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## Timbers change date for visit to North Coast

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The Portland Timbers' visit to the North Coast (previously scheduled for Aug. 15) has been changed to Aug. 14.



The "Rose City Road Trip" is the Timbers' annual tour of community events and youth soccer clinics throughout the Pacific Northwest.

This year's trip includes stops in Seaside, Warrenton and Astoria, as the Timbers return to the area as part of the sixth-annual event, presented by Providence Health & Services.

Beginning Aug. 14, Timbers' midfielder Darlington Nagbe, midfielder/defender Lawrence Olum, defender Roy Miller and team mascot Timber Joey will begin the day with a visit to Providence Seaside Hospital, before heading to Warrenton Grade School.

The day continues with a youth soccer clinic led by the Timbers youth development staff (which includes Seaside High graduate Kai Davidson) for children ages 5-13.

The clinic is scheduled for 1:30-3:30 p.m. at Warrenton Soccer Complex on Ridge Road in Hammond. Free and open to the public, the clinic will feature a training session, along with autograph and Q&A sessions. Participants must preregister online at [www.timbers.com/rosecityroadtrip](http://www.timbers.com/rosecityroadtrip).

Closing out the visit, players and Timber Joey will join fans at Astoria's Fort George Brewery, 1483 Duane St., for a Q&A, raffle, autographs and pictures from 4:30-6:30 p.m., before returning to Portland.

## Marlins trade Phelps to Mariners for prospects

By STEVEN WINE  
Associated Press

MIAMI — The Miami Marlins traded right-hander David Phelps to the Seattle Mariners for four prospects, including highly regarded outfielder Brayan Hernandez, a person familiar with the deal said today.

The person confirmed the trade to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the teams hadn't announced it.

Phelps is 2-4 with a 3.45 ERA in 44 games and 47 innings this season, all out of the bullpen. He's a six-year veteran with 64 career starts.

Hernandez, a 19-year-old Venezuelan, is batting .259 in 31 games in the minors this year.

The Mariners made the deal at the start of a key 10-game homestand that starts against the New York Yankees and leads into the trade deadline. After a 5-1 trip following the All-Star break, the Mariners are 48-48 and 1½ games behind the Yankees in the AL wild-card standings.

The Marlins are out of playoff contention and looking to upgrade a farm system widely ranked among the worst in the majors.

Phelps will join a Mariners bullpen that's been overworked during the first-half of the season as they dealt with major injuries to the rotation. The Mariners are fifth in the American League in most innings pitched by the bullpen.

Seattle has solidified its eighth- and ninth-inning roles with Nick Vincent typically the setup man for closer Edwin Diaz, but getting to that point has been a struggle at times. Phelps should provide Seattle manager Scott Servais more options to bridge those late innings.



AP Photo/Eric Christian Smith

Seattle Mariners' Ben Gamel (16) rounds the bases after hitting a two-run home run off Houston Astros starting pitcher Charlie Morton during the fourth inning of a baseball game Wednesday in Houston. Seattle Mariners are 48-48 after their win over the Astros.

# Paxton, Gamel power M's to win over Astros

By KRISTIE RIEKEN  
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Not many pitchers have been able to slow down the Houston Astros this season.

James Paxton has done it repeatedly.

Paxton had another strong start against Houston and rookie Ben Gamel powered the offense with a two-run homer to give the Seattle Mariners a 4-1 victory over the Astros on Wednesday.

"Paxton was outstanding today," manager Scott Servais said. "It's exactly what the doctor ordered. He was on top of his game."

Paxton (9-3) allowed six hits and one run in seven innings, after not allowing a run in his previous two starts against Houston this season. It's the fourth straight win for Paxton, who struck out seven.

"He's really good," Houston manager A.J. Hinch said. "His arm strength is at the top end of left-handed starters in the league ... a lot of the story today is just about how good he was.

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- Tonight, 7:10 p.m. TV: RTNW

We couldn't quite break out and have a big inning against him."

Wednesday's performance improved Paxton to 2-0 with a 0.45 ERA and 20 strikeouts against the AL West-leading Astros this year.

"This was a big series for us and a big road trip, we went five out of six," Paxton said. "That's awesome coming out of the break so we've just got to keep it going here and keep ourselves in this race."

Houston starter Charlie Morton (7-4) retired the first nine batters and the Astros led 1-0 before Jean Segura led off the fourth with a single. Gamel's first homer since June 23 came next to put Seattle up 2-1.

Segura had two hits and Robinson Cano and Mike Zunino drove in a run apiece for the

Mariners, who won for the sixth time in seven games. Edwin Diaz pitched a scoreless ninth for his 18th save.

The Astros had a chance to cut into the lead in the eighth when they had runners at first and third with one out. But Nick Vincent struck out Evan Gattis before Marc Rzepczynski fanned Carlos Beltran to end the inning.

Morton allowed six hits and four runs in 6 2/3 innings for his first loss since coming off the disabled list on July 7.

Guillermo Heredia doubled to start the sixth before Segura reached on an infield single. Then an error by first baseman Yuli Gurriel allowed Gamel to reach and load the bases with no outs.

The Mariners pushed the lead to 3-1 when Heredia scored on a groundout by Cano that left Gamel out at second. Morton was able to limit the damage when Nelson Cruz grounded into a double play to end the inning.

Zunino's RBI double with two outs in the seventh pushed the lead to 4-1 and chased Morton.

## Plata scores twice, Real Salt Lake beats Timbers

Associated Press

PORTLAND — Joao Plata scored twice and Kyle Beckerman added a goal before receiving a red card in Real Salt Lake's 4-1 victory over the Portland Timbers on Wednesday night.

The eventful match featured seven yellow cards and three red cards.

Albert Rusnak also scored for Salt Lake (7-12-2), and Jack Barmby connected for Portland (7-8-6)

The action kicked off in the 10th minute, when Beckerman received a pass 25 yards from the Portland goal. With no defenders attempting to close in on him, the midfielder unleashed a right-footed rocket over leaping goalkeeper Jake Gleeson for his third goal of the season.

"I initially got it and was thinking I'd whip something across for the back post, and then didn't see really any runs. So I just thought I'd give it a hit and it went in," said Beckerman.

"Actually, I was yelling at him the other day because I want him sitting in front of the defense," joked Real Salt Lake head coach Mike Petke after the game. "All he does after practice is shoot. I said, 'How am I going to get you to stay (in position) if he keeps going up and shooting?' So, hey, he had a great, fantastic goal today."

Salt Lake doubled the lead in the



Sean Meagher/The Oregonian

Portland Timbers' Ben Zemanski (14) holds possession against Real Salt Lake's Sunday Stephen during an MLS soccer match Wednesday in Portland. Portland is 7-8-6 after their loss to Real Salt Lake.

50th minute, after Portland's Dairon Asprilla was called for a foul after stepping on Jefferson Savarino's foot while trying to tackle the ball away in the Portland penalty area. Plata drilled the penalty kick into the lower right corner as Gleeson dove to the left.

In the 53rd minute, Portland's Victor Arboleda, who entered the game in first half stoppage time, was shown a red card for running into Plata with

an apparently high elbow.

Two minutes later, Beckerman was called for a foul on Adi. Adi then rushed at Beckerman, knocking him to the ground with a chest-bump. After the ensuing fracas settled down, both players were shown red cards, leaving Salt Lake with 10 players and Portland with nine.

"I'm curious as to why Kyle got a red card," Petke said. "I've already

talked to people in my organization, people here who have seen it, and they don't understand why he got a red card."

Salt Lake continued the scoring in the 68th minute, with a bit of good fortune. Rusnak scooped a pass over the Portland defense for Plata, who rolled the ball across the box back to Rusnak. His shot hit off the crossbar and off the back of a diving Gleeson for Rusnak's fifth of the season.

Plata capped Salt Lake's scoring in the 80th minute, running onto a threaded pass by Danilo Acosta and sliding a shot under Gleeson for his fifth of the season.

"Three of those goals, besides the penalty kick, were plays that we worked on over the last 10 days. The runs, the off-ball movement, and it's fantastic to see it," Petke said.

Portland got a consolation goal in second-half stoppage time, when Barmby hit a long, bouncing shot past goalkeeper Nick Rimando for Barmby's first of the season.

"We brought most of what went wrong today on ourselves," Portland coach Caleb Porter said. "So, we have to take one on the chin. We got bloodied today. No doubt about it. It's very humbling."

Real Salt Lake has won two in a row and three of their last five. On the other hand, Portland is winless in their last 6 games (0-3-3).