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POSTGAME NOTES: Revolution and Sporting Kansas City Play to 4-4 Draw

Newcomer Juan Fernando Caicedo's first-half brace helps New England secure away result

KANSAS CITY, Kan. – The New England Revolution (2-6-2, 8 pts.) played Sporting Kansas City to a 4-4 draw at Children's Mercy Park on Saturday evening. Forward Juan Fernando Caicedo recorded a first-half brace, while rookie DeJuan Jones opened his professional account in the 69th minute, helping New England secure an away draw despite finishing the match with nine men.

- Postgame interview footage from tonight's match vs. Kansas City is [available here](#).

Caicedo's goals in the 18th and 35th minutes were the first two of his MLS career. Forward Juan Agudelo – who was credited with the primary assist on Caicedo's first goal – also opened his 2019 account with a goal in the 42nd minute, marking his first game with a goal and assist since Aug. 4, 2018.

Shortly after defender Brandon Bye was ejected from the match for a second yellow card, rookie DeJuan Jones scored his first professional goal, polishing off a saved penalty kick attempt from Carles Gil. The Revolution's other 2019 MLS SuperDraft selection, Tajon Buchanan, made his first career start and submitted his first career assist on Caicedo's second goal.

New England returns to action on Saturday, May 4, when the club visits the Philadelphia Union at Talen Energy Stadium. The match kicks off at 7:30 p.m. ET on NBC Sports Boston, 98.5 The Sports Hub, and in Portuguese on 1260 AM Nossa Radio.

New England Revolution 4, Sporting Kansas City 4 April 27, 2019 – Children's Mercy Park (Kansas City, Kan.)

Revs Play Sporting Kansas City to 4-4 Draw

- The Revolution played Sporting Kansas City to a 4-4 on Saturday, setting the club's record at 2-6-2 (8 pts.) through 10 games of the 2019 MLS season.
- New England's all-time record against Sporting moves to 18-25-12, including a 7-14-6 mark in games played in Kansas City.

Juan Fernando Caicedo Opens MLS Account with Brace

- Forward **Juan Fernando Caicedo** opened his MLS account with the game's opening goal in the 18th minute, before adding a second goal in the 35th minute.
- In his debut MLS season, the forward has eight appearances with two starts, two goals, and one assist.

Jones Opens Professional Account with Second-Half Goal

- Midfielder **DeJuan Jones** scored the first goal of his professional career in the 66th minute, when he cleaned up a rebound after a penalty kick attempt by Carles Gil was saved by Tim Melia.
- Selected by the Revolution with the 11th-overall pick in the 2019 SuperDraft, Jones owns five appearances with four starts, one goal, and one assist on the season.

Agudelo Submits First Goal and Assist of 2019

- Forward **Juan Agudelo** registered a goal and an assist, first tallying the primary assist on Juan Fernando Caicedo's 18th-minute goal, before scoring himself in the 42nd minute.
- Tonight's match marked the first time Agudelo has recorded a goal and an assist in the same game since Aug. 4, 2018 at Orlando.
- In a full, 90-minute shift, Agudelo registered four shots, three shots on target, one chance created, two tackles, and a foul won.

Buchanan Registers Assist in First Professional Start

- Forward **Tajon Buchanan**, selected by New England with the ninth-overall selection in the 2019 MLS SuperDraft, made the first start of his MLS career and recorded his first professional assist on Juan Fernando Caicedo's goal in the 35th minute.
- Buchanan recorded one chance created, one tackle, and two fouls won on the evening.
- For the season, the former Syracuse University standout owns four appearances with one start and one assist.

Revolution Starting XI Sees Four Changes

- The Revolution's starting lineup saw four changes from Wednesday's match vs. the Montreal Impact, as **Brandon Bye**, **DeJuan Jones**, **Tajon Buchanan**, and **Juan Fernando Caicedo** replaced **Michael Mancienne**, **Luis Caicedo**, **Diego Fagundez**, and **Teal Bunbury**.
- Center backs **Michael Mancienne** and **Antonio Delamea** were both ruled out of tonight's contest with injuries.

GAME CAPSULE

Referee: Baldomero Toledo

Assistant Referees: Apolinar Mariscal (AR1), Jose Da Silva (AR2)

Fourth Official: Fotis Bazakos

VAR: Daniel Radford

Weather: 53° and Clear

Attendance: 18,511

Scoring Summary:

NE – Juan Fernando Caicedo 1 (Juan Agudelo 1, Scott Caldwell 1) 19'

SKC – Krisztián Németh 6 (Graham Zusi 2, Kelyn Rowe 1) 33'

NE – Juan Fernando Caicedo 2 (Tajon Buchanan 1) 35'

NE – Juan Agudelo 1 (Unassisted) 42'

SKC – Felipe Gutiérrez 3 (Penalty Kick) 60'

NE – DeJuan Jones 1 (Unassisted) 66'

SKC – Felipe Gutiérrez 4 (Unassisted) 70'

SKC – Krisztián Németh 7 (Johnny Russell 3) 83'

Misconduct Summary:

SKC – Abdul Rwatubyaye (Yellow Card – Unsporting Behavior) 41'

NE – Jalil Anibaba (Yellow Card – Unsporting Behavior) 43'

NE – Brandon Bye (Yellow Card – Unsporting Behavior) 45'+1'

NE – Carles Gil (Yellow Card – Dissent) 49'

NE – Brandon Bye (Red Card – Unsporting Behavior) 55'

SKC – Krisztián Németh (Yellow Card – Dissent) 67'

NE – Edgar Castillo (Yellow Card – Unsporting Behavior) 84'

NE – Jalil Anibaba (Red Card – Unsporting Behavior) 90'

SKC – Felipe Gutiérrez (Yellow Card – Unsporting Behavior) 90'+3'

NE – Cody Cropper (Yellow Card – Time Wasting) 90'+6'

New England Revolution: Cody Cropper; Edgar Castillo, Jalil Anibaba, Andrew Farrell, Brandon Bye; Scott Caldwell ©; DeJuan Jones (Brian Wright 88'), Tajon Buchanan (Teal Bunbury 76'); Carles Gil; Juan Agudelo, Juan Fernando Caicedo (Luis Caicedo 65')

Substitutes Not Used: Matt Turner, Diego Fagundez, Wilfried Zahibo, Cristian Penilla

Sporting Kansas City: Tim Melia; Yohan Croizet, Andreu Fontas, Abdul Rwatubyaye (Nicolas Hasler 90'+1'), Graham Zusi ©; Kelyn Rowe, Felipe Gutierrez, Gianluca Busio (Ilie Sanchez HT); Gerso (Daniel Salloi 75'), Johnny Russell, Krisztian Nemeth

Substitutes Not Used: Eric Dick, Seth Sinovic, Botond Barath, Gedion Zelalem

New England Revolution	Team Statistics	Sporting Kansas City
10 (7)	Shots (on Target)	19 (6)
3	Saves	3
0	Corner Kicks	9
2	Offsides	1
16	Fouls	14
183 (58%)	Passes Attempted (% Completed)	536 (84%)
24.7%	Possession	75.3%

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Sporting Kansas City Manager Peter Vermes

Thoughts on the match...

If it was anything, it was an entertaining game for people who were watching it and in the stadium. Giving up that many goals was not a good thing for us. I'm proud of the fact that we found a way to get back into it. We were close there at the end, we almost stole it. It was a crazy game.

On the team coming from behind to earn a point...

I give the guys a lot of credit for that piece and that part is good. We just can't give up the goals. I don't like the fact that we gave up the goals and that part has got to stop. We found a way to fight back. I do think the guys left their hearts on the field. If there's one thing the fans can appreciate, it's that.

Sporting Kansas City forward Krisztian Nemeth

Thoughts on the match...

We just never gave up. That's the thing. We knew we were going to have chances, especially after the red card. We had to push it and keep scoring. It was a disappointing first half for sure. We have to be better, but the second half showed some corrections so I'm proud of the team.

On his two goals...

This game was difficult to find spaces so I was just waiting for the crosses. I got two good balls and I finished them. The second one I had luck that the guy touched it.

On the team's focus moving forward...

We have to start winning and that's it. That's the most important. At home, we have to take the three points. It's as simple as that.

Sporting Kansas City midfielder Kelyn Rowe

On Saturday's 4-4 draw...

For the viewership, I bet it was amazing. Eight goals is incredible. For us it's not good enough. We know that we want to win every home game, and going down 3-1, it's obviously very good for us to come back. That was an amazing comeback from the guys, and I'm very proud of them in that sense, but everyone's going to feel a little hard-done by the fact that we were in that position in the first place. I think we could have won it. There's a lot of positives to take from it—we created a lot of chances and we put away a good amount. We've just got to make sure we come back and put away a full 90-minute game because we're better than this, and we know it.

On playing against his former club...

I've played with them for a long time, so it was a little weird to play against them. I thought I did well and I was glad I could show I belong with this new team. It's just not the result we wanted.

On how Sporting can improve...

Play a full 90 minutes. There were a few errors that we've got to clean up—from scoring goals up top to the midfield making sure we're winning balls to the defense making sure we've got those runs in behind covered. We've got to look at the tape, see what's wrong and fix the (mistakes). This home stretch is great for us. We want to win every home game, and it's an advantage for us playing here. We've got to look at the film and do better.

Sporting Kansas City midfielder Felipe Gutierrez

On Saturday's 4-4 draw...

I want to talk about our performance today, I don't want to talk about (the drama). I don't think it was our best game in the first half. We didn't play really well, and we were not concentrating on small things. That's why they scored three goals in the first half. In the second half we did better

work with our pressing and our playing. The goals were coming and we finished 4-4. It was a good result in that way, but I think we can play much better than we did today.

On scoring two goals in the second half...

I know I needed to score these goals. It was important for the result in the end. Luckily I could score, and it was good for our team.

New England head coach Brad Friedel

Thoughts on the match...

I'm disappointed that we didn't take all three points. I thought our players played outstanding. I really do. When it was 11v11, I think Sporting Kansas City was finding it very difficult to break us down. I thought Tajon (Buchanan), Juan Fernando Caicedo, Juan Agudelo and DeJuan (Jones) were causing all sorts of problems for their back four. I'm not going to sit up here and say excuses because the boys put in an incredible effort being down two men, but Mr. Toledo really needs to have a review of that game. Carles (Gil) is fouled before they go down and get the penalty. I'm not sure theirs is a penalty. I think he got our penalty correct. There were so many instances in the game that incensed both Peter (Vermes) and myself to be honest with you. It was a strange one. I'm not saying it was a simple one to ref. But I'm sure just like we do as coaches -- we'll go and analyze ourselves and self reflect -- that might be something he needs to do for that one. I'm really proud of the players for at least coming away with a point. They really showed a great response from our performance on Wednesday.

On the team's attack on Saturday...

We were finding the gaps that they gave us. I think they were finding it very difficult to defend balls in behind their back four. When you have players with pace that are willing to do the running, it can cause problems for any defense. We've spoken about our lack of goals for a long time. In most games -- take the Montreal game aside -- we have created chances. It was really nice to see some of the chances fall in tonight.

On the play of Tajon Buchanan...

It was an interesting one. We only had two days to prepare for the game. Antonio Delamea was penciled in to start and Brandon Bye was going to play where Tajon was. Antonio got a concussion in training on Friday so we had to shuffle things up. We really felt that with them playing (Yohan) Croizet as a left back, that's not his natural position. He's a very, very talented player and very good on the ball, but left back is not his normal position. We thought the pace and stamina of DeJuan (Jones) would really cause them problems. Thankfully, we were right.

On the team's change in tactics...

When we played Sporting Kansas City last year, they had a lot of possession but like 80% of their possession was in their half of the field. I'm not too worried about possession stats as far as bulk. It's where it is on the field that I would worry about. We were hoping that if we sucked them in a little bit, there's a lot of space behind (Andreu) Fontas and Abdul and (Yohan) Croizet and (Graham) Zusi. And there was. I think our attacks were quick and they were decisive and they were effective while it was 11v11.

On the first career MLS goals for DeJuan Jones and Juan Fernando Caicedo...

DeJuan has been close, obviously. So has Juan Fernando. It was a shame Juan Fernando in preseason was injured. He's had sort of a stop-start beginning of the season. I thought today you started to see the reason that we signed him in the first place. He made a lot of forward runs. He holds the ball, he's strong. I'm sure it will do his confidence a world of good to score those goals.

On hanging on to secure a road result...

(It was) very important. Throughout the first half, it was very calm. The players were doing such a good job. I did not have a worry in the world. Even when we had a man sent off, I still felt pretty decent to be honest with you because of the way the game was panning out. To hang on, it is big to be honest with you. If they would have nicked one at the very end and we would have lost that, that would have been gut wrenching because I don't really think we would have deserved that.

New England Revolution defender Andrew Farrell

Thoughts on the match...

It was crazy. It's good to get the offense going. I think all of the boys put in a good shift. Going down two guys is tough. The boys put in a fight. Everybody that stepped on the field did well. We wanted to come out with the three points and we're disappointed we didn't but it's a good performance coming back from Wednesday.

On the team's tactical approach...

It was simplified. We went through different options to of where we could play against this team. One of our strengths was with Tajon (Buchanan) and DeJuan (Jones) and Juan Fernando (Caicedo) and Juan (Agudelo) and the attacking guys getting behind their backline, where obviously they have some injuries and guys playing out of position. I think that showed well. I think that game plan worked. That's why we got so much going forward.

On taking momentum from the road result...

We have a lot of guys who can perform and step up – a lot of young guys who stepped up today and a lot of guys who are leading. I think it was a great performance. Obviously, we wish we got the three points especially since we were winning most of the game. That's tough but going forward this brings confidence for a lot of the guys.

New England Revolution forward Juan Agudelo

On finding a spark to score four goals...

Just being resilient and understanding - I thought we had a good game plan going in – understanding their defenses. There was going to be gaps with having the guys they pushed forward. We were able to score some goals that way.

On playing down two men...

For me, it felt like a real effort from everybody on the team. We had each other's backs for the ups and downs. The highs, we had each other's backs. The lows, we had each other's backs. Everybody played like a team today. Down two men, we were able to pick up a point.

On today's result and the team's mentality...

It means a lot going forward. Understanding that that is how we have to play every single game. Having our players backs when they lose the ball – don't put your head down. That's what I saw a lot today. People were willing to get their brothers' backs.

On the play of Juan Fernando Caicedo and DeJuan Jones...

They've all worked hard for their opportunities. Juan's come here and he understands places where you score goals. On two goals, he was able to be in those positions. We need that. To be right in front of the six, if something were to pop there and he was. DeJuan himself didn't give up on the PK. We needed it. I went for the rebound and so did he, so it just shows the resilience there and he was able to put it away.

On taking momentum into the next two road matches...

(We need to) understand the feeling that every single player had while the game was going on and doing the same exact thing every single game.

On the play of Tajon Buchanan...

He's a crafty player one-on-one and he showed his skill there. He was able to get a cross off with his weak foot. Luckily, I was there. Overall, it was a tough game for him to come into and I thought he handled it very well. It's not an easy place to get your first start. I'm happy for him.

On the twists and turns in the game...

I was actually thinking, 'Wow, if you were to watch highlights of this game you would have to scroll a lot on your phone.'

On the change in tactics for the match...

I wish we did this more in other games. The movement that we had once we had the ball opened up a lot of gaps. That's what it is. Juan made moves that opened up space for me. I made movements that opened up space for wide guys. The wide guys made movements to open up space for everybody else.

On the team's growth...

I think even without the result - just the way we felt, the way we played, the way we recognized what was necessary, what was expected of one another, and we held each other accountable, in situations we picked each other up. That's what I mean by a team and we should do that every time.