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POSTGAME NOTES: Revolution Open MLS Season with 1-1 Draw at FC Dallas
Carles Gil scores second-half equalizer in MLS debut to secure draw for Revs

FRISCO, Texas – The New England Revolution (0-0-1, 1 pt.) opened the 2019 Major League Soccer season with a 1-1 draw against FC Dallas at Toyota Stadium on Saturday afternoon. Midfielder Carles Gil, a Designated Player acquired by New England via transfer from Spanish side Deportivo de La Coruña in January, scored the equalizing goal in the 57th minute of his MLS debut. Dallas' Michael Barrios scored the home side's lone goal in the 13th minute.

In addition to his goal, Gil recorded three shots, including two on target, and a pair of chances created over a full, 90-minute shift. The Spaniard's goal was assisted by both of the Revolution's starting center backs, Jalil Anibaba and Antonio Delamea. Anibaba was a late addition to the starting lineup after Michael Mancienne suffered an injury in warmups.

Defender Edgar Castillo also made his debut for the Revolution this afternoon. He played 90 minutes and paced the team with 67 touches. In net, goalkeeper Brad Knighton got the start for the Revolution and registered two saves.

New England will open its 2019 home slate at Gillette Stadium on Saturday, March 9 against Columbus Crew SC. The match kicks off at 2:00 p.m. ET on NBC Sports Boston, 98.5 The Sports Hub, and in Portuguese on 1260 AM Nossa Radio.

New England Revolution 1, FC Dallas 1
March 2, 2019 – Toyota Stadium (Frisco, Texas)

Revs Open 2019 Season with 1-1 Draw at FC Dallas

- The Revolution drew FC Dallas, 1-1, on Saturday, setting the club's record at 0-0-1 (1 pt.) to open the 2019 MLS season.
- New England's all-time record against the Hoops moves to 23-18-4, including an 11-10-3 mark in matches played in Dallas.
- The Revs snapped a seven-game losing streak to FC Dallas with today's result.

Carles Gil Opens Account in Revolution and MLS Debut

- Forward **Carles Gil** scored New England's lone goal in his Revolution and MLS debut.
- The Revs acquired Gil via transfer from Spanish side Deportivo de La Coruña and signed him to a multi-year Designated Player contract on Jan. 30.
- Gil joins New England with more than 180 games of experience across all competitions through eight seasons in the top flights of England and Spain – including stops at Aston Villa and Valencia CF – as well Spain's second and third tiers.

Castillo Debuts for Revolution at Left Back

- Defender **Edgar Castillo** also made his Revolution debut in today's contest. He paced the Revs with 67 touches, and recorded four tackles and three fouls won.

- New England acquired Castillo, a U.S. international, in a trade with the Colorado Rapids in exchange for midfielder Kelyn Rowe on Dec. 18.
- Castillo played spent 11 seasons in Mexico's Liga MX, where he won multiple championships, before joining the Colorado Rapids last season.

Revolution Starting XI Sees Six Changes from 2018 Finale

- The Revolution's starting lineup saw six changes from last year's regular season finale vs. Montreal to today's season opener in Dallas. **Brad Knighton, Edgar Castillo, Jalil Anibaba, Wilfried Zahibo, Scott Caldwell, and Carles Gil** slotted in for **Matt Turner, Michael Mancienne, Zachary Herivaux, Kelyn Rowe, Luis Caicedo, and Diego Fagundez**.
- Defender **Michael Mancienne**, initially slated to start at center back, suffered an injury in warmups that forced him to miss this afternoon's game.
- Defender **Andrew Farrell** and forward **Juan Fernando Caicedo** were also ruled out for today's match with injuries.

GAME CAPSULE

Referee: Ismail Elfath

Assistant Referees: Eduardo Mariscal (AR1), Kathryn Nesbitt (AR2)

Fourth Official: Jon Freeman

VAR: Kevin Terry Jr.

Weather: 42° and Cloudy

Attendance: 14,327

Scoring Summary:

DAL – Michael Barrios 1 (Dominique Badji 1) 13'

NE – Carles Gil 1 (Antonio Delamea 1, Jalil Anibaba 1) 57'

Misconduct Summary:

NE – Wilfried Zahibo (Yellow Card – Unsporting Behavior) 19'

DAL – Reto Ziegler (Yellow Card – Unsporting Behavior) 56'

NE – Antonio Delamea (Yellow Card – Persistent Infringement) 70'

DAL – Dominique Badji (Yellow Card – Unsporting Behavior) 71'

New England Revolution: Brad Knighton; Edgar Castillo, Antonio Delamea, Jalil Anibaba, Brandon Bye; Cristian Penilla, Wilfried Zahibo, Scott Caldwell © (Luis Caicedo 90'+1'), Juan Agudelo (Diego Fagundez 77'); Carles Gil, Teal Bunbury

Substitutes Not Used: Cody Cropper, DeJuan Jones, Tajon Buchanan, Justin Rennicks

FC Dallas: Jesse Gonzalez; Ryan Hollingshead, Reto Ziegler ©, Matt Hedges, Reggie Cannon; Jacori Hayes (Paxton Pomykal 73'), Carlos Gruezo, Bryan Acosta; Santiago Mosquera (Jesus Ferreira 81'), Michael Barrios, Dominique Badji

Substitutes Not Used: Jimmy Maurer, Bressan, John Nelson, Pablo Aranguiz, Edwin Cerrillo

New England Revolution	Team Statistics	FC Dallas
9 (2)	Shots (on Target)	9 (3)
2	Saves	1
1	Corner Kicks	3
0	Offsides	1
24	Fouls	15
297 (68%)	Passes Attempted (% Completed)	638 (85%)

32.5%	Possession	67.5%
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NEW ENGLAND REVOLUTION POSTGAME QUOTES

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New England Revolution Head Coach Brad Friedel

On earning a draw in Dallas:

Coach Friedel: "I like the performance overall. I like the fact that we battled from a goal down. The first 15 minutes, we were a little apprehensive. That happens sometimes in the first game of the season. We know all about [Michael] Barrios' ability on counter attacks, and we made a mistake not winning a challenge at midfield. But I thought after that, and I'll have to watch the video, I liked our chances compared to theirs for the most part and I really liked the way that we set up in the second half."

On Jalil Anibaba filling in for Michael Mancienne after his injury in warmups:

Coach Friedel: "It can be hard, but someone like Jalil [Anibaba], he's been around the league for so long. I'm sure he prepared well last night and he got his chance to play, and he did very well today."

On Brad Knighton earning the start in goal:

Coach Friedel: "Again, it was a competition. Last year, Matt Turner won out at the beginning of the season, and this year, Brad did. And Cody Cropper did very, very well as well, and you saw Cody on the bench. Every single day, all three push each other and that's what we want. They have good relationships with one another and I'm sure that's going to be an ongoing battle throughout the season."

On Carles Gil's role on the field:

Coach Friedel: "Not really a free role. He has his jobs just like everybody else, but of course, in the attacking third he has the ability to link up with our players and the ability to finish plays off as you saw. He's another very good addition to our squad."

New England Revolution Goalkeeper Brad Knighton

On earning a draw in Dallas:

Knighton: "It's a tough place to come play. For us to start the season with a point on the road is always a good thing, but you've got to turn that into three coming home next weekend."

On opening the season with a result:

Knighton: "It was a great result for us moving forward which will hopefully jumpstart the season and get three points next weekend."

On getting the start in net:

Knighton: "It was a battle between all three of us. Those two are ultimate professionals as well. In our position, only one person can play, and it's tough. They were very supportive once they named the team. I'm very thankful that I had the opportunity to play."

New England Revolution Defender Jalil Anibaba

On earning a draw in Dallas:

Anibaba: "Everybody fought from minute one to 90, and I think it's a decent stepping stone to the home opener."

On getting inserted into the starting lineup following Michael Mancienne's injury:

Anibaba: "I just fell back on my experience there. I've been in that position before, as far as having your number being called late. You just have to rely on good habits and your teammates in moments like that."

On his secondary assist on Carles Gil's goal:

Anibaba: "I tried to just put it in a good area, and Toni [Delamea] did the rest."

On earning a draw after conceding a goal early in the first half:

Anibaba: "When you go down early on the road, it's a very vulnerable spot to be in. I thought we did a good job of keeping the game at one-down."

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