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POSTGAME NOTES: Revolution Fall to Toronto FC, 3-2

Carles Gil records brace to raise season total to three goals

TORONTO – The New England Revolution (0-2-1, 1 pt.) fell to Toronto FC (2-0-0, 6 pts.), 2-3, at BMO Field on Sunday evening. Newcomer Carles Gil scored twice for the Revolution, first converting a penalty kick in the ninth minute before slotting a left-footed shot inside of the far post in the 52nd minute. Ayo Akinola, Jordan Hamilton, and Jozy Altidore were the goal scorers for Toronto, tallying in the 14th, 45th, and 80th minutes, respectively.

Gil now owns three goals in his debut MLS campaign, having also scored in the Revolution's season opener against FC Dallas. The Spaniard's three tallies are tied with five other players for most in MLS, and his three away goals are tied with Montreal's Ignacio Piatti for most in the league. Forward Teal Bunbury drew that foul that led to Gil's penalty kick, and paced the team in fouls won with four.

Forward Juan Fernando Caicedo, who missed New England's first two matches with a muscular injury, made his MLS debut as a substitute in the 84th minute. The Revolution acquired Caicedo from Colombian side Independiente Medellín using Targeted Allocation Money in December.

New England returns to action next Sunday, March 24, when it hosts expansion side FC Cincinnati at Gillette Stadium in the clubs' first ever matchup. The match kicks off at 4:00 p.m. ET on NBC Sports Boston, 98.5 The Sports Hub, and in Portuguese on 1260 AM Nossa Radio.

New England Revolution 2, Toronto FC 3 March 17, 2019 – BMO Field (Toronto, Ontario)

Revs Fall to Toronto FC, 2-3

- The Revolution fell to Toronto FC, 2-3, on Sunday, setting the club's record at 0-2-1 (1 pt.) through three games of the 2019 MLS season.
- New England's all-time record against the Reds moves to 13-8-9, including a 3-6-5 mark in regular season matches played in Toronto.

Gil Records First Career Brace

- Midfielder **Carles Gil** submitted the first brace of his professional career in tonight's match. Gil converted a penalty kick in the ninth minute, before a left-footed finish in the 52nd minute.
- Over 90 minutes, Gil registered three shots on target, 88 touches, and one chance created.
- The Spaniard now owns three goals in his debut season with the Revolution, which is tied with Wayne Rooney, Jordan Morris, Raul Ruidiaz, Ignacio Piatti, and Memo Rodriguez for most among all MLS players through three weeks. Gil, who scored his first goal on March 2 at FC Dallas, is also tied with Piatti for most away goals in MLS.
- Gil becomes the first Revolution player to register a brace since **Cristian Penilla** on May 12, 2018 vs. Toronto.

Caicedo Makes MLS, Revolution Debut as Second-Half Substitute

- Forward **Juan Fernando Caicedo** made his MLS debut when he replaced **Luis Caicedo** as a substitute in the 84th minute.
- The Revolution acquired the Colombian forward on loan from Independiente Medellín on Dec. 20, 2018 using Targeted Allocation Money. Caicedo, 29, owns 89 career goals in nearly 300 appearances across all competitions through nine professional seasons in the top divisions of Colombia and Argentina.
- Caicedo missed the Revolution's first two matches with a muscular injury.

Delamea Makes 50th Career Appearance with New England

- Defender **Antonio Delamea** made his 50th career appearance – all starts – with the Revolution in tonight's match.
- Since joining New England ahead of the 2017 season from Slovenia's top-flight PrvaLiga, he has recorded 4,243 minutes played with one goal and two assists.
- In 2017, Delamea was voted the Revolution's JetBlue Team MVP and Defender of the Year.

Revolution Starting XI Sees Two Changes

- The Revolution's starting lineup saw two changes from last weekend's match vs. Columbus, as **Diego Fagundez** and **Luis Caicedo** replaced **Cristian Penilla** and **Juan Agudelo**.
- Defender **Andrew Farrell** and forward **Juan Fernando Caicedo** made the bench for tonight's contest after missing each of the team's first two games with injuries.

GAME CAPSULE

Referee: Ted Unkel

Assistant Referees: Adam Wienckowski (AR1), Gianni Facchini (AR2)

Fourth Official: Baldomero Toledo

VAR: Geoff Gamble

Weather: 34° and Clear

Attendance: 23,271

Scoring Summary:

NE – Carles Gil 2 (Penalty Kick) 9'

TOR – Ayo Akinola 1 (Jay Chapman 1) 15'

TOR – Jordan Hamilton 1 (Jay Chapman 2, Ayo Akinola 1) 45'

NE – Carles Gil 3 (Unassisted) 52'

TOR – Jozy Altidore 1 (Justin Morrow 1, Michael Bradley 1) 80'

Misconduct Summary:

NE – Carles Gil (Yellow Card – Dissent) 45'+2'

NE – Antonio Delamea (Yellow Card – Persistent Infringement) 49'

NE – Wilfried Zahibo (Yellow Card – Unsporting Behavior) 60'

TOR – Ayo Akinola (Yellow Card – Extra flag to checker) 79'

New England Revolution: Brad Knighton; Edgar Castillo, Michael Mancienne ©, Antonio Delamea, Brandon Bye; Wilfried Zahibo, Scott Caldwell (Cristian Penilla 84'), Luis Caicedo (Juan Fernando Caicedo 84'); Carles Gil; Diego Fagundez (Juan Agudelo 70'), Teal Bunbury

Substitutes Not Used: Cody Cropper, Jalil Anibaba, Andrew Farrell, Justin Rennicks

Toronto FC: Alex Bono; Justin Morrow, Chris Mavinga, Drew Moor, Auro; Nick DeLeon, Michael Bradley ©, Jonathan Osorio, Jay Chapman (Laurent Ciman 58'); Jordan Hamilton (Jozy Altidore 68'), Ayo Akinola (Terrence Boyd 86')

Substitutes Not Used: Quentin Westberg, Ashtone Morgan, Eriq Zavaleta, Liam Fraser

New England Revolution	Team Statistics	Toronto FC
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7 (4)	Shots (on Target)	13 (3)
0	Saves	2
5	Corner Kicks	6
4	Offsides	2
15	Fouls	9
351 (76%)	Passes Attempted (% Completed)	481 (82%)
42.3%	Possession	57.7%

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New England Revolution Head Coach Brad Friedel

On what explanation was given to him in regards to the goal right before halftime:

Coach Friedel: "The thing is, he was in an offside position when the ball was passed to him and that is why Toni [Antonio Delamea] had to lunge for the ball, that's the play. I don't agree with how they interpreted the rule as I think that is a common-sense rule. That was a tough blow and the players came out in the second half and did a real good job getting themselves back in the game."

On his thoughts on the game itself:

Coach Friedel: "We gave away a silly goal to concede the third goal. We had some chances, but I am proud of the players for the effort they put in and competed really well, and if we put in efforts like that we won't lose too many games."

On being at 2-2 late in the game and if he felt the result was there to be had:

Coach Friedel: "I thought when we had brought Juan [Fernando Caicedo] on and they brought [Laurent] Ciman on, it was a mismatch in regards to pace. I liked the way Teal [Bunbury] was dealing with [Chris] Mavinga all evening as Mavinga had a real difficult time against Teal. I think the balls up the sides when they went to three at the back suited us, because there was more space on the flanks. Again, it was just a silly goal to concede as we had possession and chose to hit it up the pitch and didn't follow runners on the transition. We'll take it on the chin and move on to Cincinnati."

New England Revolution Goalkeeper Brad Knighton

On his vantage point for the goal before halftime:

Knighton: "It's difficult for us to concede right before halftime, and I haven't seen the replay and don't know much of what happened. Some people said the linesman had his flag up, but I have not seen the replay yet. It's on us as a group as we are getting to the dying seconds of the half and kind of see the half out and not let it go into the ref's hands."

On how the group responded after halftime:

Knighton: "I thought tonight the team showed a lot of character and came back showed what this team is all about. Ultimately, we did not get the three points, but to see the determination and fight from the group was good."

On if he felt the game was there for the taking in the late stages of the game:

Knighton: "The game was there for the taking as I did not feel like we were out of the game at all. The guys in front of me put in a good shift, but we just came up a bit short. That's unfortunate as the team played really well."

New England Revolution Defender Michael Mancienne

On the goal before halftime:

Mancienne: "We were obviously gutted as we did not think it should have been a goal, but it's football and it happens. We just had to pick ourselves up and crack on."

On how the team responded after halftime:

Mancienne: "We knew we could get a goal back and we were positive going into the second half."

On the team's mindset in the later stages of the second half as it was 2-2:

Mancienne: "I thought that we did not deserve to lose, I felt we deserved to take something out of the game. The boys were fighting hard to keep it 2-2 and I felt like we did not deserve to lose, but it is football and that happens."

Toronto FC Head Coach Greg Vanney

On if he could have scripted a better start for Jozy Altidore:

Coach Vanney: "No, but he has a knack for those moments doesn't he? No, I mean it was a grind, they are an athletic team. They are big, physical and defensively they get up in your space a little. We battled through it, obviously made some adjustments, had to pull Marky from it, slide Oso into the middle, brought Jay on and gave Jordan and Ayo a run, which was fantastic for each of them to get a goal on a day like today to help us get the win was huge. It's also Jordan's birthday so it was nice for him to score and Ayo's first start so it was nice for him to score as well. Then you know Jozy comes on and just finishes it off. In terms of "could you script it better? No." Well I would've liked to have given up less goals, that's a start."

On how gratifying it was to see players like Ayo and Jordan come out like that and contribute:

Coach Vanney: "I think it's a game we don't win last year. We won it this year with two guys who haven't really played a lot, and Ayo hasn't played any. Jay getting his first real minutes of the season, and to come on and give us a good performance, I thought it was big. We are going to need everybody and I think early in the season, at this moment, with Jozy recovering and seeing what these guys are going to bring to this season. For Jay, he isn't a young player anymore so he needs to establish himself as one of the primary guys this year. For Jordan and Ayo, they are also battling for minutes this year. It was nice for them to compete the way they did and play well."

On what Jozy's return today means, not just his goals but his presence on the field:

Coach Vanney: "Yeah, I think that anytime Jozy is on the field, everybody feels like the win is that much more possible. His soccer intelligence, his running, his movement, his technical ability, but also his personality on the field when he's running like he was running tonight to get behind and fight guys physically. It just brings everyone else up to the next level. It's great to have him back, and just his presence in training this week was important. Obviously, when he came out onto the field the stadium also came alive, which then also brings the players into a new frame of mind and then he was going for it when he got on the field, I think it got everybody else to another level at the 65th minute when the game starts to get a little stale, he brought more life into it and our group."

Toronto FC Forward Jozy Altidore

On the goal:

Altidore: "It was a great goal, great team goal, great build up and the goal happens because of Ayo [Akinola]. Ayo makes a fantastic run near the post. For a young kid, the poise and maturity that he played with tonight is important, we needed that tonight. We were pressed for numbers up front and these two [Ayo and Jordan] showed, for me quite frankly, that they're ready, they're itching to go. The run makes the goal because if he doesn't make that space then there is no tap in."

On the crowd's reaction upon entering the game:

Altidore: "It's fantastic, everybody knows how much I love being here, how much I love playing for these people, these fans, this city, so to have that reciprocated back is a great feeling and I just want to keep giving more."

On if he could have scripted a better start:

Altidore: "No, I couldn't. To come on and score the winner in a game like this, to get the three points, it's a great feeling."

Toronto FC Forward Jordan Hamilton

On how he is feeling right now:

Hamilton: “Safe to say that it is up there with one of my best birthdays. To score a goal on my 23rd birthday in front of the Toronto fans is a dream come true.”

On how the chemistry was with Ayo Akinola:

Hamilton: “Ayo [Akinola] had an amazing game and I’m so proud of him. For both of us coming from the second team is not easy, a lot of hardships and mental toughness, and he came out here tonight and we both connected really well and talked through things. I’m very proud of him for his performance, he left it out there tonight and I’m happy for him to get his first MLS goal.”

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