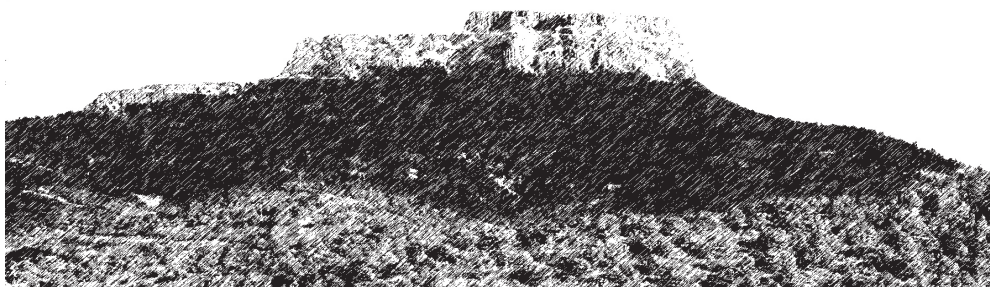


OVER THE PASS



"I'm a dog person. I'm allergic to cats but I like them. I don't have any four-legged critters, though. I have a goldfish. His name is Fred."

— Katrina Benavides, assistant manager, Noah's Ark Thrift Store, Trinidad



"I'm a cat person. We had dogs growing up but my wife turned me into a cat person. We have two. Boots used to come up to the house for food. When she had kittens under our neighbor's porch, my wife brought her in. We kept her and her daughter Patches. My wife died three months ago but I still have Boots and Patches."

— Wayne McPherson, San Antonio, Texas



"A dog person, definitely. Since I was a kid, my family has had dogs only. My first dog was a poodle mix named Belly. I don't have a dog now. Me and my girlfriend got a Jack Russell mix that we named Diesel, but she left and took him with her."

— Keem Perez, delivery driver, Austin, Texas

TIM KELLER'S CONNECTIONS

"Are you a dog person or a cat person?"

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"I grew up with both. Now I have two cats, Cranky and Trina, and half a dog. I share the dog with my granddaughter. She's 13. The dog is a Schnauzer and maybe a little yorkie, we're not sure. He was a little orphan dog. His name is Gus."

— Maggie Abbate, owner, Maggie & Moz Antiques & More, Trinidad

COLORADO SOCCER

Portland still alive for playoffs with 1-0 win over Rapids

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PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Beat the Whitecaps next Sunday in Vancouver, and the Portland Timbers are in the playoffs.

The Timbers set up the win-and-in scenario for the regular-season finale with a 1-0 victory Sunday over the Colorado Rapids. Fanendo Adi scored on a penalty kick in the 35th minute.

"The reality is, it comes down to one game for us now to extend our season," Timbers captain Jack Jewsbury said. "It's not the sixth game of the season on the road where it's hard to see the end line. It's do or die."

It was the fifth straight win at home for the defending MLS Cup champions and pulled them pulled even in points with Sporting Kansas City for the sixth and final playoff spot in the Western Conference. The Timbers were a point back of fifth-place Seattle.

Colorado (15-6-12) dropped to second in the conference standings behind Dallas while vying for the Supporters' Shield for the team with the best regular-season record.

The Timbers (12-13-8) have been winless on the road this season, which has hurt their playoff chances. But the result Sunday keeps them in the playoff race heading into the final game of the regular season next Sunday against the Whitecaps in Vancouver.

"I don't think anybody's worried about the road, even though, yeah, maybe we should be," Timbers coach Caleb Porter said. "But I think in some ways the group still has a lot of confidence going on the road. It's more frustration, like, 'how did we not win on the road?' type of thing."

The Timbers have lost starters Liam Ridgwell and Diego Chara for the match against the Whitecaps because of yellow

card accumulation.

The Rapids wrap up the regular season at home next Sunday against the Houston Dynamo.

"The mentality has to be right and we're at home, in front of the home crowd, after a week of rest," Rapids coach Pablo Mastroeni said about the final with the Shield on the line. "Just looking forward to a really spirited, really positive, really electric performance in that last game to hopefully put us in a position to win the Shield."

Adi's penalty kick was the result of a foul in the box on Vytautas Andriuskevicius. Three minutes later, Andriuskevicius drew another penalty but Rapids goalkeeper Tim Howard stopped the shot and Adi missed a chance on the rebound.

Jewsbury, who is retiring following the season, was captain for his 156th game with the Timbers, tied for fourth on the team's career list. He was honored before his final



AP Photo / Jack Dempsey

Portland Timbers midfielder Darlington Nagbe (right) takes the ball from Colorado Rapids midfielder Maron Hairston (94) during the first half of an MLS soccer match Saturday, Oct. 1, 2016.

home game, and the sellout crowd at Providence Park chanted "Captain Jack!"

"I want to thank each and every one of you for what you bring to this. Look at this atmosphere we get to play in front of every single game. It's amazing," he told the fans.

After the game he went up in the stands to the Timbers Army supporters' group to shake hands and sign autographs.

Colorado was coming off a 2-1 victory over San Jose on Thursday night, snapping a 14-game winless streak over the Earthquakes. Kevin Doyle scored both goals in the Rapids' third straight victory.

The Timbers fell 1-0 to the Rapids on Oct. 1 in Colorado.

DENVER HOCKEY

Colborne scores 3 goals as Avs hang on to beat Stars, 6-5

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DENVER (AP) — Joe Colborne couldn't have drawn it up any better — three goals in his first game with the Colorado Avalanche.

Same with coach Jared Bednar — a gut-check win in his debut on the bench.

It was a memorable night for the new guys.

Colborne had his first NHL hat trick, Colorado withstood a 6-on-4 opportunity over final 46 seconds and the Avalanche held off the Dallas Stars 6-5 on Saturday.

"That was a fun game. It was an exciting game. I really liked it," Bednar said. "I enjoyed being on the bench."

Trailing 2-0 early, Colborne came to the rescue as he scored three of Colorado's next five goals to build a 5-2 lead. Carl Soderberg and Nathan MacKinnon also scored during the stretch, and Tyson Barrie added an insurance goal in the third period to kick off the Bednar Era in winning fashion.

Bednar took over for Patrick Roy after the Hall of Fame goaltender-turned-coach surprisingly stepped away two months ago.

"I liked (Colborne) around the net. He was hungry around the net," Bednar said. "He was getting sticks on pucks. He was fighting to the front of the net. That's part of his M.O., part of what made him successful in years past."

Tyler Seguin had two goals for the Stars, while Devin Shore, Jamie Benn and Brett Ritchie also scored.

Dallas pulled starter Antti Niemi at 7:05 of the second period after allowing five goals. Kari Lehtonen slowed the Avalanche's potent offensive attack so the Stars could work their way back into the game.

Barrie scored a goal that bounced off the skate of Stephen Johns and past Lehtonen to make it 6-4. Soon after, Ritchie made it a one-goal game when he slid a shot past Semyon Varlamov.

Blake Comeau was called for slashing with 1:56 remaining. The Stars pulled Lehtonen, but couldn't get anything past Varlamov, who's won 11 straight over Dallas.

"We didn't do enough to win the hockey game and didn't deserve to win," Benn said. "When you play like that, it doesn't matter if you scored five and give up six,

it's unacceptable."

Stars coach Lindy Ruff felt the same way.

"We're a better team than that," Ruff said. "We have some defensemen trying to find their way. We gave up some tough opportunities in the second period."

The Avalanche certainly had ample opportunities to gain some separation in the third period. A shot by Andreas Martinsen clanged off the post. Later, Fedor Tyutin's slap shot appeared to go in and the horn sounded. But the puck actually hit the outside of the net. And later, Mikhail Grigorenko had a shot roll along the mouth of the goal before veering just wide.

Colborne signed with the Avalanche as a free agent in July after a 19-goal, 25-assist season with Calgary. He's a fan-favorite given that he played collegiately down the road at the University of Denver.

"We got a big win against a tough opponent," Colborne said. "There were some nerves at the start."

Bednar was a career minor leaguer — as a defenseman and then as a coach — before being hired by Colorado on Aug. 25. The 44-year-old led the Lake Erie Monsters of the American Hockey League to the Calder Cup last season.

His style may be even more up-tempo than the version Roy implemented. Colorado outshot Dallas 33-28.

"I liked the way we played offensively. I thought we were skating and on our toes and creating chances," Bednar said. "We have to get better defensively."

The Avalanche haven't garnered much early respect with a majority of prognosticators predicting they'll finish outside of the playoff picture.

"People can say what they want," said Matt Duchene, who will serve as an alternate captain this season. "Go out there and prove them wrong — that's our job."

NOTES: Shore scored his first NHL goal. ... Stars D Jamie Oleksiak (lower body injury) was a scratch for a second straight game. ... Avs F John Mitchell (hip) was a scratch, along with F Cody McLeod. ... The Avs improved to 20-10-7 all-time in season openers.

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UP NEXT
Stars: At Nashville on Tuesday.