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POSTGAME NOTES: Revolution Secure Away Point in 2-2 Draw with Columbus Crew SC *Goals from Teal Bunbury and Cristian Penilla bring New England's away record to 1-1-1*

COLUMBUS, Ohio – The New England Revolution (3-2-2; 11 pts.) played Columbus Crew SC (3-3-2; 11 pts) to a 2-2 draw at MAPFRE Stadium on Saturday evening. Teal Bunbury and Cristian Penilla were the goal scorers for the Revolution in the 14th and 45th minutes, respectively, helping the club record a second consecutive away result after its 2-0 win at Houston on March 31.

Penilla continues to impress in his debut MLS campaign, as he registered an assist on Bunbury's goal before finding the back of the net with a spectacular volley in first-half stoppage time. With four primary assists on the season, the Ecuadorian newcomer is tied with four other players for most in MLS. Bunbury's goal was his 20th as a member of the Revolution and his third of the season, moving him into a tie with Diego Fagundez for the team lead.

Forward Juan Agudelo registered his 100th career MLS start and made his milestone appearance count with an acrobatic assist on Penilla's goal. Midfielder Wilfried Zahibo was credited with his fourth assist of the season on Bunbury's goal, which keeps him level with Penilla for most helpers among Revolution players and second most among all MLS players.

New England returns to action next Saturday, April 28, when the club hosts Sporting Kansas City at Gillette Stadium. The match kicks off at 7:30 p.m. ET and will be broadcast locally on NBC Sports Boston, where Brad Feldman, Paul Mariner, and Naoko Funayama will be on the call. Fans may also listen on the radio in English on 98.5 The Sports Hub and in Portuguese on 1570 WMVX Nossa Radio.

New England Revolution 2, Columbus Crew SC 2 **April 21, 2018 – MAPFRE Stadium (Columbus, Ohio)**

Revolution Play Columbus Crew SC to 2-2 Draw

- The Revolution drew Columbus Crew SC, 2-2, on Saturday, bringing the club's record to 3-2-2 (11 pts.) through seven matches of the 2018 regular season.
- New England's all-time record against Columbus improves to 23-35-13, including an 8-20-6 mark on the road.

Penilla Maintains Hot Start with Goal and Assist

- Midfielder **Cristian Penilla** contributed a goal and assist in tonight's contest, including a spectacular volley in first-half stoppage time, which secured the Revolution a point.
- Penilla now has four primary assists on the season, which has him tied with San Jose's Marco Urena, Atlanta's Miguel Almiron, Kansas City's Roger Espinoza, and Kansas City's Daniel Salloi for most in MLS.
- This marks the second time this season Penilla has registered a goal and an assist in a match, having previously done so on March 31 at Houston.

Bunbury Ties Fagundez for Team Lead in Goals Scored

- Forward **Teal Bunbury** scored his third goal of the season with a tight-angled, right-footed equalizer in the 14th minute, moving into a tie with Diego Fagundez for most goals among Revolution players.
- Bunbury previously scored on April 6 vs. Montreal and March 31 at Houston – with both tallies proving to be game winners.
- He now has 20 goals for his Revolution career and 39 for his MLS career.

Agudelo Registers Assist in 100th MLS Start

- Forward **Juan Agudelo** made his 100th career MLS start in tonight's match and picked up his second assist of the season on Cristian Penilla's first-half goal.
- Agudelo, who began his MLS career as a 17-year-old Homegrown Player with the New York Red Bulls in 2010, owns 164 career appearances including 105 with New England.

Zahibo Records Fourth Assist of 2018

- Midfielder **Wilfried Zahibo** distributed his fourth assist of the season on Teal Bunbury's goal in the 14th minute.
- The French newcomer now has four assists on the season, tied with Cristian Penilla for the team lead.
- Zahibo's four assists are also good for second most among all MLS players.

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 April 14 vs. Dallas, as **Juan Agudelo** replaced **Scott Caldwell**.

GAME CAPSULE

Referee: Chris Penso

Assistant Referees: Jeff Hosking (AR1), Jeremy Kieso (AR2)

Fourth Official: Marcos de Oliveira

VAR: Silviu Petrescu

Weather: 55 Degrees and Cloudy

Attendance: 11,264

Scoring Summary:

CLB – Own Goal (Andrew Farrell) 9'

NE – Teal Bunbury 3 (Cristian Penilla 4, Wilfried Zahibo 4) 14'

CLB – Gyasi Zardes 5 (Federico Higuain 3, Pedro Santos 2) 43'

NE – Cristian Penilla 2 (Juan Agudelo 2) 45'+1'

Misconduct Summary:

NE – Claude Dielna (Yellow Card – Unsporting Behavior) 11'

NE – Wilfried Zahibo (Yellow Card – Unsporting Behavior) 36'

NE – Diego Fagundez (Yellow Card – Unsporting Behavior) 60'

CLB – Federico Higuain (Yellow Card – Dissent) 66'

NE – Gabriel Soti (Yellow Card – Unsporting Behavior) 67'

NE – Matt Turner (Yellow Card – Time Wasting) 88'

New England Revolution: Matt Turner; Gabriel Soti (Brandon Bye 90'+2'), Claude Dielna ©, Jalil Anibaba, Andrew Farrell; Wilfried Zahibo (Krisztián Németh 78'), Luis Caicedo; Cristian Penilla, Diego Fagundez, Juan Agudelo (Scott Caldwell 55'); Teal Bunbury

Substitutes Not Used: Brad Knighton, Antonio Delamea, Chris Tierney, Zachary Herivaux

Columbus Crew SC: Zack Steffen; Milton Valenzuela, Josh Williams, Jonathan Mensah, Harrison Afful; Wil Trapp ©, Artur; Niko Hansen, Federico Higuain, Pedro Santos (Adam Jahn 86'); Gyasi Zardes

Substitutes Not Used: Jon Kempin, L alas Abubakar, Ricardo Clark, Hector Jimenez, Mohammed Abu, Cristian Martinez

New England Revolution	Team Statistics	Columbus Crew SC
9 (5)	Shots (on Target)	18 (4)
3	Saves	3
2	Corner Kicks	8
0	Offsides	1
12	Fouls	13
367 (75%)	Passes Attempted (% Completed)	539 (83%)
60.1%	Possession	39.9%

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POSTGAME QUOTES

Columbus Crew SC vs. New England Revolution

Saturday, April 21, 2018

Columbus Crew SC

Head Coach Gregg Berhalter

On creating scoring chances in tonight's match

I think it's positive, what I saw was the urgency, what I saw was some good soccer at times, some really good soccer. I think we were able to play through them very effectively, our positioning, our spacing was much better than it has been the last couple weeks. It's unfortunate I think, you give that goal up right before half time, because we looked energetic. If you don't give that up I think the second half would have been different.

On opposing teams answering quickly

I think the second one 100%, we knew they're a dangerous team, we knew they have attacking pieces. The second one right before halftime, it was weird like as we got the lead the guys started looking a little nervous. And that's what happens when you lose three games in a row. You start to think 'oh here we go'. I think that calm will

come, second half we settled in, and again made it very different for New England and were unlucky not to get the win.

On whether Crew SC created enough chances in the second half

I think so. What I would say is we produced enough high-quality chances to score a goal in the second half.

On Crew SC's youth and confidence

I think tonight went a long way, I think when you see the intensity that we played with, I called it urgency. When you see the urgency that we played with I didn't necessarily see that in the DC game. For whatever reason, you could say the turf the weather, whatever it was, I didn't see that urgency. Today it looked like a team that wanted to win the soccer game, and was very aggressive, it wasn't perfect, by no means. When you look at the stat sheet, there are some pretty good things.

On Niko Hansen returning to the starting lineup

So, what I think is what we talked about was, you're going to look to make some changes, I think you have the right to make some changes if you lose three games in a row. We wanted to give an impulse to the team, we thought Niko's speed and strength would help the group, his directness would help the group. And I think he did a good job, we were pleased with his performance, the energy level that he gave us, a couple chances he created, and he had for himself. So we were pleased with his performance.

On Gyasi Zardes scoring again and playing out wide

Absolutely, I think he had a good game, [he was] unlucky to not get a couple more goals. I think in the end it's a disappointing result, at home you want to win your games. There's some positives to take from it, we'll be ready to play next week. I think based on game stat perhaps, it gave us an option especially when the ball is crossed from the right side to have him coming in from the left side of the field is a dangerous option on crosses. So, I like that and based on [the] game state we may do something like that.

On trusting Crew SC's system

I think so, you said it yourself, if you look at the last three games – the losses – and then you add this game into it, we haven't been horrible, and we have created a lot of chances and some of the stuff hasn't gone our way. But that is going to happen over the course of the season, we talked early when we hadn't lost, and I said "Guys things happen. There's going to be a time when we're talking a different story." I think the guys did well now to gain some confidence, and to me I think the group is growing in the confidence for sure.

On defending and conceding goals

I think if we talk about how the second half can bring us confidence, Zack Steffen will have a lot of confidence from the second half he made a couple big saves. That's the Zack Steffen that we know, and he was a monster in the second half coming up with two big saves. Over all I think the collective defense has been good today and I think we gave them maybe both the big chances they had, but give them credit. They were a good team they were and energetic team and they caused us some problems.

On Artur's performance

We have to be careful to maintain our balance, and you saw a couple times he went forward he had a great chance but they're countering the other way. That we made some adjustments at halftime to keep balance but in the first half I think it's the recognition of who the guy is that goes forward, it's our central midfielder, we need to balance out with one of our fullbacks.

On Crew SC's morale and recent skid

I think that sometimes young players have amnesia, it doesn't get to them, and they're not affected by it. We try very hard to focus game by game and to focus on the upcoming opponent and that is the best we can do. We're obviously not happy with four games in a row not winning but again I think the effort was outstanding and the desire was outstanding, and we played some good soccer along the way.

Midfielder Wil Trapp

On Crew SC breaking its two-match scoring drought

I think it's just good we were generating the quality of chances and the magnitude of chances, especially after two games without a goal. We got Gyasi [Zardes] scoring, and the first [goal] was a freak goal, but the fact we were getting our attacking guys in good spots and they were all contributing, with Niko Hansen having a wonderful game, could have had [a goal] but it took a nasty bounce on him. [Niko Hansen] contributed well, Cristian [Martinez] came in and contributed well, Pipa [Federico Higuain], Pedro [Santos], Gyasi [Zardes] obviously scored, it was good to get those guys back into a rhythm.

On erasing a three-match losing streak

We felt like we played well enough to win the game. The urgency that we feel like we have lacked the past two games was certainly there. The quality of chances was certainly there, but you always want to win your home games, so we are disappointed that we did not get the three points.

On attacking the New England Revolution in different ways

They came out trying to press, but quickly learned that was going to be a tough 90 minutes for them, so they did not do that the rest of the game. It was good for us to be brave in the early moments and try to play through it, and then once we broke them, it took them out of their game plan. I thought we did a good job being patient and exploiting them in different spots. The second goal was a perfect execution of finding Pedro [Santos] in a pocket, finding the next guy in a pocket, and then Gyasi [Zardes] taking a great touch and scoring.

On Crew SC's mentality moving forward

We have to continue to work, continue to play one game at a time, and continue to try and go 1-0 each week.

Forward Gyasi Zardes

On Crew SC not scoring in the second half

It's my opinion, but it is disappointing because we worked extremely hard. That's the game of soccer. Sometimes you are just unlucky. There is a couple of opportunities that went off the post. It just happens that way

On Crew SC's momentum going forward

It's a positive step in the right direction. It is crucial to get points each and every single game whether it is one point or three points. It is a long season and I think we are moving in the right direction.

On trying to figure things out as an attacking unit

We are growing. Each and every training session we are constantly growing and trying to understand each other. But I have had a couple of games under my belt to understand my role. And also, we tried new things. So, I learned something new this week which is great for an attacking advantage. Like I said, I want to progress each and every single week.

New England Revolution

Head Coach Brad Friedel

On the goal-scoring chances created by both teams

I told you many, many months ago that we would have some entertaining games with the way that we want to play. When you go up against teams like NYCFC, we are going to have Atlanta [United] very soon, and this Columbus team who is very, very good, you are going to have to take some chances and risks going forward to try and score on them and they have very good players going forward. Gregg [Berhalter] has done a tremendous job here and we are just starting out with our staff, but we are going to try and win every game so today going 2-2, I am very happy about that going forward after going behind twice.

On making changes during the second half

All of our substitutions, with the exception of Brandon [Bye] which was more of a time-kill situation, were to go on and win the game. We brought Krisztian [Nemeth] in who we all know is a tremendous goal-scorer. He had one very good chance at the end and Cristian [Penilla] had a very good chance at the end. I felt the energy that [Scott] Caldwell provided when he came on as a sub was outstanding. We got Juan [Agudelo] on from the start so there were a lot of positives. I thought we scored two really good goals.

On his team responding after going down twice

The one just before halftime was a great time. We had conceded at the worst time also and scoring basically on the final whistle was good. We showed a lot of character and from our first game against New York Red Bull we showed resilience in our games and the players have showed it in training all of the time. No one ever wants to lose a game, but the boys do have that in abundance, that character.

On Jalil Anibaba's performance

Early on it started with a block after a passage of play where the ball came out to the top of the box and I think [Harrison] Afful had a shot which he [Jalil Anibaba] blocked and it all started from there. Jalil [Anibaba] was absolutely tremendous today. We thought for a short while that we were going to have to bring Claude [Dielna] off and then he ended up going through so he and Jalil [Anibaba] could have had another partner in Antonio [Mlinar] Delamea, but that is why we have a great squad.

On coaching in Columbus against his old club

I just hope my mom didn't hear me swear too many times. I don't know where her box was but if she was too close to me then she would have heard me a lot.

Defender Jalil Anibaba

How it felt to take a point going home

I thought it was good to at least take something home. To be honest, we could have won it. I thought everyone put everything they had into the game on both sides of the ball, and everybody did what was asked of them. We made a lot of adjustments during the game on the fly, and that's not always easy to do. I think that shows our soccer IQ through the group. It was a good performance by everybody.

On how important it was for the group to respond and respond as quickly as they did.

It's very, very huge, especially on the road. It's not easy on the road in this League. It's very hard to go away from home and get points, but in the fashion we did tonight, I think it shows even more about our character, our ability to score goals when our backs are up against the wall. People may think goals are going to go in.

On whether preventing Crew SC from having opportunities is cause for emotion and celebration

I think it's just a matter of me doing my job, to be honest. I always try to put myself in good positions to block shots, that's what I'm supposed to do. I'm supposed to help keep balls out of the back of the net. As far as emotion being shown, that just comes out of matches. It's my emotion, my passion, my love to the game. It's easy to do with this group.

Forward Teal Bunbury

On heading home with a point

It feels good, actually. Credit to all the guys, we put a good shift in, a great shift. Columbus [Crew SC] is a good team especially at home. They've got key players, they love to play out of the back, they love to try and hit you on the counter. Play balls over the top. I'm just proud of our guys, we fought until the end. We answered. They scored, came back, scored, came back. Those things are important. Away from home, it is tough to get results, especially when you go down a goal early but there was a lot of resiliency. There was a lot of fight and a lot of hard work. That's all you could ask for.

On responding quickly before halftime

It is huge. Especially getting a goal right before halftime that gives us a little more motivation. Being able to come out in the second half and press a little bit more, especially with the hard work we were putting in. It is good to get something to show for that which is scoring and tying the game up but I can't say it enough, just how proud I am of the hard work. We've got to get back and recover, focus on the next game. It is a hard-fought win.

On the New England Revolution's energy and knowledge

That's the key, knowing when to press and when not to press. You can't press the whole 90 minutes, especially with Columbus [Crew SC] – who are really good at playing out of the back – but I think it was great that we were able to pick those moments pick at the right times to press, the right times to drop off. In every game, you've got to adjust to what the opposing team is bringing. I think we were able to adjust pretty well. There were obviously things that we could have done a lot better and we need to work on, but we have to be proud of what we did.