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POSTGAME NOTES: Revolution Defeat LA Galaxy, 2-1

Sporting Director and Head Coach Bruce Arena makes sideline debut in win

CARSON, Calif. – The New England Revolution (4-8-4, 16 pts.) defeated the LA Galaxy (9-6-1, 28 pts.), 2-1, at Dignity Health Sports Park on Sunday evening. Sporting Director and Head Coach Bruce Arena made his Revolution debut on the sidelines against his former club in tonight's win after being appointed to the position on May 14. Arena was joined on the bench by newly appointed technical director, Curt Onalfo.

- **Postgame quotes are available in the attached document. Interview footage is available [HERE](#).**

The game's opening goal came on a strike from Revolution midfielder Cristian Penilla, whose 45th-minute tally off of an assist from Carles Gil gave the visitors the lead just before the halftime whistle. In the 60th minute, Gil notched his second assist of the night by setting up Teal Bunbury's first goal of the 2019 season. In the 84th minute, Galaxy forward Zlatan Ibrahimović added a spectacular bicycle kick goal to pull one back for the hosts, but New England held on to secure the first three points of Arena's head coaching tenure and the club's first away win of the season.

Gil captained the team in tonight's victory and catalyzed the club's attack, raising his team-high assists total to four on the year to go with his four goals. Goalkeeper Brad Knighton earned the start in net, playing 90 minutes and making one save in the road win, while defender Andrew Farrell's team-high 10 clearances kept the Galaxy's chances to a minimum.

New England returns to action on Tuesday, June 11 when it opens play in the 2019 Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup with a Fourth Round away match against the New York Red Bulls at MSU Soccer Park on the campus of Montclair State University. The match kicks off at 7:30 p.m. ET and will be available live on ESPN+.

New England Revolution 2, LA Galaxy 1 June 2, 2019 – Dignity Health Sports Park (Carson, Calif.)

Revs Defeat LA Galaxy on the Road, 2-1

- The Revolution defeated the LA Galaxy, 2-1, on Sunday evening, setting the club's record at 4-8-4 (16 pts.) through 16 games of the 2019 MLS season.
- New England's all-time record against the LA Galaxy moves to 17-19-7, including a 6-12-4 mark in regular season away matches against the Galaxy.

Sporting Director and Head Coach Bruce Arena Makes Revolution Debut

- **Sporting Director and Head Coach Bruce Arena** made his debut on the sidelines in tonight's win after he was appointed to the position on May 14. The win marked Arena's 203rd win in the regular season, second most all-time, and his overall record improves to 203-121-89.

- **Arena**, 67, previously spent nine years as head coach and general manager with the Galaxy from 2008-16, leading the club to three MLS Cup titles in a four-year span.

Technical Director Curt Onalfo Joins Revolution on Sunday

- Announced shortly before tonight's match, 20-year coaching veteran and former Galaxy head coach **Curt Onalfo** was appointed as the Revolution's technical director. He joined Arena on the sidelines in Carson on Sunday.
- Onalfo's extensive resume includes multiple stints working alongside Arena, first as a player at the University of Virginia and later as an assistant with the LA Galaxy the U.S. Men's National Team. He has also served as head coach of three different MLS clubs: the Kansas City Wizards (2007-09), D.C. United (2010), and the Galaxy (2017).

Carles Gil Tallies Two Assists, Six Key Passes

- Midfielder **Carles Gil** captained the Revolution and sparked the attack on numerous occasions, finishing the night with six key passes, two assists, and four fouls won in 90 minutes of action.
- Gil's six chances created on the night are tied for the ninth most in a single match this MLS season, per Opta. He is one of only three players to have done so at least twice this season, along with LAFC's Carlos Vela (twice) and Portland's Diego Valeri (three times).
- Gil's four assists are good for the team lead through 16 matches, while his four goals also pace the Revolution.

Cristian Penilla Scores Third Goal of 2019 Campaign

- Shortly before halftime, Ecuadorian midfielder **Cristian Penilla** netted his third goal of the season past Galaxy goalkeeper David Bingham to put the Revolution up 1-0 at the break.
- The goal marked Penilla's third of the campaign and his 15th tally in 46 MLS appearances.

Teal Bunbury Opens 2019 Account

- In the 60th minute, forward **Teal Bunbury** scored his first goal of the 2019 season off of an assist from midfielder **Carles Gil**. Bunbury totaled five shots and two on target in his 90-minute outing.
- The goal was the 49th of Bunbury's regular season career, to go with 26 assists, bringing him one closer to the 50-goal threshold. The tally was the 29th of his Revolution career, tying him with Kelyn Rowe for the ninth most in club history.

Andrew Farrell Makes 200th Career League Start

- Defender **Andrew Farrell** played 90 minutes in his 200th career league start with the Revolution, becoming the fifth player in club history to reach the milestone.
- The Louisville, Kentucky native also made his 202nd total appearance, surpassing Steve Ralston for sole possession of seventh-most games played in club history.
- Since entering the league in 2013, Farrell leads all MLS outfield players in games started (200) and minutes played (17,808).

Brad Knighton Tallies 42nd Start in Revs Uniform

- Goalkeeper **Brad Knighton** made his 42nd Revolution start in net, as well as his sixth appearance of the season (five starts), and made one save in the 2-1 win.
- The North Carolina native now has 69 career MLS starts and has recorded 229 career saves in his 12-year MLS stint, compiling a 27-25-17 record.

Revolution Starting XI Sees Two Changes

- The Revolution's starting lineup saw two changes from last weekend's match against D.C. United, as **Brad Knighton** replaced **Matt Turner**, and **Diego Fagundez** replaced **Tajon Buchanan**.
- Turner was suspended from tonight's match after receiving a red card against D.C. United last week.

GAME CAPSULE

Referee: Alex Chilowicz

Assistant Referees: Brian Dunn (AR1), Jeremy Kieso (AR2)

Fourth Official: Ismir Pekmic

Video Assistant Referee: Dave Gantar

Assistant Video Assistant Referee: Cameron Blanchard

Weather: 65° and Partly Cloudy

Attendance: 20,828

Scoring Summary:

NE – Cristian Penilla 3 (Carles Gil 3) 45'

NE – Teal Bunbury 1 (Carles Gil 4) 60'

LA – Zlatan Ibrahimović 11 (Joe Corona 1, Chris Pontius 3) 84'

Misconduct Summary:

LA – Zlatan Ibrahimović (Yellow Card – Unsporting Behavior) 24'

LA – Favio Alvarez (Yellow Card – Not Visible) 73'

NE – Juan Agudelo (Yellow Card – Time Wasting) 90'

New England Revolution: Brad Knighton; DeJuan Jones, Andrew Farrell, Jalil Anibaba, Brandon Bye; Luis Caicedo, Cristian Penilla (Tajon Buchanan 90'), Diego Fagundez (Juan Fernando Caicedo 83'), Juan Agudelo; Carles Gil ©, Teal Bunbury

Substitutes Not Used: Cody Cropper, Antonio Delamea, Scott Caldwell, Wilfried Zahibo, Nicolas Firmino

LA Galaxy: David Bingham; Jorgen Skjelvik, Diego Polenta, Giancarlo Gonzalez, Daniel Steres; Joe Corona, Jonathan dos Santos, Sebastian Lletget (Chris Pontius 10'); Uriel Antuna (Efrain Alvarez HT), Favio Alvarez (Perry Kitchen 79'), Zlatan Ibrahimović ©

Substitutes Not Used: Matt Lampson, David Romney, Emmanuel Boateng, Emil Cuello

New England Revolution	Team Statistics	LA Galaxy
16 (7)	Shots (on Target)	14 (2)
1	Saves	5
2	Corner Kicks	5
1	Offsides	3
9	Fouls	13
398 (79%)	Passes Attempted (% Completed)	646 (87%)
37.5%	Possession	62.5%

POSTGAME QUOTES: New England Revolution 2 at LA Galaxy 1

New England Revolution Sporting Director and Head Coach Bruce Arena

On being back in LA and the reception he received:

Arena: "It was nice. You know, I have nothing but great memories, win, lose or draw, and this is never going to be an environment that I don't feel comfortable in. I am proud to have been here. Some lady was nice enough to come up to me and apologize for her husband yelling at me. I think I was yelled at more when I was coaching here than I was tonight."

On what he saw tonight:

Arena: "Well, we have a very unique mix of players in the league, with the growth of the league and the additional funds bringing players. We played maybe four of five college players, and we were a little bit inexperienced, technically could have been a little bit better, but we think they can be good players. We have an athleticism to the team. We have a dynamic player in [Carles] Gil. We got a goal of out Teal

[Bunbury] tonight, his first of the year. When your number nine has one goal, you want to get that a little better, so we had some chances I thought in the first half, and in the second half to get the third goal, there were some chances there and then of course [Zlatan] Ibrahimović is going to find a way to get a goal, so now you are scrambling and fighting for your life at the end. Having said that, I am pretty proud of this group, they have had a tough run this year and they are beginning to become a team and that is a positive."

On rebuilding the Revolution and continuing to grow moving forward:

Arena: "We will look to make the team better. It's challenging mid-year to do that, but we have our eyes on some people and we will attempt to make the team a little bit stronger in the transfer window as well."

New England Revolution Defender Andrew Farrell

On the match:

Farrell: "I think it was important for us going into the break with Open Cup next week and we have been on a good run, but the last two games we should've gotten more points from them. We came into a tough environment against a really good LA team, obviously they are a little tired with three games in ten days, but a very talented team and we got a good result. We wanted to do well and get on the front foot and come out with three points, and I the guys pulled it off, I am so proud of the guys and the effort they put in, which is what we talked about after the game, just taking a moment and realizing we can play with the best teams and we got something clicking, something going now."

On the last five-to-ten minutes:

Farrell: "They are a great team, but to be honest I thought we should've put two or three more [in the net]. We had chances in the game and we knew Zlatan was going to Zlatan and do his stuff, and we just tried to contain him as much as possible. Obviously he got that goal, I think there were four or five minutes left, plus stoppage time, so we knew we just had to withstand it, they are going to put balls in the box to try and find him, so just get a body on him and make it tough. The guys who came in put in a shift, just so proud of the effort to get the three points."

On how dangerous the Revolution can be:

Farrell: "We have seen it a couple times this year, and obviously tonight it was on display as well. We have players that can do really special stuff up top. When you have a guy like Carles [Gil] on the ball who can create passes and go at guys to open up space for other guys you see what happens tonight. We should've scored more and that will come at time and getting used to the system that Bruce [Arena] wants us to play and all that stuff but it is a bright start."

New England Revolution Forward Teal Bunbury

On how the win felt tonight:

Bunbury: "I think there have been a lot of things happening these past few weeks, a lot of ups and downs this season, maybe a little more downs than ups, so coming out here and getting a result like that after everyone put in all the work for 90-plus minutes, it's a special feeling. Under Coach Arena, getting our first win as well, I think it's huge for the organization, for the club, for the fans who have stuck by our side. It hasn't been easy, but we can build off this now."

On what Bruce Arena brought to the team this week:

Bunbury: "I have to start out with Coach [Mike] Lapper, he has done an unbelievable job and he really instilled a lot of confidence in a lot of players and I have nothing but love and respect for him. With Coach Arena as well coming on board the past week, getting training in with him, he is trying to get us to break our mold and start playing a little bit more aggressive, moving the ball forward a lot more, being composed on the ball. It's all right if we make mistakes; he wants us to keep going. He is all about team first and I think we showed that tonight."

On what was clicking tonight:

Bunbury: "I think it was just us understanding each other, us wanting to help our teammates, wanting to make those runs, wanting to slip the balls in, not being selfish you know, and I think that helps. We need to continue to play like that -- if it's counter, if it's sitting in our block, if it's possessing the ball, we are going to need to do that for the rest of the season."

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