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POSTGAME NOTES: Revolution Defeat Houston Dynamo, 2-0

Penilla scores first MLS goal, adds assist for third straight game as Revs earn first away win

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. – The New England Revolution (2-1-1; 7 pts.) defeated the Houston Dynamo (1-2-1; 4 pts.), 2-0, at BBVA Compass Stadium on Saturday evening. Forward Teal Bunbury opened the scoring in the 15th minute and Cristian Penilla delivered an insurance goal – the first of his MLS career – in the 71st minute to secure New England its first away win of the season. Dynamo defender DaMarcus Beasley was issued a red card in the 35th minute, which gave the Revolution a one-man advantage for the remaining 55 minutes of the match.

Penilla recorded an assist for a third consecutive match in addition to his 71st minute goal, leaving the newcomer only one behind LAFC's Diego Rossi for the league lead in assists. Midfielder Luis Caicedo, another newcomer who joined the Revolution last week, played all 90 minutes in his first career MLS start and contributed the secondary assist on Teal Bunbury's game-winning goal.

Goalkeeper Matt Turner made a career-high six saves en route to his first career shutout and the Revolution's first clean sheet of the season.

New England returns to action next Friday, April 6, when the club hosts the Montreal Impact at Gillette Stadium for the first of three meetings this season. The match kicks off at 7:30 p.m. ET and will be broadcast locally on myTV38 (WSBK-TV), where Brad Feldman, Paul Mariner, and Naoko Funayama will be on the call. Fans can also listen on the radio in English on 98.5 The Sports Hub HD2 and in Portuguese on 1570 WMVX Nossa Radio.

New England Revolution 2, Houston Dynamo 0 March 31, 2018 – BBVA Compass Stadium (Houston, Texas)

Revolution Defeat Houston Dynamo, 2-0

- The Revolution defeated Houston, 2-0, on Saturday, bringing the club's record to 2-1-1 (7 pts.) through four matches of the 2018 regular season.
- New England's all-time record against Houston moves to 12-5-7, including a 7-3-2 mark on the road.

Penilla Registers Scores First MLS Goal, Assist for Third Consecutive Match

- Midfielder **Cristian Penilla** scored the first goal of his MLS career and tallied an assist for the third consecutive game in tonight's match.
- Penilla delivered the grounded cross that Teal Bunbury slotted away in the 15th minute, and later scored a highlight reel-worthy goal with a powerful right-footed finish in the 71st minute.
- The Ecuadorian is currently one assist behind LAFC's Diego Rossi for the league lead, but is tied for first in MLS with three primary assists.

Caicedo Makes First MLS/Revolution Start, Tallies First Assist

- Midfielder **Luis Caicedo** made his first career MLS/Revolution start in tonight's match and submitted an assist on Teal Bunbury's 15th-minute goal.

- Last week, the Colombian made his debut when he replaced **Teal Bunbury** in the 88th minute of the March 24 match vs. New York City FC.
- Caicedo was acquired on loan from Colombian side Cortuluá for the 2018 season with a transfer option for the 2019 season on March 8, 2018.

Bunbury Opens 2018 Scoring Account

- Forward **Teal Bunbury** scored his first goal of the season in the 15th minute, finishing a grounded cross from Cristian Penilla.
- The goal was Bunbury's 18th as a member of the Revolution and the 37th of his MLS career.
- Last season, Bunbury scored seven goals – two shy of his single-season career high of nine.

Turner Sets Career High in Saves, Revs Secure First Clean Sheet of 2018

- Goalkeeper **Matt Turner** recorded a career-high six saves and the first shutout of his MLS career.
- Turner, who has started all four of New England's matches to open the season, boasts a 1.25 goals against average and 16 saves to date.
- Tonight's result was the Revolution's first clean sheet of the 2018 season, and the club's first in an away match since Aug. 24, 2016 at San Jose.

Revolution Make One Change to Starting XI

- Revolution Head Coach Brad Friedel made one change to the club's starting lineup from its most recent MLS match on March 24 vs. New York City FC, as midfielder **Luis Caicedo** replaced midfielder **Kelyn Rowe**.

GAME CAPSULE

Referee: Sorin Stoica

Assistant Referees: Adam Garner (AR1), Jason White (AR2)

Fourth Official: Guido Gonzales Jr.

VAR: Ricardo Salazar

Weather: 71 Degrees and Clear

Attendance: 17,156

Scoring Summary:

NE – Teal Bunbury 1 (Cristian Penilla 3, Luis Caicedo 1) 15'

NE – Cristian Penilla 1 (Gabriel Somi 1) 71'

Misconduct Summary:

HOU – DaMarcus Beasley (Red Card – Denial of Obvious Goal Scoring Opportunity) 35'

NE – Gabriel Somi (Yellow Card – Unsporting Behavior) 52'

NE – Diego Fagundez (Yellow Card – Time Wasting) 64'

HOU – Adolfo Machado (Yellow Card – Unsporting Behavior) 69'

HOU – Alejandro Fuenmayor (Yellow Card – Unsporting Behavior) 86'

New England Revolution: Matt Turner; Gabriel Somi (Chris Tierney 87'), Claude Dielna ©, Jalil Anibaba, Andrew Farrell; Wilfried Zahibo, Scott Caldwell (Kelyn Rowe 68'); Cristian Penilla, Diego Fagundez, Luis Caicedo; Teal Bunbury (Juan Agudelo 54')

Substitutes Not Used: Brad Knighton, Antonio Delamea, Zachary Herivaux, Brandon Bye

Houston Dynamo: Chris Seitz; DaMarcus Beasley ©, Leonardo, Adolfo Machado, Alejandro Fuenmayor; Eric Alexander (Memo Rodríguez 78'), Tomás Martínez (Romell Quioto 66'), Darwin Cerén; Andrew Wenger, Alberth Elis (Mac Steeves 78'), Mauro Manotas

Substitutes Not Used: Joe Willis, Arturo Álvarez, Óscar Boniek García, Jared Watts

New England Revolution	Team Statistics	Houston Dynamo
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12 (6)	Shots (on Target)	15 (6)
6	Saves	4
5	Corner Kicks	8
4	Offsides	2
9	Fouls	14
414 (79%)	Passes Attempted (% Completed)	379 (76%)
52.3%	Possession	47.7%

MEDIA RESOURCES

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Houston Dynamo Postgame Quotes

Houston Dynamo 0-2 New England Revolution

MLS Week 5

Saturday, March 31, 2018

VIDEO RESOURCES:

- Postgame Soundbytes [HERE](#)

Houston Dynamo Head Coach Wilmer Cabrera (English & Spanish)

Houston Dynamo FW Alberth Elis (English & Spanish)

Houston Dynamo DF Alejandro Fuenmayor (English & Spanish)

Houston Dynamo FW Mac Steeves (English)

New England Revolution Head Coach Brad Friedel (English)

New England Revolution DF Jalil Anibaba (English)

New England Revolution MF Cristian Penilla (English & Spanish)

New England Revolution FW Teal Bunbury (English)

Houston Dynamo Head Coach Wilmer Cabrera

(on the game) “We made some individual mistakes that made us pay really hard. Despite the mistakes and despite that we lost (DF) DaMarcus Beasley in a tough situation, the team was good. In the second half we created some good options but sadly we couldn’t finish, something that we have been very good at home is scoring goals. We couldn’t score two possibilities right there in front of the goal and I’ll have to take it. I’ll have to take it for the players because sometimes when we are here they score two, three goals and we all feel happy and proud. Today we couldn’t score but I’m going to support these players. These players, I know they are sad. They’re upset. But I’m going to support them 100 percent. I know we are going to be able to come back. It’s been difficult for us. Playing mentally, we were not sharp. Physically to play every two weeks and now we have to play another in two weeks, it’s going to be difficult but now it’s going to be a test for us as a group. As a staff, how we are going try to keep ourselves motivated and sharp to come back in two weeks and play the next game against San Jose.”

(on if he expected team to play better with two weeks’ rest) “I wouldn’t say to play better. I think we got punished in one situation. We lost the ball. But this team, every time we play here at home we’ve been dominating everyone and now the things that we have been facing is the counter attack. We lost the ball twice: on one they score, on the second one we get a red card. So, we need to work harder and that’s on me. We need to work harder and get better and how to avoid those mistakes, because those mistakes are the ones that are getting us exposed. The team normally, we go out, we impose ourselves, we create options. We start looking to create good, strong options but it’s happened twice already. That of course has to be better and now we have two weeks to understand that we need to work on that despite that we have to play away.”

(on what adjustments he made at halftime) “We just decided to keep a block of the back four and two defensive midfielders. We sacrificed (FW) Andrew Wenger. He went from the wing to the left back and he did a good job. Then we keep the two midfielders, defensive midfielders, and we tried to leave (FW) Alberth (Elis) and (FW) Mauro (Manotas) a little bit more with freedom to look for opportunities. I told them we are going to have one or two opportunities and when we have one or two opportunities, we need to put that ball in the net. We had two clear opportunities, but we couldn’t do it. They scored a good goal because they have very good, talented players. Even though we tried to put some fresh legs up front, we could not score today. We need to regroup. We need to give a little bit of a day off and come back with a good mentality to try to overcome this situation that has happened twice this year for us. We feel really awkward coming home and losing two times in the first three games of the season. This is something that we have to face now, and we need to fix it.”

(on how much concern there is over how difficult it has been for them to find the back of the net) “It’s just part of this game. It’s part of the reality of this game. Whoever has played soccer understands that sometimes you are going to be sharp and anything that you touch is going to be gold. But sometimes sadly, your players they are going to try their best and they are going to miss some clear opportunities. I’m going to be always supporting my players because they work really hard. They really work really hard. They have been giving us a lot of success and happiness and what they do is they work hard. We work really hard and we are going to continue working hard because at some point we need to change that lock. We couldn’t find the net this time. We are going to find the net the next time and that’s our mentality and our approach for the next game.”

Houston Dynamo Director Técnico Wilmer Cabrera

(sobre la actuación de Alberth Elis) “Tuvo dos oportunidades claras y no las pudo completar, pero tiene que recuperarse y estar tranquilo porque es un gran jugador, uno de los más importantes. Nos ha dado muchas alegrías y esto es parte del fútbol. A veces él va a hacer unos goles increíbles y a veces va a fallar estos goles de frente al arco. Lo único que tiene que hacer es estar tranquilo porque tiene el apoyo de los compañeros y del cuerpo técnico. Tiene que luchar porque cuando las cosas no salen, lo vamos a apoyar y lo vamos a seguir apoyando entendiendo que a veces uno tiene buenos días y otras veces malos días. Alberth (Elis) trabaja muy bien; es uno de los pilares en este equipo y el apoyo lo tiene de sus compañeros cien por ciento y él va seguir trabajando muy fuerte para aprovechar esas oportunidades que vienen.”

(sobre la actuación de Alejandro Fuenmayor) “Alejandro (Fuenmayor) jugó muy bien. Fue un buen debut para él, es un muchacho joven de 22 años y bueno, lamentablemente la situación se presentó con diez hombres y perdiendo uno a cero, pero se manejó bien, el equipo se manejó bien, y a pesar de todo fue sólido. Lo que pasa es que es difícil con diez hombres y tanto tiempo. A veces son quince o veinte minutos y no hay problema, pero cuando son sesenta minutos es más complicado. Seguiremos trabajando y seguiremos tratando de buscar la forma de no tener este tipo de errores que nos llevan a jugar con diez hombres porque es muy complicado jugar así.”

(sobre la recuperación de Juan David Cabezas y AJ De La Garza) “Ellos todavía están en recuperación, todavía se demoran así que tenemos que darle tiempo a que se recuperen.”

Houston Dynamo FW Alberth Elis (*translated from Spanish*)

(on the game) “With the red card we knew it would be harder, but we still had opportunities that we couldn’t finish. We’re going to keep working and getting better to be able to score the opportunities we get in the next game.”

(on the two-week break between games) “I don’t think that’s an excuse. It’s no problem. We were doing well, maybe after the first goal and the ejection it was harder, but we kept going and still fought. We had some opportunities and didn’t finish and that took a toll on us in the end.”

(on what they have to do to finish when they get opportunities) “I think it’s normal, when you’re a forward, you can miss just as much as scoring. Last game I had the chance to score and had an assist so we will keep working and showing a good level in each game.”

(on losing at home) “Yes, they want to counter attack but I think we just need to be more effective when it comes to attacking. If we don’t score on the opportunities we have, it’s going to be tough.”

Houston Dynamo DC Alberth Elis

(sobre el partido) “Con la expulsión sabíamos que iba a ser más difícil, por ahí igual hubo opciones que no pudimos concretar y pues vamos a seguir trabajando y mejorando para poder meter las que nos caigan el próximo partido.”

(sobre si las dos semanas de inactividad les afectaron) “Creo que eso no es pretexto, no es problema. Lo estábamos haciendo muy bien, por ahí después del primer gol y la expulsión fue más difícil, pero seguimos y luchamos. Tuvimos ocasiones y no las concretamos y eso nos pasó factura al final.”

(sobre que tienen hacer para concretar cuando hay oportunidades) “Creo que es normal, cuando eres delantero, así como las puedes meter las puedes fallar. El partido pasado me toco anotas y tener asistencia así que vamos a seguir trabajando y seguir mostrando un buen nivel en cada partido.”

(sobre el haber perdido en casa) “Si, ahora nos quieren contra golpear, pero creo que tenemos que ser más efectivos a la hora del ataque. Igual si no metemos lo que nos queda, va a ser muy difícil.”

Houston Dynamo DF Alejandro Fuenmayor

(on his debut with the Dynamo) “This was not the debut I expected. We had to win these crucial three points at home to keep pace with the table. We have to get back to work and address the mistakes we made so we don’t repeat them in our next game.”

(on his first MLS game) “I felt good. The support of the fans was fantastic and that’s after we went down a goal. It’s on us to get back to work.”

(on his chemistry with his teammates on the field) “Since I arrived, I have been treated very well by my teammates. They are great people and I am very happy to work with them.”

(on if the team deserved tonight’s result and what he expects from the team this season) “No, I don’t think this was a fair result. I think we started well and created our chances, they did too and even with 10 men we pushed forward more than they did. But, that’s soccer – that happens. Sometimes you win and sometimes you lose, today we lost. You have seen how we have played, we maintain possession, we play well and the results just haven’t gone our way. We are missing the final touch to fight for our goal and as of right now that is to make the playoffs.”

Defensa del Houston Dynamo Alejandro Fuenmayor

(sobre su debut con el Houston Dynamo) “No fue el debut que quiera. Teníamos que sacar los tres puntos en casa que son tan importantes para nosotros para seguir en la tabla. Bueno seguir trabajando y mejorando los errores que tuvimos para el próximo partido no cometer esos errores”.

(sobre cómo se siente como jugador tras su primer partido) “Me sentí muy bien. El apoyo de la afición fue muy bueno. A pesar de que estuvimos perdiendo, pero bueno a seguir trabajando”.

(sobre el entendimiento con sus compañeros) “Desde que llegue todos los compañeros ellos han sido buena gente entonces que me siento muy bueno con ellos”.

(sobre si el resultado fue lo merecido y que se espera del equipo esta temporada) “No, yo no creo que el equipo mereció ese resultado. Pienso que hicimos partido del inicio correcto que en ocasiones ellos tuvieron y pienso que tuvimos más ocasiones que ellos – con diez jugamos más que ellos entonces, piense que es fútbol, no sé. A veces se gana y a veces se pierde y hoy nos tocó perder. Ustedes lo han visto – todos los partidos hemos mantenido la pelota, hemos jugado bien – los resultados no se están dando, falta el toque final para seguir peleando el título que esta campaña empieza con entrar a los playoffs – todos lo estamos esperando”.

Houston Dynamo FW Mac Steeves

(on making his MLS debut) “Obviously, it was an honor to make my debut, but it’s also bittersweet because I would’ve liked to get a result at home.”

(on head coach Wilmer Cabrera’s instructions to him) “Hold the ball up, try to get into good spots, work hard. Basically those are probably the three main things that I tried to focus on during the game.”

(on having two weeks off again) “It is definitely difficult trying to get into a rhythm in the season and then you have that two-week period off two times in a row but kind of have to roll with it and deal with it as best as we can and hopefully get a result in the next game.”

(on creating chances and what needs to be done to finish them) “I think it just comes down to focus, and obviously repetitions in practice, I think the more we practice it, obviously, the more it is going to come out in games so probably just focus and repetitions.”

New England Revolution Head Coach Brad Friedel

(on using the counterattack to win tonight) “Their transition play when they are defending to attack is exceptional. It is among the best in MLS; that’s why they were so good and so difficult to defend – even when they went down a man. In saying that, our counterattack is pretty good as well and explosive and their transition from attack to defense is a little slower than when they go the other way. So, we were hoping that we would be able to catch them on one or two breaks, and we did. In the first half, in the first half especially we were in an immense amount of pressure, especially in the first 15 minutes.”

(on adjusting to a counterattacking approach on the road) “When you go away from home, this is anywhere in the world and no different here in MLS, you are going to be under pressure at some stage and when you play against a really good team – (Houston head coach) Wilmer (Cabrera) has done an excellent job here, he has brought some exciting talent here and very good attacking players. You’re going to have your defenders have to make plays, you’re going to have your goalkeeper make plays and fortunately for us that happened.”

(on getting the first victory away from home) “Yeah, it is really important. I was really upset that we didn’t get it in Philadelphia. I think that if we stayed 11v11 we had a really good chance of at least getting a point there

especialmente la forma en que iba el juego. Fue agradable venir en nuestros viajes por primera vez desde la pérdida de Filadelfia y conseguir tres puntos y esto va a ser un edificio realmente difícil. Sé que perdieron en Vancouver aquí, pero esto es un buen equipo. Pensé que en pretemporada que ellos eran el mejor equipo que habíamos jugado durante el tiempo de pretemporada y dije antes, (entrenador de Houston) Wilmer (Cabrera) ha hecho un excelente trabajo. Tienen algunos jugadores realmente emocionantes que son difíciles de defender.

New England Revolution DF Jalil Anibaba

(después de derrotar al Houston Dynamo en casa) "Fue un partido difícil, físico. Obviamente, es difícil para cualquier equipo cuando bajas a un jugador temprano. Pensé que ellos jugaron muy duro, nos mantuvieron bajo presión durante los 90 minutos; pero la diferencia fue el gol del centrocampista Cristian Penilla en el segundo tiempo, eso nos dio un respiro y fuimos capaces de matar el partido."

(después de su primera victoria fuera de casa) "Intenté tomar este partido como cualquier otro. Siempre es una experiencia interesante jugar contra tu antiguo equipo y los chicos con los que trabajaste durante años, pero es un gran momento para nosotros. Es un buen bloque de construcción y constructor de impulso por muchas razones. Obviamente, ahora sabemos que podemos conseguir resultados fuera de casa, podemos grindar partidos, podemos ganar contra rivales difíciles."

(después de jugar contra Houston FW Alberth Elis) "Obviamente, sé cómo jugaron todos los jugadores con los que jugué aquí. Sé sus tendencias, pero eso no significa que sean fáciles de detener. No significa que Elis, (Houston FW Mauro) Manotas, todos los que jugué con ellos son jugadores que pueden hacerte daño en cualquier momento. Como dije, pensé que ellos jugaron duro durante los 90 minutos, especialmente cuando bajaron a un jugador nos mantuvieron bajo presión, crearon oportunidades. Afortunadamente, fuimos resilientes, nuestro contraataque fue increíble, y conseguimos suficientes oportunidades para ganar el partido."

New England Revolution MF Cristian Penilla (*translated from Spanish*)

(sobre su actuación hoy) "Esto es algo que trabajas y tus compañeros me ayudaron a lograrlo. He estado intentando, me gusta marcar o asistir a mis compañeros. Hasta ahora no había tenido una oportunidad de marcar, pero hoy el gol se abrió, y estoy feliz por eso."

(después de acordar que ellos eran el mejor equipo que entró al partido) "No sabía. Venimos a jugar nuestro partido y a llevarnos los tres puntos. Mis compañeros y yo hicimos un buen partido y merecíamos ganar."

(sobre lo que fue la clave para ganar) "Para nosotros era mantener el cero. Ellos empezaron rápido, pero nosotros jugamos buena defensa y esperamos nuestras oportunidades y cuando las tuvimos las aprovechamos."

New England Revolution MC Cristian Penilla

(sobre su actuación hoy) "Con la ayuda de todos los compañeros, siempre uno trabaja para esto. He sido un jugador que lo ha intentado, me gusta marcar o asistir a mis compañeros. No había tenido la oportunidad de marcar, hoy se me abrió el arco, estoy feliz y contento."

(sobre si eran favoritos para ganar) "Yo no sabía. Nosotros venimos a jugar nuestro juego y a llevarnos los tres puntos. Con la ayuda de los compañeros, nosotros hicimos un buen partido y nos merecimos el triunfo."

(sobre cuál fue la diferencia para ganar) "Para nosotros era mantener el cero. Ellos empezaron rápido desde que empezó el juego intentando. Nosotros estuvimos aplicados a la marca y esperamos nuestra oportunidad de gol. Y cuando se dio, nosotros lo hicimos."

New England Revolution FW Teal Bunbury

(on getting the three points after last season's away record) "It's important. We talk about it all the time. I mean, in this league every team is pretty decent at home but on the road is where you make it or break down. It wasn't a pretty game from us, Houston is a good team and they went down a man and they still were putting pressure on us, they had a lot of chances. I mean, (GK) Matt Turner had an unbelievable game, man of the match for me, a close one with (midfielder) Cristian Penilla, too; just unbelievable but there are still a lot of things we got to work on, but we got to take this win and be happy with it and it's a shutout so it's very important."

(on how Houston had a difficult time over countered and how they made it work) "Yes we were going to let them get a couple passes out of the back and we knew that they like to send guys forward and they have a great attacking core but we wanted to make sure we were quick on the counter and we were able to capitalize on that and you know, we still created chances as well but it is a lot of credit to the guys for grinding, this is a big grind for us."

(on forward Cristian Penilla being involved in both goals) "He is a difference maker, he's got speed, he's good on the ball, he can go at guys, he got a goal, he got an assist, he created the red card, so there's a lot of attributes that he's bringing that you can't teach and it's going to be crucial for us through the entire season."

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