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TIMBERS FALL TO FC DALLAS IN GAME 1 OF AUDI 2026 MLS CUP PLAYOFFS ROUND ONE

Portland looks to even the series in Game 2 at Providence Park Saturday, Nov. 28

FRISCO, Texas – The Portland Timbers (7 Seed) fell to FC Dallas (2 Seed) 3-0 in Game 1 of the Audi 2026 MLS Cup Playoffs Round One Best-of-3 Series at Toyota Stadium on Saturday afternoon. After a scoreless first half, the home side notched all three goals in the second half to take the lead in the playoff series.

Playoffs in Portland
Next up, the Timbers host FC Dallas for Game 2 at Providence Park on Saturday, Nov. 28. Kickoff is set for 7:30 p.m. (Pacific). Tickets are on sale HERE. Portland will look to even the series and force a Game 3 with Dallas. When hosting playoff matches at Providence Park, the Timbers are 6-2-6 in regulation time.

Goal-Scoring Plays
DAL – Joaquín Valiente, 54th minute: Daniel Job drove into the left side of the box and fired a shot, forcing a save from goalkeeper James Pantemis. Joaquín Valiente found the rebound and finished it on frame.

DAL – Joaquín Valiente (Daniel Job, Petar Musa), 55th minute: Daniel Job took the ball to the endline before delivering a pass to the front post, where Joaquín Valiente slotted a first-time shot into the back of the net.

DAL – Sam Sarver (Logan Farrington, Santiago Moreno), 90+4 minute: Logan Farrington dribbled down the right wing and played a cross into the box for Sam Sarver, who finished it into goal with his first touch.

Notes
- Portland kicked off its 10th MLS postseason campaign today.
- Following today's result, the Timbers are 12-10-8 all time in MLS Cup Playoffs.
- The Timbers host FC Dallas in Game 2 on Saturday, Nov. 28, at Providence Park.
- If Portland ties the series next Saturday, a decisive Game 3 will be played on Dec. 2 in Frisco, Texas.
- Cole Bassett and Kristoffer Velde each registered three shots for Portland.
- David Da Costa led the team with a successful passing percentage of 97.2%.
- Goalkeeper James Pantemis logged five saves in the match.

Next Game
Next up, the Timbers will host FC Dallas in Game 2 of the Round One Best-of-3 Series of the Audi 2026 MLS Cup Playoffs on Saturday, Nov. 28. Kickoff from Providence Park is set for 7:30 p.m. (Pacific) on Apple TV in English and Spanish. The match will feature a national broadcast on FS1 and FOX Deportes with local radio broadcasts on KNRK 94.7 FM (English) and La GranD 93.5 FM/1150 AM (Spanish).

Portland Timbers (No. 7 seed) vs. FC Dallas (No. 2 seed)
November 21, 2026 – Toyota Stadium (Frisco, Texas)

Goals by Half	1	2	**F**
Portland Timbers	0	0	**0**
FC Dallas	0	3	**3**

Scoring Summary:
DAL: Valiente, 54
DAL: Valiente (Job, Musa), 55
DAL: Sarver (Farrington, Moreno), 90+4

Misconduct Summary:
DAL: Johansson (caution), 32
DAL: Kamungo (caution), 90+1

Lineups:
POR: GK Pantemis, D Hernández (Fernandez, 64), D Surman ©, D Waterman, D Fory (Smith, 71), M Caicedo (Chara, 64), M Da Costa, M Bassett (Izoita, 64), F Lassiter (Aravena, 33), F Janssen, F Velde

Substitutes Not Used: GK Sulte, D K. Miller, D E. Miller, M Ortiz

TOTAL SHOTS: 10 (Bassett, Velde, 3); SHOTS ON GOAL: 4 (Bassett, 2); FOULS: 8 (Surman, Hernández, 2); OFFSIDES: 2; CORNER KICKS: 5; SAVES: 5

DAL: GK Daniel, D Johansson (Kamungo, 71), D Urhoghide, D Moore, D Norris, M Valiente (Cappis, 81), M Kaick (Sarver, 86), M Ramiro ©, M Binyamin, F Musa (Farrington, 86), F Job (Moreno, 71)

Substitutes Not Used: GK Sirois, D Abubakar, D Ibeagha, D Starnes, M Delgado

TOTAL SHOTS: 15 (Valiente, 4); SHOTS ON GOAL: 8 (Valiente, 4); FOULS: 20 (Norris, 4); OFFSIDES: 1; CORNER KICKS: 7; SAVES: 4

Referee: Alexis Da Silva
Assistant Referees: Logan Brown, Kevin Lock
Fourth Official: Jair Marrufo
VAR: Joe Dickerson
Attendance: 10,925