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POSTGAME RECAP: Revolution Drop Preseason Match to FC Krasnodar, 2-0

MARBELLA, Spain – The New England Revolution fell to Russian Premier League side FC Krasnodar, 2-0, on Sunday morning in Marbella, Spain. Krasnodar tallied twice in the second half to hand New England its first loss in three matches this preseason, with the fourth and final contest in Spain slated for Wednesday, Feb. 6 against FC Dynamo Kyiv.

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A scoreless first half saw limited chances for either side, but Krasnodar claimed the lead in the 50th minute when a free kick from Magomed-Shapi Suleymanov took a strong deflection off teammate Ivan Ignatev and found the back of the net. The Europa League contenders doubled the lead in the 78th minute when a pass through the box found Suleymanov, who curled his left-footed shot into the upper left corner.

Two Revolution players made their preseason debuts in the match after recovering from minor injuries, as forward Juan Agudelo and midfielder Luis Caicedo each entered the contest in the second half. Agudelo played 30 minutes, while Caicedo saw 15 minutes in the midfield before making way for Scott Caldwell. Meanwhile, newcomer Carles Gil played 60 minutes in his second outing with the Revs, while 2019 MLS SuperDraft picks Tajon Buchanan and DeJuan Jones saw 60 and 30 minutes of action, respectively.

The Revolution will return to preseason action on Wednesday, Feb. 6 at 9:00 a.m. ET against Ukrainian power FC Dynamo Kyiv at Marbella Football Center. Dynamo represents New England's third consecutive opponent gearing up for the Europa League Round of 32 this February, as they will take on Greek outfit Olympiacos F.C. later this month.

New England Revolution 0, FC Krasnodar 2 February 3, 2019 – Marbella, Spain

Scoring Summary:

Krasnodar – Ivan Ignatev (Magomed-Shapi Suleymanov) 50'

Krasnodar – Magomed-Shapi Suleymanov 78'

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NE – Diego Fagundez (Yellow Card – Dissent) 55'

New England Revolution (1st Half): Matt Turner, Gabriel Somi, Michael Mancienne ©, Antonio Delamea, Brandon Bye, Wilfried Zahibo, Diego Fagundez, Tajon Buchanan, Justin Rennicks, Juan Fernando Caicedo, Carles Gil

New England Revolution (2nd Half): Brad Knighton, Gabriel Somi (Edgar Castillo 60'), Michael Mancienne © (Jalil Anibaba 60'), Antonio Delamea (Trialist 60'), Brandon Bye (Andrew Farrell 60'), Justin Rennicks (DeJuan Jones 60'), Wilfried Zahibo (Luis Caicedo 60', Scott Caldwell 75'), Diego Fagundez

(Zachary Herivaux 60'), Tajon Buchanan (Isaac Angking 60'), Juan Fernando Caicedo (Juan Agudelo 60'), Carles Gil (Teal Bunbury 60')

POSTGAME QUOTES

New England Revolution Head Coach Brad Friedel

On the match against FC Krasnodar:

Coach Friedel: "This trip is about getting players, not so much equal minutes, but a lot of minutes, and there's a lot of players that are on show and they want to try to impress us. I'm just going to reiterate how good the competition is here. It's not something we normally get back in the U.S. To play a team that's second in the Russian Premier League, a Champions League team that's now in the Europa League getting prepared for Bayer Leverkusen, they've got some outstanding talent. A deflected free kick [on Krasnodar's first goal] and we had good chances, they had some good chances. I've got to say, I'm really pleased with this being only our third game of preseason where we're at with fitness, where we're at with competing against some of Europe's best. Overall the trip has gone really well, so far."

On some players seeing extended 60-minute appearances against FC Krasnodar:

Coach Friedel: "We're going to give a whole different mix of players minutes against [FC Dynamo] Kyiv and then we'll come back to Boston and have a few days there, and then we'll go down to Florida and that's when we'll really start to concentrate on who the team will be for the Dallas match, who the squad will be, and what kind of moves we want to make going into the start of our season. But all in all, really happy with where things are at. Obviously, we want to win matches, but there are also in these first couple of weeks a lot of different aspects that we're trying to mull over while we see all the players. The spirit of the group is outstanding; the attitude of the group is outstanding. The area [in Marbella] is great and the competition is really second to none. It'd be difficult to find anywhere in the world where we'd get better competition to play."

On Juan Agudelo and Luis Caicedo returning to action:

Coach Friedel: "It's always difficult for the players that pick up little injuries. We were able to get Luis [Caicedo] out there for just a 15-minute run. He's had a bit of a problem with his ankle, with his foot, and Juan [Agudelo] turned his ankle in one of the first sessions, so it was nice to get Juan back on the field. We'll see if he came through unscathed. He did a little training session after, so hopefully he's okay."

On managing Luis Caicedo's minutes as he returns from injury:

Coach Friedel: "That's the thing with somebody like Luis. He's never going to play 50 percent, that's for sure, so you have to make sure if he does pick up a little niggle that it's fully healed, because he's not going to shy away from a tackle."

New England Revolution Forward Juan Agudelo

On seeing his first game action this preseason after recovering from a minor injury:

Agudelo: "I felt like a little kid. I was really happy to be out there with the boys and competing again. It's what I've been doing my whole and it brought me some happiness today."

On his fitness after playing 30 minutes:

Agudelo: "I felt really good. Even when I wasn't training with the group, I was doing some pretty hard fitness stuff. On the field, I actually felt really good. After the game was over, we did some training, and again, I was able to finish it off strong."

On building chemistry on the field, especially with new teammates:

Agudelo: "It's really important. I can't wait to try out some things with new players and to see how everything works out. Everyone's learning. What I saw today was positionally, we're all becoming more and more in sync as the games go on."

New England Revolution Defender Michael Mancienne

On the match against FC Krasnodar:

Mancienne: "I actually felt really, really good. It was good to get 60 minutes under the belt. The boys looked fit. I think everyone's feeling fit and feeling good at the moment."

On facing strong European competition while in Spain:

Mancienne: "It's a good test for us, because like you said, they're gearing up for Europa [League]. They're good teams. They're good, strong teams, and it's still early in our preseason. To play them now, while we're still trying to gather our fitness – we're playing against them, but we're playing well, and we're doing really well. It's a good boost of confidence, as well, for the team and for the boys."

On Juan Agudelo and Luis Caicedo returning to action after minor injuries:

Mancienne: "It's a massive boost. We want everyone fit, especially our key players, good players. It's a big boost when they come back from injury and come back into the squad, so it's good to see that they're fit and they got a little runout today."

On the next steps this preseason:

Mancienne: "Obviously, basic fitness is one of the most important things. Getting our match fitness going, but then getting that team bonding, getting used to playing with each other, because there are new players and just getting that camaraderie going in the team, which is good. I think it's coming along really, really well."

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