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POSTGAME NOTES: Revolution Drop Away Match to Montreal Impact, 2-4
Zahibo Records First Career MLS Brace, Fagundez Contributes Assist as Revs Fall to Impact

MONTREAL, Quebec – The New England Revolution (4-3-2; 14 pts.) fell to the Montreal Impact (3-6-0; 9 pts), 2-4, at Stade Saputo on Saturday afternoon. Impact forward Anthony Jackson-Hamel scored on both sides of halftime, while Raheem Edwards and Ignacio Piatti delivered insurance goals to secure the win for Montreal. Midfielder Wilfried Zahibo pulled two goals back for the Revolution in the 78th and 86th minutes to cut the deficit in half, but the Revs couldn't find two more goals to complete the comeback.

New England outshot Montreal in the first half, but couldn't beat Montreal goalkeeper Evan Bush, who leads MLS in saves and recorded nine stops in this afternoon's contest. Midfielder Diego Fagundez assisted Zahibo's first goal, giving the Revolution Homegrown Player 34 helpers for his career. With the tally, Fagundez moves into a tie with Shalrie Joseph for the sixth most assists in club history.

Forward Krisztián Németh saw his first extended run of action this season and recorded three shots, including one on target, after replacing Juan Agudelo as a substitute in the 34th minute.

New England returns to action next Saturday, May 12, when the club hosts CONCACAF Champions League finalist Toronto FC at Gillette Stadium in the first of two meetings this season. 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, Montreal Impact 4
May 5, 2018 – Stade Saputo (Montreal, Quebec, Canada)

Revolution Fall to Montreal Impact, 2-4

- The Revolution fell to Montreal, 2-4, on Saturday, bringing the club's record to 4-3-2 (14 pts.) through nine matches of the 2018 regular season.
- New England's all-time record against the Impact drops to 8-8-2, including a 4-5-1 mark in Montreal.
- Today's result snaps the Revolution's five-match winning streak against the Impact. New England's last loss against Montreal came on July 2, 2016.

Zahibo Records First Career MLS Brace

- Midfielder **Wilfried Zahibo** submitted the first brace of his MLS career with a clinical headed shot in the 78th minute and a right-footed volley in the 86th minute.
- The French newcomer, who has played all but 12 minutes for the Revolution this season, now has three goals and four assists across nine appearances – all starts – in his debut MLS campaign.
- Zahibo's three goals are tied with Diego Fagundez for second most among Revolution players, while his four assists are tied with Cristian Penilla for most on the team.

Fagundez Ties Joseph for Sixth Most Assists in Club History

- Midfielder **Diego Fagundez** recorded his second assist of the season and the 34th of his MLS career on Wilfried Zaha's goal in the 78th minute.
- The assist moved Fagundez into a tie with Shalrie Joseph for the sixth most in club history. He is now one shy of Joe-Max Moore for fifth place in the club's record book, and five short of teammates Kelyn Rowe and Chris Tierney – who are tied for third place with 40 career assists each.
- In 2018, Fagundez has three goals and two assists across nine starts.

Rowe Officially Makes Return From Injury

- Midfielder **Kelyn Rowe** made his first appearance since April 6 when he replaced Gabriel Somi as a substitute in the 70th minute.
- Rowe, who suffered a knee injury prior to the Revolution's match against FC Dallas on April 14, slotted in at left back and recorded 18 touches, one chance created, and one tackle in 20 minutes of action.
- On the season, Rowe has two assists across six appearances and two starts.

Revolution Make No Changes to Starting XI

- Revolution Head Coach **Brad Friedel** made no changes to the club's starting lineup from its most recent MLS match on April 28 vs. Sporting Kansas City.
- Midfielder **Kelyn Rowe** was selected to the 18-man match day roster for the first time since suffering a knee injury in April. Rowe was unavailable for selection in New England's last three matches.

GAME CAPSULE

Referee: Baldomero Toledo

Assistant Referees: Adam Garner (AR1), Matthew Nelson (AR2)

Fourth Official: Ted Unkel

VAR: Edvin Jurisevic

Weather: 60 Degrees and Clear

Attendance: 15,622

Scoring Summary:

MTL – Anthony Jackson-Hamel 1 (Ignacio Piatti 4) 45'+2'

MTL – Anthony Jackson-Hamel 2 (Ignacio Piatti 5, Alejandro Silva 2) 52'

MTL – Raheem Edwards 2 (Ignacio Piatti 6) 65'

MTL – Ignacio Piatti 5 (Samuel Piette 2) 68'

NE – Wilfried Zaha 2 (Diego Fagundez 2) 78'

NE – Wilfried Zaha 3 (Unassisted) 86'

Misconduct Summary:

MTL – Chris Duvall (Yellow Card – Unsporting Behavior) 39'

NE – Luis Caicedo (Yellow Card – Unsporting Behavior) 59'

NE – Diego Fagundez (Yellow Card – Unsporting Behavior) 90'+1'

New England Revolution: Matt Turner; Gabriel Somi (Kelyn Rowe 70'), Claude Dielna ©, Jalil Anibaba, Andrew Farrell (Brandon Bye 71'); Wilfried Zaha; Cristian Penilla, Diego Fagundez, Luis Caicedo, Juan Agudelo (Krisztián Németh 34'); Teal Bunbury

Substitutes Not Used: Brad Knighton, Scott Caldwell, Antonio Delamea, Chris Tierney

Montreal Impact: Evan Bush; Daniel Lovitz, Jukka Raitala, Victor Cabrera, Chris Duvall; Saphir Taïder, Samuel Piette, Alejandro Silva; Ignacio Piatti © (Michael Petrasso 75'), Raheem Edwards (Matteo Mancosu 85'), Anthony Jackson-Hamel (Jeisson Vargas 66')

Substitutes Not Used: Clément Diop, Louis Beland-Goyette, Ken Krolicki, Dominic Oduro

Montreal Impact	Team Statistics	New England Revolution
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14 (6)	Shots (on Target)	16 (11)
9	Saves	2
5	Corner Kicks	10
3	Offsides	0
12	Fouls	13
333 (76%)	Passes Attempted (% Completed)	324 (73%)
49.2%	Possession	50.8%

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Postgame Quotes

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Competition: MLS Regular Season

MONTREAL IMPACT

Head coach Rémi Garde

On what he liked about the performance

I liked that we scored goals, of course. The way we did it was very interesting. At half-time, I told the guys that we wanted to win the second half, because we had been in good positions in recent weeks, without any positive conclusions. That was the target today.

On the team's commitment

I liked the dedication, the commitment we put in that game. We cannot always have the ball in a game. When you don't have it, you have to work for your teammates, you have to work as a team. I really liked the spirit the guys put out today. There is no fortune when you win a game; it's because you put the right ingredients to win.

On opportunities coming from long balls

When you try to press very high, like they tried and we knew they would, you have spaces behind you. There is a balance of power in a game and it's a possibility we had. We exploited it very well.

On the win and what follows

It's great what we did today, but we don't have a lot of time to revel in the win, especially this week, because we are back on the pitch in Chicago on Wednesday, then again here on Saturday. We still have things to improve, but it's the right way to respond.

RAHEEM EDWARDS

On the importance of today's win against the Revolution

It was important for the team to bounce back today. We were going through a rough stretch and we needed points. To be able to do it at home is a good feeling. I thought the whole team did a good job sealing the game. We're disappointed with the two goals allowed at the end because we wanted the clean sheet. But we're proud, and we'll be looking to push forward from this win and get some more points.

On performance and consistency

One game is not good enough. We want to win a couple of more games. We can't just win one and lose one. We want to continue to build upon this. There's a little bit of pressure off our shoulders but we know what we need to do moving forward.

On clinical finishing

It was one of those days where everything was going our way. We kept receiving great balls from the midfielder in behind the defense, and we made sure to finish our actions. If we didn't score, we made sure to make it hard for their 'keeper and their defense.

SAMUEL PIETTE

On the importance of today's win against Revolution

We wanted to start the month of May on the right foot. The two goals we conceded bothered us a bit, but we're happy with the performance overall and what matters is the three points. After four consecutive losses, things weren't going well. The season wasn't lost but winning today feels good for the group. The vibes are a bit more positive now. We're going to face Chicago with a bit more confidence than in today's game.

On good positioning and tactics

I think we had very good positioning with the ball. That's what the coach tells us. If we're well positioned offensively, we'll be well positioned defensively. Our positioning was very strong.

On his assist on Piatti's goal

I saw Nacho make a run and I didn't have a lot of space so I took one good touch. I put it right behind their defense and I didn't think Nacho would reach it. But he's always surprising us and he got to it. I was certain he would score and that's what happened.

NEW ENGLAND REVOLUTION

Head coach Brad Friedel

On his thoughts on the match

It actually wasn't a difficult afternoon at all. In the first half, I thought we were the better team. We're playing away from home. We made them revert to these long balls over the top when they have very good players with Taider, Silva, and Piatti on their team. We made a really bad mistake before half-time with throwing the ball in square then passing it square into midfield and we came in a little bit deflated. I thought instead of starting off where we left off in the first half, I thought we let that carry over into the second half. For about twenty, twenty-five minutes, I didn't recognize the team that was playing. So is football. It was nice to see a little fight back at the end but these seasons are long. You're going to get some good results, some bad results. And this was definitely a bad one.

On responding in the next game

Nothing has changed. We have a very very good team. A very dedicated team. A team that applies themselves very well. We came unstuck for about 20-25 minutes and that doesn't mean we need to change lots and lots of things. We did a little bit of the character at the end of the game, coming back 4-0 to make it 4-2. We'll have a day off and then we'll get back together again and I'm sure the spirits will be good going into next match.

On Juan Agudelo's injury

It looks like it was his hamstring. We won't know until we scan it. Hopefully it's not too severe.

On bringing on Nemeth as a substitute

Krisztian has played as a winger a lot. We felt Teal was doing a good job up front so we wanted to leave him up there. This is why you have a squad. Krisztian Nemeth has his chance to play many minutes and that's what you have to do when you're a substitute. You never know when your change is going to come up and you have to take advantage of it when you get those chances. And you have to try to keep your mind focused and your body as fit as possible and when you get called upon you need to do as good a job as you can.

On Kelyn Rowe's performance

When Kelyn and Brandon came on, they added something a little bit different for us which was needed. We were contemplating doing it a little bit earlier. The second and third goals were goals scored across the middle of the field. We've never ever talked about other than 'don't do it.' And there's a reason for it. You get punished when you play like that. In the first half, I thought, especially when we switched the point of attack, we looked dangerous. If not dangerous, very comfortable in the game. So a lot of mistakes were made, that's for certain in the second half, but we have to try to take some of the positives, learn from the negatives and move on to the next game.

Teal Bunbury

On conceding late in first half

I think we started really well. We were able to absorb some pressure. The main thing they had was balls over the top and Piatti getting on the ball. But I think we contained them pretty well. We created a few chances ourselves and kind of didn't bury those and it's tough when you concede right at the stroke of halftime. You got to come out firing in the second half and we really didn't come out too strong. It's a disappointing result but I think we're going to need to have a quick memory with this one because we got to work on some things that maybe we did wrong and focus on our next match.

On giving up the ball in critical areas

Yeah, it was tough. We had a lot of guys working hard today but when you make some errors, it's not any single person. I think everybody today made some mental errors, and especially in the middle of the park. That's where they wanted to get the ball. And they were able to be lethal with some of those and playing balls over the top. I think it's tough. We got to just stick together now because it's a tough result but I think we're going to be better for it.

On Kelyn Rowe's entry to the game

He [Rowe] played a huge part. It's always great having Kelyn on the field. He works nonstop. He's great on the ball. And he created a lot of chances in the limited amount of time he had out there. And credit to Brandon. He busted his tail in training every day and he came in and he worked hard as well and created some chances for us. And [Wilfried] Zaha, two big goals. I wish we could've got them a little bit sooner but those are still positives we can take out of a negative game.

On the mindset heading to next game

It's sticking together. We're playing at home in front of our fans and we need three points. Any time we're playing at home, in our minds, it's all about winning regardless of who we're playing so we're going to go in this week and if anybody has knocks here and there, get those healed up and come the weekend it's all about three points.

Kelyn Rowe

On how he felt getting on the field

It wasn't obviously ideal going down three and four zero and then finding some minutes. It felt good to be back on the field. I didn't feel my knee at all which is good. But you obviously wish for a better game.

On his fitness level

I think it's very good. I think Anton and the rest of the staff has been making sure I'm fully fit for when I come back in. I'm in full force and full fitness so I feel good.

On whether his return was easier this year than last

I think mentally yeah. It was my first big injury last year and I missed a good amount of time. And to know that it wasn't as severe mentally was big. And to know how to get back and be successful when you get back is definitely big but I've still got a lot to do.

On what kind of response the team needs to have

Well we got to look back at the video. Look back at ourselves and see what we did right and what we did wrong. It's a learning opportunity for us. I thought we had a good game plan going in and unfortunately we didn't follow it till the end, and it's one of those learning moments where luckily we get to go back home and play a game.