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POSTGAME NOTES: Revolution's Unbeaten Run Reaches 11 Games with 4-1 Win vs. Orlando

Revolution match longest unbeaten streak in club history ahead of showdown with LAFC

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. – The New England Revolution (9-8-6, 33 pts.) extended the club's MLS-best unbeaten run to 11 games with a 4-1 win vs. Orlando City SC (7-11-5, 26 pts.) before a crowd of 19,043 at Gillette Stadium on Saturday evening. The 11-game unbeaten run matches the longest undefeated streak in club history, leaving the Revolution one result shy of setting a new club record and matching New York City FC for the longest unbeaten run by any MLS team in 2019.

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Newcomer Gustavo Bou opened the scoring in the third minute to match the club's quickest goal of the season and register his second goal through three MLS appearances. The Revolution added three more goals on the other side of halftime, with Cristian Penilla scoring the game-winning goal in the 47th minute, Carles Gil converting a penalty kick in the 60th, and Diego Fagundez adding a tally from distance in the 75th minute – moving him into sole possession of second place on the club's all-time goal scoring chart. Orlando's Tesho Akindele pulled one back for the visitors the 77th minute, which snapped New England's two-game shutout streak.

Bou, acquired by the Revolution on July 10 via transfer from Liga MX side Club Tijuana, has collected two goals and one assist through his first three MLS appearances. His nine shots in tonight's contest are tied for the most by any MLS player in a single game this season. Fellow newcomer Carles Gil registered both a goal and an assist for the third straight game, and scored in a fourth straight match. He now owns eight goals and nine assists on the year, both team highs. Only one MLS newcomer – Toronto FC's Alejandro Pozuelo – has more combined goals and assists this season.

New England returns to action on Saturday, Aug. 3 when the club hosts Supporters' Shield-leading Los Angeles FC at Gillette Stadium for the first time in franchise history. 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, Orlando City SC 1
July 27, 2019 – Gillette Stadium (Foxborough, Mass.)**

Revs Defeat Orlando City SC, 4-1

- The Revolution defeated Orlando City SC, 4-1, on Saturday night to improve to 9-8-6 (33 pts.) on the season and 5-4-2 at Gillette Stadium.
- New England's all-time record against Orlando improves to 4-2-4, including a 4-0-1 mark in games played at Gillette Stadium.

Revolution's Unbeaten Streak Reaches 11 Games

- New England extended its league-best unbeaten streak, tying a club record of 11 games with tonight's win. New England also recorded an 11-game undefeated run in 2005.
- With a result against Los Angeles FC next weekend, the Revolution will set the club's new unbeaten streak record of 12 games.
- The Revs are unbeaten in the club's last six home games dating back to May 11, having posted a 4-0-2 record and plus-10 goal differential in those matches at Gillette Stadium.

Bou Scores Second Goal in Three Games

- Forward **Gustavo Bou**, who was acquired by the Revolution via transfer from Liga MX side Tijuana on July 10, scored a third-minute goal in tonight's contest. He has been involved in three goals in his first three MLS appearances -- all starts -- with two goals and one assist.
- Bou paced the team with nine shots, which is tied for the most by any MLS player in a single game this season.
- The 29-year-old Argentine arrives in New England with 12 years of experience across Argentina, Mexico, and Ecuador, where he recorded 120 combined goals and assists with top-flight clubs including River Plate and Racing Club.

Gil Scores in Fourth Straight, Adds Ninth Assist

- Midfielder **Carles Gil** submitted both a goal and an assist for the third consecutive game. He has now scored in four straight league games, raising his team-high totals to eight goals and nine assists.
- Gil converted a 60th-minute penalty kick after Orlando's Sebastián Méndez committed a hand ball in the penalty area, confirmed by video review, giving him eight tallies on the season and four in as many games. He has four goals and seven assists in his last eight games.
- The 26-year-old's assist on Diego Fagundez's goal marked his ninth helper of the season, which ties him for fourth most in MLS.
- Gil now ranks second among all MLS newcomers in combined goals and assists with 17, trailing only Toronto FC's Alejandro Pozuelo's 18.

Penilla Tallies Fourth Goal of 2019

- Forward **Cristian Penilla** scored his fourth goal of the season in the 47th minute, marking his third straight game with either a goal or an assist.
- Penilla's four goals are tied for third most among Revolution players this season. He also owns six assists across 19 appearances on the year, second most on the team.
- Penilla has recorded four of his six assists in the team's last five games, all of which have fallen under the team's 11-game unbeaten streak.

Castillo Registers Fourth Assist of the Season

- Defender **Edgar Castillo** recorded his fourth assist on the season and ninth of his MLS career after supporting Gustavo Bou on his 3rd-minute strike.
- Castillo is one assist shy of matching his assists total of five from 2018 -- his debut MLS campaign with the Colorado Rapids.

Fagundez Claims 2nd Place on Revs' All-Time Scoring List

- Midfielder **Diego Fagundez** tallied his second goal of the season and the 52nd of his MLS regular season career, all coming with New England.
- The Homegrown Player now owns the 2nd most goals in Revolution history, surpassing Lee Nguyen (51) with tonight's strike from distance. Nguyen will make his return to Gillette Stadium with Los Angeles FC next Saturday.
- With six more assists, Fagundez (44) would become the first member of the Revs' 50-goal and 50-assist club.

Turner Posts Sixth Win in 10th Start

- Goalkeeper **Matt Turner** made his 10th start of the season in net tonight, making a career-high seven saves for a second consecutive match after also making seven stops at Cincinnati.
- Turner's 2019 record stands at 6-1-2 with a 1.10 goals against average, while his career record moves to 14-11-11 in 37 career MLS starts.

Revolution Starting XI Sees One Change from Sunday

- The Revolution's starting lineup saw one change from the club's last league match on July 21 at F.C. Cincinnati. **Luis Caicedo** replaced **Diego Fagundez** in the midfield after serving a one-game suspension for yellow card accumulation.

GAME CAPSULE

Referee: Alan Kelly

Assistant Referees: Adam Wienckowski (AR1), Matthew S. Nelson (AR2)

Fourth Official: Robert Sibiga

Video Assistant Referee: Kevin Terry Jr

Assistant Video Assistant Referee: Thomas Supple

Weather: 74° and Clear

Attendance: 19,043

Scoring Summary:

NE – Gustavo Bou 2 (Edgar Castillo 4) 3'

NE – Cristian Penilla 4 (Brandon Bye 1) 47'

NE – Carles Gil 8 (Penalty Kick) 60'

NE – Diego Fagundez 2 (Carles Gil 9) 75'

ORL – Tesho Akindele 7 (Dom Dwyer 3, Nani 8) 77'

Misconduct Summary:

ORL – Sebastián Méndez (Yellow Card – Unsporting Behavior) 27'

ORL – Oriol Rosell (Yellow Card – Unsporting Behavior) 36'

NE – Brandon Bye (Yellow Card – Unsporting Behavior) 67'

New England Revolution: Matt Turner; Edgar Castillo, Antonio Delamea, Andrew Farrell, Brandon Bye; Luis Caicedo, Wilfried Zahibo (Juan Agudelo 70'), Cristian Penilla, Carles Gil © (Juan Fernando Caicedo 85'); Gustavo Bou, Teal Bunbury (Diego Fagundez 73')

Substitutes Not Used: Brad Knighton, Jalil Anibaba, Scott Caldwell, Tajon Buchanan

Orlando City SC: Brian Rowe; Ruan, João Moutinho (Kamal Miller HT), Robin Jansson, Lamine Sané; Oriol Rosell (Dom Dwyer 70'), Dillon Powers, Sebastián Méndez; Sacha Kljestan (Robinho 87'), Nani, Tesho Akindele ©

Substitutes Not Used: Carlos Ascues, Greg Ranjitsingh, Benji Michel, Kyle Smith

New England Revolution	Team Statistics	Orlando City SC
20 (6)	Shots (on Target)	17 (8)
7	Saves	2
3	Corner Kicks	8
1	Offsides	2
12	Fouls	12
390 (81%)	Passes Attempted (% Completed)	536 (85%)
42.5%	Possession	57.5%

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New England Sporting Director and Head Coach Bruce Arena

On the team's performance tonight:

Coach Arena: "It was okay. I think there were inconsistencies in both halves for us, but it was nice to get the three points. This was an important three points for us, because we've got some difficult games ahead of us, and certainly next weekend, we're playing the best team in the league and that's really going to be challenging."

On whether or not he is satisfied with the performance:

Coach Arena: "I'm satisfied with it, but we made a lot of mistakes tonight. We're fortunate. The field was a lot more difficult to play on than you think. It was soft, a little bit slow. I think we gave away way too many passes in our defensive half of the field. It looks good on the scoreboard, for sure. I don't think it was a four-to-one game. I think it was closer than that. And I know the third goal, the penalty kick, that whole thing was awkward with the VAR and all, very awkward."

On how scoring in the opening minutes of each half changed the dynamic of the game:

Coach Arena: "Well, it does and it's good. I think we've been able to do that for a number of games and our guys have a good mentality to start halves and that was good. Again, tonight, I think we had goals from four different players. That's a positive as well. I thought Carles [Gil] and Gustavo [Bou] played very well, as did Teal [Bunbury]. I think our front three players were real good."

On the current 11-game unbeaten streak:

Coach Arena: "Eleven games unbeaten, I guess. Those things are nice. I don't pay a whole lot of attention. From what I could tell, we're not in great shape, in terms of the table and all, so all that doesn't matter a whole lot. We've got to just get points, whether it's 11 games without losing, that's fine and all. But, the biggest thing is to get three points and especially at home. We've been able to do that, so that's a

positive. I think this streak has a lot to do with these players. They've really been terrific to work with and they've played well and they've dealt with the good and the bad along the way. It's real positive. Again, I don't even know how many games are left in the season. Can anyone tell me? Eleven, so we've got to really grind it out to position ourselves for the playoffs and it's not going to be easy. At least we're back in the hunt though. That's a real positive."

On whether or not he has plans to play Fagundez, Bou, and Gil together on the pitch:

Coach Arena: "Am I planning on it? I don't even know. I haven't thought about that at all, but Diego [Fagundez] has played well over the last three weeks."

New England Revolution Forward Gustavo Bou

On the importance on getting to a fast start:

Bou: "It was important to start with an early goal. It gave us a lot of confidence. We knew Orlando is a direct rival in the race for a playoff spot. It was an important win here at home to continue climbing the table."

On combining with Edgar Castillo for his goal in the third minute:

Bou: "We do work on a lot of things during training. My plan is to get to know my teammates during each training session and games which will allow us to have more clarity from the midfield up. I am adapting well to the team, the players, and as we keep playing together, I will be able to help the team a bit more."

On adapting to the team and league over the last three weeks:

Bou: "I am adapting really well. I am happy and we are getting good results. We still have work to do to get to level of play we are looking for, but it's much easier to work when you are getting good results. Personally, I feel good. I've been here two weeks and played three games so far, and hopefully we keep this streak of good results going."

New England Revolution Midfielder Diego Fagundez

On the team's 11-game unbeaten streak:

Fagundez: "The game was a fun game for us. We enjoyed [it]; of course we won, but we just have to keep going. 11 is nothing. We have to make it twelve now. At the end of the day, when everybody's having fun, and everyone's enjoying it, games like this will come; so today's a step forward and we just need to get better every day. We need to step in on Monday and Tuesday when we come back in and learn from our mistakes and hopefully play better."

On what he saw during his goal:

Fagundez: "When I got the ball, all I heard was Brandon [Bye] [saying] 'come, come, come in,' and the defender stepped back. All I thought was 'just shoot this' and I shot it. I was a little worried the goalkeeper was going to touch it, but when it goes in it goes in. I always said the first one is always the hardest one. Hopefully, a lot more come from this."

On the opportunities he had after coming into the game:

Fagundez: "When you're on the bench, you're hoping that you're getting a lot more minutes. So, we're all warming up and it's your time to shine and you go in there and try to help out the team as much as possible. Sometimes, it takes a couple of minutes to go in there and score, so framing it is very good, but right now I want to be starting, so there's still a lot more work to do. This is just the beginning for us."

On the responsibilities Bruce Arena has given him:

Fagundez: "I'm just trying to do my job. Wherever they put me, I'm going to try to do my best. I remember in Cincinnati right before, a player goes down, so you need to step up. He asked me, I said 'yeah, I'll give it a try.' I know how to play soccer and soccer is fun for us, so when I have my opportunity to do that, I try to prove to them that I can play, and today was a different goal, so I just have to adjust to wherever they want me to play and hopefully do well."

New England Revolution Goalkeeper Matt Turner

On the key to a 260+ minute shutout streak:

Turner: "We did concede, so that came to an end tonight. That was pretty unfortunate, but our commitment to defending has just been excellent over the past three-to-four games and our active defending – seeing counters off before they're dangerous [has been key], because that's something killed us a lot earlier in the season."

On what he saw on Orlando's goal:

Turner: "We were just sitting too deep. We scored the fourth and we literally took our foot off the gas. We were sitting so deep, they were playing the ball around, and credit to them. They played nice football and they got through, little one-two, scored a goal. Good finish. It's really disappointing because when you're up 4-0 you should be in the driver seat, but we took our foot off the gas and we started sitting deeper and deeper."

On scoring goals early in each half:

Turner: "It just sets the tone. It just sets the tone for the half and everyone's confidence grows into the game. In saying that, we also need to make sure that we don't take our foot off the gas. We need to make sure that one or two goals – sometimes it's enough, but if we only scored two tonight, that would have been a very interesting end to the game."

On sustaining the unbeaten streak going forward:

Turner: "We got some tough games coming up. Home to LAFC – they're leading the Supporter's Shield race – then off to Seattle and [New York] Red Bulls are two tough away games. We need to make sure we take care of business here at home and that's first and foremost. We've been doing that lately and then we're just bringing confidence on the road and taking games to teams early."

On the key to finding the finishing up front:

Turner: "We create so many chances in games and we're finally putting some away, so that's really good. In Cincinnati, we only scored two but could've had four, so it's one of those things where we're growing and the attack looks really fluid. We need to make sure we're consistent and we punch those balls in the goal."

On noticing the unbeaten streak in the locker room:

Turner: "I think we're just taking it one game at a time. Because we got ourselves such a hole, there's no real reason to look at a giant streak. We're not in first place even though we have 11 unbeaten. We want to just continue to build and grow and we want to win games in October and November."

On sending a message to the rest of the league with the unbeaten streak:

Turner: "I wouldn't say that. We're just here focusing on ourselves and every week we go into a game and we want to just win that game."

On the attitude in the locker room helping key the turnaround:

Turner: "The attitude in the locker room has been great all year. I had a conversation with Scotty Caldwell earlier in the season and we said this is one of the closer groups we've had here. That's definitely the case. There's just a tight knit group of guys that all get along and they're not afraid to hold each other accountable on the field."

Orlando City SC Head Coach James O'Connor

On tonight's performance:

O'Connor: "Obviously, very disappointed to lose a game like that [by] four [goals]. I think when you look at the chances that we had, I think the mix tonight was wrong. We had a lot of chances, didn't take the chances, and were caught in big moments where we conceded amid the shuffle in front of the box. We

didn't close it down. The hand ball, I have to see it. I don't know whether it was a hand ball, but we started both of the halves brightly but three or four minutes into both halves we give up a goal. And from my standpoint, from how we have been defending, we've been defending better than that. They are cheap goals to give away but equally, we had some great chances tonight. We should have scored more goals than we did, so it was a bad mix tonight."

On what you learn from conceding early goals in both halves:

O'Connor: "Look, we'll sit and go through it. There are obviously mistakes. Nobody wants to be intentional about making mistakes, but I think for us, tonight really is about the big moments. When you look at the opportunities – they get a goal from the opportunity, we then we go ahead and get three or four opportunities, don't take it, which then gives them a little bit of confidence. I think the mix is wrong. You can't have the volume of chances and not take them and then also give up goals like that, it kills you."

On Dom Dyer's performance tonight:

O'Connor: "I think he did great. Credit to him, we have been speaking about Dom [Dwyer] and creating a little bit of a plan. We are delighted with how he's trained the last few days and how he's performed tonight was excellent, so really pleased with the impact he was able to make."

On what happened with Joao Moutinho that he needed to be substituted out at the half:

O'Connor: "He was recovering from a knock from last week. He's trained a little bit, he's been in some pain, and he felt like he got another hit in the first half and that made it very difficult for him to continue."

On Tesho Akindele's performance:

O'Connor: "He worked really hard. He gave us a lot. He obviously got into some good positions. Just needed to be a little more clinical, but his effort tonight was very good."

On how New England's effectiveness on the counter attack:

O'Connor: "I think the big moment, the transition moments, they tried to transition and attack us. I think overall, the first half, we did a decent enough job of managing that. I felt we had the better of chances the first half but the start of the second half killed us, to go and give up a goal like that. There's an instant before where it looks like it's a throw in, whatever it is, whatever it isn't, we need to reset and we need to manage control in it. It's a really cheap goal for us that we conceded. And then there was a little bit mentally where the players were frustrated, but it kept going way until the end where we had even more chances again. And I'm repeating myself, but you can't come away from home, create the volume of chances that we did, and only score one. And equally be as cheap we are defensively and give up goals like that."

On conceding goals early and then waking up offensively:

O'Connor: "I think, again, it's just big moments. It's managing the moments better than we are is the biggest thing. It was the same as last week. We hit the post three times or the bar whatever it is. I think at the end of the day when you are playing, you need to be sure that you are clinical in form to goal and you limit the opponent to as few chances as you can give them. The shot from distance, the penalty, and the other goals. We will sit and reflect and go through it but as I say you can't have those chances and not take it."

Orlando City SC Forward Tesho Akindele

On the team's struggle to score goals:

Akindele: "The final product is missing. I need to be better. Other people on our team that had chances need to be better. We created a lot of good chances and it was just the final pieces. It frustrating as a forward. I know it's frustrating for the fans. Just know that we're working on it and we'll get it."

On the starts to both halves:

Akindele: "I guess it's just got to come down to mentality. You know you have to be ready to start the game fast. Especially on the road, you have no time to ease yourself into the game. They came out fast, they've been a confident team, and I think our mentality wasn't right and it kind of cost us."

On playing a New England side on an unbeaten run:

Akindele: "To be honest, I thought we played fine and I think the score line was not very reflective on the game overall. I thought we played well enough that it just goes back to scoring those goals. We have to score our chances. They scored almost every chance they got and we just didn't, and that was the difference."

On having Dom Dwyer back on the field:

Akindele: "I thought he did great. He changed the tone of the game. We had lots of chances. He was stretching the lane behind. He gave me the assist. He had a couple of chances himself and had a good performance."

On the team's depth:

Akindele: "It's great. I think all around we have a lot of depth. We have [Dom Dwyer] up front that we can bring in. Me and [Dom Dwyer] going in, [Sacha Kljestan] also. Then defense, we have a lot of players, midfielders we have a lot of players. So I think whatever the game is calling for we usually have some depth to bring in that's going to be a starting level player."

On New England's counter:

Akindele: "I thought for the most part we dealt with it pretty well, to be honest. I don't think we that there were too many. I don't think it was too big of a deal. They looked pretty dangerous but I thought our defense did well in the one on one battles."

Orlando City SC Midfielder Dillon Powers

On the slow starts to both halves:

Powers: "It's hard to pinpoint why that happened. Looking at the goals back, it's kind of a collection of errors. It's very fixable, it's just simple stuff. I think maybe, this is something because it's happened a couple times, I think we really need to be diligent about it, because we shot ourselves in the foot. I thought we played a decent game, but when you get behind the eight ball after two-and-a-half minutes without touching the ball it's, we're just making it super difficult on ourselves. I think we have to be very, very intentional going forward about making sure we're starting bright and starting focused and aggressive."

On his personal performance:

Powers: "We can't get down on ourselves, for sure. We have a lot to play for still. We have six games at home. I think we need to start taking care of our home games and we can wipe this one and take some of the positive. We created a lot of chances and I'm really happy that we didn't quit in those games. When some goals go in on you, it's very easy to just throw the towel in, but even after we're down four-nil, we get the goal, I still feel like we had chances to get more and get back in the game. So right now, the focus immediately shifts to the next game. We have a huge week coming up with the home game against FC [Dallas] and the Open Cup game. We have games flying in our face, so I think that's the easy solution."

On the team's fight near the end of the game:

Powers: "I think it shows the character of the group. It's a team that in years past might've rolled over and folded, but we didn't roll over. We stayed in it until the end of the game and I'm proud of that fight. I think it's something to build on for sure. Now, I think the spirit of the group is there' we really have to put it all together in the right ways."

On keeping the mentality strong on the field:

Powers: "I think it's about being present. That one, I mean to be honest, it's hard to just wipe it clean. Conceding after two-and-a-half minutes is very disappointing when you spend all week preparing for a game and then that happens. It's about being focused on the next play, because the more that's in your head, the more that's going to affect your performance. It's about staying present and staying focused on what's right at hand. I thought we did a good job of that actually."

On struggling to finish goal-scoring opportunities:

Powers: "You hope that the more chances you create, the more they're going to fall. I think we have a lot of confident finishers around goal. Sometimes it's just how the ball rolls, and I think the more you kind of commit, I feel like the ball has a certain energy and if you keep believing those goals are going to come, they're going to drop for us. So I think it's important for us to not get discouraged on that front and really just have a lot of belief in ourselves around goal."

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