Austin FC II on Sunday, August 30. Kickoff from Providence Park is set for 1 p.m. (Pacific) [on MLSNEXTPro.com](https://mlsnextpro.com) and [OneFootball.com](https://onefootball.com).

Portland Timbers2 (13-4-7, 50pts) vs. Ventura County FC (11-6-6, 42pts)

August 23, 2026 – William Rolland Stadium (Thousand Oaks, Calif.)

Goals by Half	1	2	F	PKS
Portland Timbers	1	1	2	4
Ventura County FC	1	1	2	2

Scoring Summary:

POR: Cervantes (penalty kick), 41
 VCFC: Preston (Placias), 45
 VCFC: Preston (Arnold, Garcia), 60
 POR: Cervantes (penalty kick), 67

Shootout Summary:

POR: Ondo – GOAL
 VCFC: Placias – GOAL
 POR: Lund – GOAL
 VCFC: Phan – GOAL
 POR: Izoita – GOAL
 VCFC: Vilamitjana – SAVE
 POR: Bamford – SAVE
 VCFC: Vanney – MISS
 POR: Kissel – GOAL

Misconduct Summary:

POR: Lund (caution), 20
 VCFC: Martinez (caution), 50
 POR: Ondo (caution), 90+2

Lineups:

POR: GK Joseph, D Mueller, D Bamford, D Lund, D VanVoorhis (Ferguson, 74), M Enriquez ©, M Fernandez-Kim (Nuñez, 57), M Izoita, F Griffith (Ondo, 64), F Barjolo (Santos, 64), F Cervantes (Kissel, 74)

TOTAL SHOTS: 6 (Cervantes and Lund, 2); SHOTS ON GOAL: 4 (Cervantes, 2); FOULS: 15 (four players tied, 2); OFFSIDES: 0; CORNER KICKS: 2; SAVES: 0

VCFC: GK Conlon, D Dalgado (Blank, 76), D Martinez, D McLean (Phan, 59), D Hernandez ©, M Garcia, M Arnold (Vilamitjana, 75), M Mueller, F Djieze (Vanne, 59), F Preston, F Placias

TOTAL SHOTS: 4 (Preston, 2); SHOTS ON GOAL: 2 (Preston, 2); FOULS: 18 (Vilamitjana and Dalgado, 2); OFFSIDES: 1; CORNER KICKS: 5; SAVES: 2

Referee: Michael Almeida
Assistant Braxton Williams, James Ewer
Fourth Official: Steven Cardozo

All statistics contained in this box score are unofficial.

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