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POSTGAME NOTES: Revolution Complete Stoppage-Time Comeback to Draw Portland Timbers, 2-2

*Bou and Gil score in final stages to erase two-goal deficit;
Revolution home Sunday three points from clinching spot in Audi 2019 MLS Cup Playoffs*

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. – The New England Revolution (10-10-12, 42 pts.) secured a critical point at Providence Park on Wednesday evening, rallying back from a two-goal deficit to draw the Portland Timbers (13-13-6, 45 pts.), 2-2. Forward Gustavo Bou pulled the Revolution within one in the 87th minute with his eighth goal of the season, before Carles Gil converted a stoppage-time penalty kick in the 97th minute. With two games remaining, the result brings the Revolution within three points of clinching a berth in the Audi 2019 MLS Cup Playoffs, as New England prepares to face New York City FC at Gillette Stadium on Sunday, Sept. 29.

- **Postgame interview footage will be available [HERE](#).**

A scoreless first half saw the two sides finish level with eight shots apiece, as Bou provided the visitors' best opportunity with the first of his four shots on target in the 28th minute, which was saved by Timbers goalkeeper Steve Clark. The action escalated in the second half as Portland quickly jumped ahead with a goal from Jeremey Ebobisse in the 49th minute, followed by his second goal in the 81st minute to give the Timbers a 2-0 lead in the late stages.

Momentum turned for the Revolution in the 87th minute when Gustavo Bou finally provided the breakthrough, finishing a pass from Teal Bunbury for his eighth goal in only 12 MLS games. Then in the fourth minute of second-half stoppage time, Wilfried Zahibo was dragged down in the box, giving the visitors a penalty kick after video review, which Carles Gil converted in the 97th minute to secure a key road point.

The draw makes Head Coach Bruce Arena the second coach in MLS history to earn 700 regular season points, joining Sigi Schmid (843). Gil's penalty kick goal marked his 10th of the season to go with 14 assists, making him the second Revolution player ever to record a 10-goal and 10-assist season (Lee Nguyen, 2017). He is also only the third MLS player to accomplish the feat this season, and his 24 combined goals and assists lead all MLS newcomers. Gil has a two-goal edge on Bou for the team's scoring lead, as Bou's eight goals are tied for the fourth most in MLS since his debut on July 17.

New England returns to action on Sunday, Sept. 29 against Eastern Conference leaders New York City FC. The match at Gillette Stadium kicks off at 5:00 p.m. ET on NBC Sports Boston, 98.5 The Sports Hub, and in Portuguese on 1260 AM Nossa Radio.

**New England Revolution 2, Portland Timbers 2
September 25, 2019 – Providence Park (Portland, Ore.)**

Revolution Fight Back for 2-2 Draw at Portland Timbers

- The Revolution (10-10-12, 42 pts.) played to a 2-2 draw against the Portland Timbers (13-13-6, 45 pts.) on Wednesday night in front of a crowd of 25,218.

- The last time the Revolution earned points after a two-goal deficit in the second half was on June 23, 2012 at Toronto FC, scoring in the 71st and 94th minutes to draw 2-2.
- New England has now earned points in 18 of the club's last 20 league matches dating back to May 11 (8-2-10).
- The Revs have only one loss in the last 10 away matches (3-1-6), and have posted a 3-5-8 away record with only one road match remaining, a Decision Day contest at Atlanta United FC on Sunday, Oct. 6.
- New England is now 1-2-7 all-time against the Timbers (0-2-3 away), as the two teams have played to four consecutive draws.

New England Finishes 6-1-5 against Western Conference

- The Revolution finish the 2019 slate against Western Conference opponents with a 6-1-5 record, with the only loss on the season coming against Supporters' Shield-leading LAFC on August 3.
- Tonight's draw gives New England 10 straight games unbeaten in the Pacific Time Zone, with the team's last loss coming on May 8, 2016 at LA Galaxy.

Bruce Arena Becomes Second Member of 700-Point Club

- Revolution Sporting Director and Head Coach **Bruce Arena** became the second head coach in MLS history to reach the 700-point milestone, joining Sigi Schmid (843).
- Arena's career regular season record now stands at 209-123-97 (700 points), with a 7-2-8 record with the Revolution since taking over on the sidelines on June 2.

Carles Gil's 10th Goal in 98th Minute Secures Crucial Point in Playoff Race

- Midfielder **Carles Gil** scored the 10th goal of his debut campaign in the 90+7th minute, making him the second player in Revolution history to record 10 goals and 10 assists in a single season (Lee Nguyen, 2017).
- Gil is only the third player in MLS with double digits in both goals and assists this season, joining LAFC's Carlos Vela and Toronto's Alejandro Pozuelo.
- The Revs' captain leads all MLS newcomers with his 24 combined goals and assists. His 14 assists are fourth most in MLS, while his 12 primary assists are tied for first.
- Gil has started all 32 games in his debut season, and his 2,872 minutes played rank second most among all MLS field players in 2019.

Gustavo Bou Tallies Eighth Goal in 12th Game

- Forward **Gustavo Bou** scored the eighth goal of his MLS career through only 12 games (11 starts), pulling New England within one in the late stages.
- Bou's eight goals are currently tied for the fourth most in MLS since his debut on July 17.
- The 29-year-old Argentine now trails **Carles Gil** (nine goals, 14 assists) by only one goal for the team lead in scoring with two games remaining.

Anibaba and Caldwell Close in on Milestones

- Defender **Jalil Anibaba** made his first league start since Aug. 17 at New York, replacing DeJuan Jones at left back. Anibaba now owns 199 regular season starts in his nine-year MLS career, with 217 games played.
- Tonight's match marked Anibaba's first start at outside back in 51 games played (46 starts) with the Revolution since joining the club in 2018.
- Midfielder **Scott Caldwell** also moved closer to a personal milestone with his 197th regular season appearance for the Revolution, ninth most in club history. The Homegrown Player also eclipsed the 14,000-minute milestone in tonight's match.

Revolution Starting XI Sees Seven Changes

- In the midst of a stretch with three games in nine days, Head Coach **Bruce Arena** made seven changes to the starting lineup from the Revolution's last match on Sept. 21 vs. Real Salt Lake.
- Goalkeeper **Brad Knighton** replaced **Matt Turner** in net, while **Juan Agudelo**, **Jalil Anibaba**, **Gustavo Bou**, **Scott Caldwell**, **Diego Fagundez**, and **Michael Mancienne** started in place of

Antonio Delamea, Teal Bunbury, Cristian Penilla, Wilfried Zahibo, DeJuan Jones, and Luis Caicedo.

GAME CAPSULE

Referee: Jair Marrufo

Assistant Referees: Mike Rottersman (AR1), Ian B. Anderson (AR2)

Fourth Official: Farhad Dadkho

Video Assistant Referee: Jose Carlos Rivero

Assistant Video Assistant Referee: Joshua Patlak

Weather: 67 Degrees and Clear

Attendance: 25,218

Scoring Summary:

POR – Jeremy Ebobisse (Jorge Villafaña) 49'

POR – Jeremy Ebobisse (Sebastián Blanco) 81'

NE – Gustavo Bou 8 (Teal Bunbury, Cristian Penilla) 87'

NE – Carles Gil 10 (Penalty Kick) 90'+7'

Misconduct Summary:

NE – Michael Mancienne (Yellow Card – Unsporting Behavior) 67'

NE – Diego Fagundez (Yellow Card – Unsporting Behavior) 68'

POR – Larrys Mabiala (Yellow Card – Unsporting Behavior) 88'

New England Revolution: Brad Knighton; DeJuan Jones, Michael Mancienne, Jalil Anibaba, Andrew Farrell; Carles Gil ©, Scott Caldwell, Diego Fagundez (Wilfried Zahibo 80'); Juan Agudelo (Cristian Penilla 64'), Juan Fernando Caicedo (Teal Bunbury 69'), Gustavo Bou

Substitutes Not Used: Matt Turner, Antonio Delamea, DeJuan Jones, Tajon Buchanan

Portland Timbers: Steve Clark; Jorge Moreira, Larrys Mabiala, Bill Tuiloma, Jorge Villafaña; Diego Chara, Andy Polo, Cristhian Paredes, Diego Valeri © (Claude Dielna 90'+2'), Sebastian Blanco (Marvin Loria 85'); Jeremy Ebobisse (Eryk Williamson 90'+1')

Substitutes Not Used: Kendall McIntosh, Zarek Valentin, Erik Zambrano, Tomas Conechny

New England Revolution	Team Statistics	Portland Timbers
24 (7)	Shots (on Target)	20 (6)
4	Saves	5
16	Corner Kicks	9
1	Offsides	6
8	Fouls	11
432 (81%)	Passes Attempted (% Completed)	446 (79%)
49.5%	Possession	50.5%

MLS POST-GAME QUOTES

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Final: Portland Timbers 2, New England Revolution 2

Portland Timbers Quotes

Portland Timbers head coach Giovanni Savarese

On if he believes the last minute video review should have awarded a penalty kick...

"What do you think? I ask you. Tell me. You want to ask the [Timbers Army] what they think? What can I tell you? What can I tell you? Is it a [penalty kick] or not? What about [Jeremy Ebobisse]'s? What about

[Ebobisse]'s? Different than that PK? Just saw it right now; it's exactly the same. Why one is a PK and the other one no? Why two extra minutes when they say four? There's many things I can say. But what I can say is that I'm extremely proud of my guys. They played very well today. And it was a very good game. Revolution, New England came here... they tried to play. It was a great game today. Two good teams. Two good teams that tried to play to try to get a result. Unfortunately not everybody on the field was at that level."

On the Timbers scoring goals after three games of struggling to find the net...

"I think we deserved it today. Played very well. Created chances. Put the ball in the back of the net. I just think that they're going to make us suffer all the way to the end because today was a very good game. We played well. We moved the ball well. I thought that we did things right. The system was right. The guys performed the plan in a good way. We deserved the three points. I think these three points were stolen from us."

On what he'll say to the team tomorrow at training...

"Yes. It's to continue to fight forward. We know that we have a lot against us. It's only about us to push forward and continue to fight. Very happy about the Timbers Army today. It was fantastic the support, the energy. That's what we need. Looks like they went through the spirit of our players because the guys were able to play a great match. It's just about continuing to fight, continuing to go forward. Just you finish with a very sour taste because today the guys deserved three points. And we found three points. So it's just unfortunate."

Portland Timbers Quotes

Portland Timbers forward Jeremy Ebobisse

On his feeling after the result...

"Definitely disappointed. Anytime you give up a goal at the end in a game that you're in control of, you can't help but feel disappointed. After seeing how some of the other results went and where we stand in the table, I think we have to remain hopeful. We'll take the good things out of it and fix the lapses that we had and take it forward because we control our own destiny. We're in a good spot moving forward still."

On whether the team feels frustrated or motivated heading into Sunday's match against Sporting Kansas City...

"I think it's a little bit of both. I think it's natural to be disappointed in this kind of result with the way it happened. We're human. Had we been down 2-0 and come back to save a point, I think you wouldn't say we're disappointed, but the nature of the game makes it feel that way. Again, we have another game coming up in a few days so we can't rest on the disappointments of the past. We've got to move forward and know that there's everything to play for, we control it all and hopefully through all these moments of hardship and what we consider unfairness, we can rise above it and make a run like last year."

On his first goal from Jorge Villafaña's assist...

"I found myself on the right side in the flow of the game. When I saw Jorge breaking down the left side, I knew I wouldn't be doing my job if I didn't try to get into the box, so I read Bill's [Tuiloma] movement. Bill was a little bit ahead of me and I saw the flight of the ball was going to go over him, so I was hoping he knew I was there and didn't try too hard to get a touch on it and then from there I just committed to the ball. Luckily, I got great contact and it was far enough away from [Brad] Knighton."

Portland Timbers goalkeeper Steve Clark

On the way the match ended...

"It's very disappointing. We played a great game, a complete game for a lot of that time and the way it ended it's very disappointing."

On the amount of time it was allowed for stoppage time...

"I was surprised. It felt personal. That's all I can say about that. I never comment on referees in my career, but I was very surprised they kept asking to call the game."

On the team's belief in making the playoffs...

"We're fine. We're going to lick our wounds, get back out there and be hungry. I thought it was a great game; it felt like us in a lot of ways. So we're going to be ready to go on Sunday, I can promise you that."

New England Revolution quotes

New England Revolution head coach Bruce Arena

General thoughts on the match...

"Well, it's a heck of a point on the road given...and certainly given the circumstances. I think tonight was a really good game. Both teams played well, the game was fast, we created chances. I was a little disappointed in the goals we conceded but they came at us pretty hard man. Our players never quit and coming in at the end, was really incredible and as frustrated as our opponents are with the penalty kick at the end, it was a penalty kick. That's one of the times that I would say VAR did its job the right way. And in all fairness to the referee, I know he took a lot of abuse at the end of the game but he did his job correctly."

On rotating the squad for tonight's match...

"Well, we needed fresh legs. We have another important game on Sunday. Sometimes it's right, sometimes it isn't, whoever knows you know. But like our guys have done since I've come in here, they never quit and we've had some good performances lately and get these...get points on the road at the venues we've played in over the last three or four weeks is pretty damn good."

On if it was important to get Brad Knighton in a game this at this point of the season...

"Not necessarily, I mean he's a good goalkeeper and I just think that Matt's [Turner] been pushed pretty hard over the last three or four months and to give him a break, I think was good. This is a venue that Brad knows, so I think he felt kind of comfortable playing tonight."

On if you had been told you'd have an opportunity in your home finale to clinch a playoff spot back in May...

"Yeah, I'd take that definitely. I'll take it back in May and I'll take it now. Obviously it's going to be a very difficult game with arguably one of the best teams in the league on Sunday."

On if this is a decent way to pick up his 700th point as a manager...

"Well, it is. But I think the only reason I have 700 points I guess...I didn't even know this, but the fact I've been around a long time."

New England Revolution midfielder Scott Caldwell

General thoughts on the match...

"That was an exciting one for us. We left it all out on the field. Got a great decision going our way at the end and eventually fought together to get the point."

On what the result means for the team heading into their last two games...

"Hopefully we can build off that because we have great energy right now. We'll get home real quick with the flight and then we'll be getting ready for Sunday and that's another huge one. We need to get three points there."

On the Revolution fans that were in Providence Park...

"That was pretty cool. Just to see some of the guys we're used to seeing and then some more were here as well. There were a good amount. We can't thank them enough just to make the trip and to be cheering for us."

New England Revolution forward Teal Bunbury

On the team's energy following the dramatic result...

"The energy is great. Guys are really excited. That's a crazy wild game and points don't come like that very often. The fight in everybody, working hard I mean, it's a wild game, it's almost like you're speechless. It's tough to go down two-nil away from home, especially in this hostile environment, but we created enough chances to come out with a point. Just the way it went down was really wild. Just credit to all the guys who put the work in, sticking with each other, coming out of here with a point."

On if taking the point in this fashion can be galvanizing at this point of the season...

"Yeah, it really can. It can be a spark for our final two regular-season games. We still don't have the playoff spot clinched so our focus now is going to be get back, recover, and get ready for New York City [FC]. They're playing extremely well and it's going to be a tough matchup but we're going to be playing at home in front of our fans. We're going to need three points so we've got to keep it going but I think this is really going to boost our confidence and we're going to be ready to play Sunday."

Referee Jair Marrufo

On why there was so much additional stoppage time added...

"Four minutes was shown. Then two minutes were added for time wasting and two [substitutions] were made."

On what was seen on VAR to determine if there was a penalty kick for New England in stoppage time...

"Clear pull of jersey from number 33 [Larrys Mabilia] of Portland on number 23 Wilfried Zaha of New England."