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POSTGAME NOTES: Revolution Cap 2018 Season with 1-0 Win vs. Montreal Impact

Fagundez becomes youngest player in MLS history to score 50 regular season goals

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. – The New England Revolution (10-13-11, 41 pts.) closed out the 2018 MLS season with a 1-0 win against the Montreal Impact (14-16-4, 46 pts.) before a crowd of 28,839 at Gillette Stadium on Sunday evening. Midfielder Diego Fagundez became the youngest player in MLS history to score 50 regular season goals when he netted the game-winning goal in the 74th minute.

At 23 years and 254 days old, Fagundez becomes only the third player in league history to score 50 regular season goals before his 25th birthday, joining Landon Donovan (24 years, 175 days) and Carlos Ruiz (24 years, 341 days). The Leominster, Mass. native finished the 2018 season with nine goals – his second highest total in a single campaign – and a career-high 10 assists.

Goalkeeper Matt Turner made four saves and anchored the team to a shutout in his first start since Sept. 1. New England finishes the season with six clean sheets, including back-to-back shutouts at home to close out the campaign.

Prior to the match, the Revolution announced the club's 2018 award winners. Forward **Cristian Penilla** took home JetBlue Team MVP, Players' Player of the Year, and the club's Golden Boot Award, while defender **Andrew Farrell** won Defender of the Year and Humanitarian of the Year honors.

New England Revolution 1, Montreal Impact 0 October 28, 2018 – Gillette Stadium (Foxborough, Mass.)

Revolution Defeat Montreal Impact, 1-0

- The Revolution defeated the Montreal Impact, 1-0, improving to 10-13-11 (41 pts.) on the season and 8-4-5 at home.
- The clean sheet marked the Revolution's seventh of the season and second consecutive shutout at home. New England also held Orlando scoreless in a 2-0 win at Gillette Stadium on Oct. 13.
- New England improves to .500 all-time against Montreal with a 9-9-2 record, including a 5-3-1 mark against the Impact at home.

Revolution Announce 2018 Award Winners

- The Revolution announced the club's 2018 award winners ahead of Sunday's season finale against Montreal.
- Forward **Cristian Penilla** was the recipient of the JetBlue Team MVP award (determined by a fan vote) and the Players' Player of the Year (determined by a vote from Revolution players). He also claimed the club's Golden Boot award following the match with 12 goals on the season.

- Defender **Andrew Farrell** also took home two trophies, claiming 2018 Defender of the Year (determined by a media vote) and the Humanitarian of the Year (determined by the Revolution front office).

Fagundez Becomes Youngest MLS Player to 50 Regular Season Goals

- Midfielder **Diego Fagundez** scored the game-winning goal in the 74th minute, his ninth of the season and the 50th of his MLS regular season career.
- Fagundez (23 years, 254 days) is now the youngest player in MLS history to score his 50th regular season goal, per the Elias Sports Bureau. Only two other players have done so before their 25th birthday: Landon Donovan (24 years, 175 days) and Carlos Ruiz (24 years, 341 days).
- With the tally, Fagundez becomes the third member of the Revolution's 50-goal club, joining Lee Nguyen (51) and Taylor Twellman (101).

Penilla Wins Revolution's Golden Boot

- Forward **Cristian Penilla** officially secured the Revolution's 2018 Golden Boot award following today's match, finishing his debut MLS campaign with 12 goals.
- Penilla's 12 goals are the most ever by an international signing in his first season with the Revs – one more than French forward Saer Sene, who scored 11 goals in 2012.
- Penilla entered today's match one goal ahead of forward Teal Bunbury, who scored a career-high 11 times in 2018.

Turner Pitches Shutout in First Start since Sept. 1

- Goalkeeper **Matt Turner** registered a four-save shutout in his first start since Sept. 1. He has backstopped New England to five of its seven clean sheets this season.
- Turner, who made his MLS debut in the season opener on March 11, finishes the year with an 8-10-9 record, 83 saves, and five shutouts.

Homegrown Herivaux Makes Second Career League Start; First at Right Back

- Homegrown Player **Zachary Herivaux** made his second career MLS start in today's contest. The Brookline, Mass. native played 64 minutes at right back – his first career appearance at the position.
- Herivaux missed the club's last two matches while completing international duty with the Haiti National Team. He played 88 minutes and recorded the game-winning assist in Haiti's 2-1 win against Saint Lucia in a CONCACAF Nations League Qualifying match on Oct. 16.

Revolution Make Four Changes to Starting XI

- Revolution Head Coach **Brad Friedel** made four changes to the club's starting lineup from its most recent match at Real Salt Lake on Oct. 18. Matt Turner, Antonio Delamea, Juan Agudelo, and Zachary Herivaux replaced Brad Knighton, Jalil Anibaba, Scott Caldwell, and Wilfried Zahibo.
- Midfielder **Isaac Angking** was not available for the match due to international duty with the U.S. Under-20 Men's National Team at the 2018 CONCACAF U-20 Championship.

GAME CAPSULE

Referee: Armando Villarreal

Assistant Referees: Oscar Mitchell-Carvalho (AR1), Logan Brown (AR2)

Fourth Official: Marcos DeOliveira

VAR: Caleb Mendez

Weather: 53 Degrees and Cloudy

Attendance: 28,839

Scoring Summary:

NE – Diego Fagundez 9 (Unassisted) 74'

Misconduct Summary:

NE – Kelyn Rowe (Yellow Card – Unsporting Behavior) 69'

NE – Diego Fagundez (Yellow Card – Delaying the Restart of Play) 75'
 NE – Andrew Farrell (Yellow Card – Time Wasting) 83'
 NE – Wilfried Zahibo (Yellow Card – Unsporting Behavior) 89'
 MTL – Saphir Taider (Yellow Card – Unsporting Behavior) 90'+2'

New England Revolution: Matt Turner; Brandon Bye, Antonio Delamea, Michael Mancienne ©, Zachary Herivaux (Andrew Farrell 64'); Luis Caicedo, Kelyn Rowe (Wilfried Zahibo 83'); Cristian Penilla, Diego Fagundez, Juan Agudelo; Teal Bunbury (Brian Wright HT)

Substitutes Not Used: Brad Knighton, Jalil Anibaba, Scott Caldwell, Guillermo Hauché

Montreal Impact: Evan Bush; Bacary Sagna, Jukka Raitala, Daniel Lovitz, Rod Fanni; Samuel Piette, Saphir Taider, Michael Azira; Alejandro Silva, Ignacio Piatti ©, Quincy Amarikwa (Mathieu Choiniere 67')

Substitutes Not Used: Clement Diop, Victor Cabrera, Matteo Mancosu, Chris Duvall, Ken Krolicki, Rudy Camacho

New England Revolution	Team Statistics	Montreal Impact
16 (3)	Shots (on Target)	12 (4)
4	Saves	2
4	Corner Kicks	5
2	Offsides	6
16	Fouls	8
446 (80%)	Passes Attempted (% Completed)	400 (78%)
52.3%	Possession	47.7%

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Sunday, October 28, 2018

New England Revolution Head Coach Brad Friedel

On his final thoughts and what was said to the players following the game:

Coach Friedel: “First things first, I think the professionalism today was very good. It really lacked in the RSL [Real Salt Lake] game. The first half was not acceptable. We spoke a lot with the players this week in training and they changed their attitudes very, very well. I think it was a very good thing that they did to at least send our fans home with a very good performance against a team that needed to get into the playoffs. So, I thought we bossed the game from the beginning to the end. They did have a couple of chances. Matt Turner made a couple of good saves in the game. [Ignacio] Piatti’s difficult to limit chances to over ninety minutes, but I thought the attitude was very good. Going in the offseason, a lot of the players have been spoken to and we will be having meetings over the course of the next week. I really feel that, of the eleven draws and couple of the losses that we had, eight of those draws we should have won. It comes down to killer instinct in the final third, not giving away some individual errors in the final third, not giving away some individual errors, mentality, things of that nature. So, we’re going to address that in the offseason and coming into the preseason. I did like the fact that, with the exception of, if I get these right, Toronto away, Montreal away, and Real Salt Lake, we were in the game to win it, come the ninety plus minute and that’s what you need to do in the professional game. You never know when things change. You never know when red cards will happen. You never know when goals will be allowed, disallowed, things of that nature. And as long as you keep yourself in there, with a chance to win, and for the most part, we did that. Now it’s down to attention to detail stuff. A lot of that is going to be down to us as a staff to get it right in the offseason. But the players that we do take along with us will definitely be committed players and with our new training facility and other things going on, we’re looking up and very much looking forward to preseason starting.”

On whether or not decisions have been made yet regarding next year’s roster:

Coach Friedel: “It hasn’t been communicated to players, with regards to who’s staying and who’s not. That will be done over the course of next week. A lot of players we’ve been speaking to, [has been] just on what we thought through the season and things of that nature. But the actual decisions will be done next week and all in accordance with MLS rules.”

On naming Michael Mancienne captain today:

Coach Friedel: “I think there’s a little bit that you can look into it on why I gave him the captain’s armband. That does not mean to say that he’s going to be the captain next season, but he does hold some leadership qualities that we were lacking throughout the season and I thought it was a very good opportunity to give him the captain’s armband today.”

On the decision to start Matt Turner:

Coach Friedel: “Well again, we’re at a stage of the season, once we’re knocked out of the playoffs, where we needed to see a lot of what some players were made of inside. And we know Brad Knighton has been excellent for us this season, as the number two most of the season. He worked really hard and bought into all of our ideas. When he came in and played, he played very well. He’s thirty three years of age and we know all about Brad Knighton. Matt Turner had a very good first third of the season then had a little bit of a confidence drop and that’s not easy to take as a goalkeeper and it was his first season. So, I did not tell him he was playing until about an hour and forty five minutes before the game when I named the team and I wanted to see what his reaction was like and I thought his reaction was very good.”

On what the players must do in the offseason to get build on their mentality:

Coach Friedel: “First and foremost, they’re going to know the fitness levels that we require of the players. So, hopefully on day one, they’re going come in at a fitness level that’s very good. So, then we can take it a step further and move into a lot more tactical arrangements, instead of just setting the tone of the culture of a club, which is a lot of what we had to do the first two to three months in charge here—maybe even a little bit longer. And so, that’s one thing. In soccer, you never know what’s going to happen in the

games. L.A. Galaxy at home, we have a man sent off and then we boss the game. We were the better team, but then we come unstuck on two silly happenings in the 92nd and 95th minute. Those are the kind of situations. That's a mentality situation right there. Who can see the games out, and who can't. Every team in the world is looking for the players that can see those moments out and we want to find a consistency amongst the wins and the draws as we go through the course of the season. We did a very good job, up to a certain point, of never losing two in a row and that's something that we'll keep preaching to the players. When you get tired, how do you react? When you're taking long trips, how do you react? When the coaching staff, someone on the staff says something to you that you don't like, how do you react? Always with the notion that you have to win a game, no matter how you feel, how you want to act, what your true feelings are. Who are the players that can shut all that off and win? That's what we're looking for."

On what he learned about himself as a head coach this season:

Coach Friedel: "Well, I think, not just as a coach, but as a player, you get to learn things every year. That's the really good thing about this game. Nothing surprised us as a staff, with regards to what the games threw at us. And of course, you get to know other coaches and formations and things of that nature as you coach against them. So, that's not a surprising factor. That's just a learning curve. But, there are instances, of course, that we'll look into on how we travel, when we travel. Little nuances like that and do we think we did that in the correct manner, for the benefit of the players and things like that. Not a lot surprises me in the game, but we learn every day. And I think the most important part of the learning, is what we learn about our own players. That's most important. Not what we know about somebody else's team. What we learn about our own players and how we can go forward and make us stronger. Because, at the end of the day, all we want to do is win for the New England Revolution. I don't care what anybody else thinks."

On what area specifically needs the most improvement:

Coach Friedel: "You'll see as the signings are made. They'll be very prominent. It won't be difficult for you to detect where we want to improve, as the signings are announced."

New England Revolution Defender Michael Mancienne

On tonight's result and whether or not he feels it is a step to build on for 2019:

Mancienne: "It's definitely a stepping stone for us. We set out to win the—especially the last two home games—to concentrate on winning that, especially for the fans, for everyone that's paid money to come and watch us, to give back to them, to thank them as well, and to obviously build for next season. It's important to go out with a win because we're going into next season with confidence now. We've got to be ambitious and we've got to do well. We've got to aim for the playoffs."

On what Coach Brad Friedel told him when he handed him the captain's armband:

Mancienne: "He didn't tell me anything. It's just in my place, to be honest. I didn't expect it, but yeah, it's a great honor to captain the boys, especially to get a win as well at home in front of our home fans. It was a big pleasure. Thank you."

On the effect of wearing the captain's armband:

Mancienne: "I'd be a leader if I wasn't wearing the armband, to be honest. I think we all have to be like that, especially the older players. You can't be quiet. If you want to be successful, everyone's got to be a leader on the pitch. You can't carry any passengers. It just can't be done. No winning team carries passengers and wins trophies, and if we want to make it to the playoffs, we've all got to leaders and take responsibility out on the pitch."

On what he has identified as areas for the defense to work on:

Mancienne: "I don't know about the past few years, but obviously before I'd come, I know the team was in a little bit of a rut, and that happens to the best of teams in football. You go through spells where nothing's going right, you can't score and you can concede goals, but we've worked really hard defensively and I think it's all starting to come together. Obviously, I'm new on the team and we're all going to start to gel more and more, the more we play together. Like I said, with the win that we've had

tonight, it's only a stepping stone for next season, so we're just going to build and hopefully grow as a team."

On what he takes from his half season with the club and with MLS:

Mancienne: "I've really enjoyed it, to be honest. It's different. The traveling is pretty crazy, to be honest. The farthest I'd ever traveled in England on a bus is about three hours. I'm traveling six hours on a plane, and I'm still in the same country, so it's different, and the altitude and stuff like that—but it's enjoyable and it's good for me. I've gotten to see a lot of America, and now I'm really looking forward to next season and hopefully pushing and doing more and getting to the playoffs."

New England Revolution Forward Diego Fagundez

On what his 50th career goal meant to him:

Fagundez: "It was huge. At the beginning of the season they said I was going to get 50. It took until the last game, which is not what I really wanted, but as long as I got there it's really all that matters. It's not a good way to look at it, because we didn't make the playoffs and stuff, but it's a good accomplishment for myself. It's not good enough between our team. We're all looking to be stronger next year, and whatever happens from now until next year, for each player, we have to go out there and make sure we perform and make sure we make the playoffs."

On his thoughts after the 50th goal:

Fagundez: "I was hungry for it. Everybody could tell I was trying to shoot, trying to look for it, and when I saw that one, I touched it and shot and it went in it was one of those things that it was a relief. I've been looking for it for a while, and for it to happen, it's huge, especially it was at home so I got to celebrate with everybody in my family and all the fans who have always supported me from the first goal to the 50th, and now hopefully a lot more where that came from."

On if he hopes to be a part of the club's future:

Fagundez: "I like playing for these coaches. You can tell they're hungry to make the playoffs, they want to win games and make sure that we're winning cups. I'm just here to do everything I can to make sure that I'm getting better and performing, just trying to give everything I can to this club, to this team. Whatever happens, happens. Right now, we're happy where we are and it's not up to me exactly what the decision is, so just looking forward to what's coming up."

New England Revolution Forward Juan Agudelo

On reflecting on the 2018 season:

Agudelo: "It was a year where a lot of things – the biggest changes that I've seen from a year to another year. I think we're taking a positive route, and we're really excited with what's to come."

On what it's like to play in a contract year:

Agudelo: "It definitely is [on your mind] off the field, though. I think us players, when we get on the field, we just try to do our thing, do whatever comes natural. On the field, it doesn't affect me."

On switching to a high-press system and if the team was fatigued:

Agudelo: "We came into the preseason and we understood the philosophy and the type of style that we wanted to play from the amount of sprints we were doing. Who knows [if we got worn out]? Who knows what affected us in the summer. I don't think we were worn out, because we were starting to run a bit more kilometer-wise in games. The coaches were pointing that out. So, who knows? Mentally, I don't know, but I just know that it can't happen again."

On if he prefers playing center forward and if playing out wide limited his effectiveness:

Agudelo: "The answer that's professional is to say [I'll] do anything for the team, but I think my best position is forward and I would love to play forward more."

Montreal Impact Manager Rémi Garde

On the team's performance:

Coach Garde: "I think [New England] were quite close in terms of level tonight. The intensity of the game was good, which is very good for the MLS ethic. I saw the opponent playing very high intensity some time of the game, which is good. I think we were a level of that, but we missed some accuracy in the passing game, and then we couldn't rise up to the pressure of this team. I think technically we have played better games and it was not the case tonight".

On playing the Revs at home and his team's overall play during the season:

Coach Garde: "I think they were not much better than us, but they have a physical side that sometimes is difficult to compete with. We could have challenged that better, once again, quality possession games. We miss some technical stuff – passes, or first touches, or [shots] – that could have been better for us. We played already better games. Anyway, I'm proud of my players along the season, especially the second part of the season, because this group is very interesting to work with. The mentality of work has been tremendous since June. If we should have regrets, it's only that we started the season too late. But it was not the same group. We have made changes all season long. I think we were a much better team in the second part of the season, but the opponent [was] as well."

On the club's outlook moving forward to next season:

Coach Garde: "We have to move a little bit, a few players, like every team during the break. To start stronger, I think now we know better each other. We know we can work, how we work, the strengths of each other, the weakness of each other. We are going to work on that and try to be better next season."

On if the roster's talent needs to improve:

Coach Garde: "We are going to try to improve in one or two positions. Not so many, because I think that once again, we have a balanced team, a balanced group. But also the depth of the group, we need to improve a little bit. Considering where we started from the beginning of the season, I think the road that we made this season was interesting. Despite we finish not with a victory, this is not I want to retain on the season. It's much more the second half."

Montreal Impact Midfielder Daniel Lovitz

On his overall thoughts on the game:

Lovitz: "Obviously, the result is disappointing. We understood what we needed to do, what we needed to accomplish on our end and hopefully get a little help outside. The game was back and forth, very open. A lot of opportunities, unfortunately for them in the second half and few for us in the first and we built on it a bit. It comes down to one more or less brilliant hit from a good player on their team. We weren't able to capitalize on some of the dangerous opportunities we made. It's a terrible feeling to be left scoreless and lose the last game, but we'll look at the positives and we'll try to move forward in a positive fashion because this here is a little bit of a new direction for us. We've showed that we can compete in this league without a doubt and should be a team that's in the playoffs, to say the least. Unfortunately, this might be a bit of growing pains. It's important to use it as an experience and move forward."

On whether or not the team played a quiet first half:

Lovitz: "No, I didn't feel that. I think we were sticking to the game plan. We didn't want to get into a situation where we got ourselves riled up and chased the game and left ourselves exposed. So although it wasn't much of a game, I think we were sticking to a game plan that has been successful for us the second half of the season. We were very much in the game, apart from one goal on their end, and it just comes down to execution. It was a pretty open game, it was a wild game—I haven't been able to see other results from around the league. These games on Decision Day are pretty wild. They don't usually look or feel as you would expect them to. This was one of those, and it's just unfortunate to come out on the wrong side of it."

On looking ahead to next season:

Lovitz: "Personally, I think it's too early. Of course, we'll look at it—it's not a mystery, like you said. April and May were a very dark time for us. It was nine games with three points—that's tough to look down the road and expect to be in the playoffs, but we were playing for it on the last day at the death and we can hold our heads high about that, but we don't want to have to dig ourselves out of a hole like that again. We can build on what we did in the second half of the season and especially the last third, apart from a few games. We were a very dominant team at times and I think that's something we can work on and make sure that's the standard for us."

Montreal Impact Goalkeeper Evan Bush

On his thoughts on the game:

Bush: "Obviously, we're not very pleased, but it looks like Columbus is winning anyway so it's all-for-not, I guess. We're a little disappointed with the way this game turned out. We left something out there, I think."

On the team showing frustration on the field:

Bush: "I don't know. I wasn't frustrated, so whoever you're speaking about, maybe ask them. I think that in those situations, it's tense. The other team doesn't have much to play for, so they bait you a little bit, and maybe guys didn't respond in the right way."

On finding satisfaction in the team's player over the second half of the season:

Bush: "I think it's a bit too early to kind of debrief. I think that when we do the media stuff, whenever we do that this week, it will be easier to do it then. Looking back, just at this point, you have a bitter taste in your mouth today. I said before, when we walked out onto that field, I was proud of this group to even get to this point, put ourselves in this position. A couple months ago, we never expected to be here. It's credit to the guys here in this locker room to put ourselves in that position today."

On playing for pride:

Bush: "There is pride, obviously. Pride, I think, is important for sure. You can win and lose games with or without it. Sometimes it's a bit overstated, too. That's got to be the first thing. We had a lot of turnover this year from last year. Even within the season alone, looking back on who was on the field at the start of the season and how we were lining up at the start of the season to now, we found some consistency here towards the end and unfortunately we ran out of time."

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