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## **POSTGAME NOTES: Revolution Claim Road Point in 3-3 Draw with Vancouver Whitecaps FC**

*Penilla and Bunbury tally as the Revs earn a result*

VANCOUVER, B.C. – The New England Revolution (5-4-3, 18 pts.) played Vancouver Whitecaps FC (4-5-5, 17 pts.) to a 3-3 draw at BC Place on Saturday afternoon. A five-goal second half, including goals from Cristian Penilla and Teal Bunbury, saw the two sides split points.

For a second consecutive match, Revolution Head Coach Brad Friedel deployed a 3-5-2 formation, which gave Brandon Bye – the eighth overall selection in the 2018 MLS SuperDraft – a second consecutive start, his third start overall this season. The rookie recorded his first assist as a professional over the course of a 90-minute shift at right wingback.

Midfielder Diego Fagundez notched his 35<sup>th</sup> career assist, placing him into a tie with Joe-Max Moore for fifth place all-time among Revolution players. In addition, defender Andrew Farrell became the 41<sup>st</sup> active MLS player to eclipse 15,000 career minutes played in today's match.

New England will train in Foxborough this week before hosting the club's first midweek match of the season against Atlanta United FC on Wednesday, May 30. The match at Gillette Stadium kicks off at 7:30 p.m. ET on NBC Sports Boston. Fans may also listen on the radio in English on 98.5 The Sports Hub and in Portuguese on 1260 AM Nossa Radio.

### **New England Revolution 3, Vancouver Whitecaps FC 3 May 26, 2018 – BC Place (Vancouver, British Columbia)**

#### **Revolution play Vancouver Whitecaps FC to a Draw, 3-3**

- The Revolution played the Vancouver Whitecaps FC to a 3-3 draw on Saturday, bringing the club's record to 5-4-3 (18 pts.) through 12 matches of the 2018 regular season.
- New England's all-time record against Vancouver moves to 4-2-3, including a 1-1-2 mark at BC Place.
- With the draw, New England has claimed points in three consecutive matches against Vancouver, dating back to June 18, 2016.
- The Revs now hold a 4-0-2 record when leading opposition at the half.

#### **Revolution Improve on 2018 Record against Western Conference Opposition**

- With today's draw, the Revolution are now 3-1-2 against the Western Conference, including an unbeaten 1-0-2 mark in road contests.
- The next time the Revs will square off with an opponent from the opposite conference will be a midweek clash at San Jose on Wednesday, June 13.

#### **Bunbury Scores Team Leading Sixth Goal**

- Forward **Teal Bunbury** found the back of the net for the sixth time this season in the 59<sup>th</sup> minute of today's contest. The goal puts Bunbury just one score shy of his Revolution single-season high of seven goals.
- The Revs remain undefeated in 2018 when forward **Teal Bunbury** (4-0-2) scores a goal.

#### **Penilla Notches Fifth Tally of 2018 MLS Season**

- Forward/Midfielder **Cristian Penilla** registered his fifth goal of the season in the 48<sup>th</sup> minute of today's contest. Penilla trails only Teal Bunbury (6) for most goals among Revolution players.
- Penilla is just one assist away from becoming the first Revolution player to record at least five goals and five assists this season.

#### **Fagundez Adds an Assist; Moves Up Club's All-Time Ranks**

- Midfielder **Diego Fagundez** registered the primary assist, his third of the season, on Teal Bunbury's 59<sup>th</sup> minute goal.
- With the assist, Fagundez is now tied for fifth all-time in club history alongside Joe-Max Moore with 35 career assists.

#### **Bye Tallies First Career Assist**

- Midfielder **Brandon Bye** recorded the secondary assist on Teal Bunbury's 59<sup>th</sup> minute goal, his first professional assist.
- Bye has now made eight appearances, including three starts, on his rookie campaign.

#### **New England Takes First Half Lead via Whitecaps Own Goal**

- The Revolution were the beneficiaries of an opponent's own goal for the first time this season in the 26<sup>th</sup> minute of the match. Forward/Midfielder **Cristian Penilla** played a ball into the box, which was put into Vancouver's net by defender Aly Ghazal.
- The own goal is New England's first time forcing an own goal since Kevin Ellis put a ball into his own net with Sporting Kansas City on Oct. 1, 2016.

#### **Farrell Reaches 15,000 Career MLS Minutes**

- In the third minute of tonight's contest, defender **Andrew Farrell** eclipsed 15,000 career MLS regular season minutes, becoming the 41<sup>st</sup> active player to hit the 15,000-minute mark. Farrell has now appeared in 171 career matches, including 170 starts, recording one goal and six assists.
- Farrell is one of six players to appear in every Revolution match this season, joining goalkeeper **Matt Turner**, defender **Jalil Anibaba**, midfielders **Cristian Penilla** and **Wilfried Zahibo**, and forward **Teal Bunbury**.

#### **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 MLS match on May 19 vs. Columbus Crew SC. Defender **Claude Dielna**, midfielder **Diego Fagundez**, defender **Gabriel Somi**, and midfielder **Wilfried Zahibo** replaced midfielder **Scott Caldwell**, defender **Antonio Delamea**, midfielder **Kelyn Rowe**, and defender **Chris Tierney**.

### **GAME CAPSULE**

**Referee:** Joseph Dickerson

**Assistant Referees:** Corey Parker (AR1), Jeremy Hanson (AR2)

**Fourth Official:** Jon Freeman

**VAR:** Edvin Jurisevic

**Weather:** 67 Degrees and Cloudy

**Attendance:** 22,120

**Scoring Summary:**

NE – Aly Ghazal (Own Goal) 26'  
 NE – Cristian Penilla 5 (Unassisted) 48'  
 VAN – Cristian Techera 3 (Marcel de Jong 2, Alphonso Davies 4) 49'  
 VAN – Cristian Techera 4 (Unassisted) 51'  
 NE – Teal Bunbury 6 (Diego Fagundez 3, Brandon Bye 1) 59'  
 VAN – Cristian Techera 5 (Yordy Reyna 2, Felipe 6) 74'

**Misconduct Summary:**

NE – Teal Bunbury (Yellow Card – Unsporting Behavior) 11'  
 VAN – Yordy Reyna (Yellow Card – Unsporting Behavior) 17'  
 VAN – Kei Kamara (Yellow Card – Unsporting Behavior) 30'

**New England Revolution:** Matt Turner; Jalil Anibaba, Claude Dielna © (Brian Wright 67'), Andrew Farrell; Gabriel Somi (Chris Tierney 82'), Luis Caicedo, Diego Fagundez, Wilfried Zahibo, Brandon Bye; Teal Bunbury (Scott Caldwell 89'), Cristian Penilla

Substitutes Not Used: Brad Knighton, Nicolas Samayoa, Kelyn Rowe, Krisztián Németh

**Vancouver Whitecaps FC:** Brian Rowe; Macel de Jong (Brek Shea 53'), Kendall Waston ©, Aly Ghazal, Sean Franklin; Alphonso Davies (Anthony Blondell 78'), Russell Teibert (Efraín Juárez 69'), Felipe, Cristian Techera; Kei Kamara, Yordy Reyna

Substitutes Not Used: Sean Melvin, José Aja, Nicolás Mezquida, Bernie Ibini-Isei

New England Revolution	Team Statistics	Vancouver Whitecaps FC
12 (4)	Shots (on Target)	21 (8)
6	Saves	2
12	Corner Kicks	8
0	Offsides	1
9	Fouls	13
396 (74%)	Passes Attempted (% Completed)	321 (72%)
54.4%	Possession	45.6%

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**SATURDAY, MAY 26 AT BC PLACE**

**VANCOUVER WHITECAPS FC**

**HEAD COACH CARL ROBINSON**

**On the ‘Caps resiliency:**

“We showed good character, I know I’ve got character in that group. We didn’t go under, it would’ve been easy at 2-0, when there were a few moans and groans, and rightly so. The players stuck together. They find a way back into the game and ignited the crowd. We ourselves to 2-2 and déjà vu again.”

**On learning points from the match:**

“We’ve need to stop conceding silly, stupid, needless goals, and that’s just individual detail. I said to the guys, maybe the personnel isn’t right, or the shape of the team isn’t right. At the moment, we feel like we’re getting some bad luck, but I don’t blame bad luck. The defending has not been good enough and we need to address that.”

**On Aly Ghazal:**

“Aly has trained very well. I wanted to keep the two midfield players in there together because I thought they did very well together at Dallas last week. I need to get Aly a game as well, with Kendall going away. Aly and [Aarond] Maund are going to come into contention. I thought Jose Aja needed a rest. I was trying to find a solution to not concede six goals in three games because we’ve conceded two, two, and two. Obviously, we conceded three. I thought Aly did really well at certain times. He scored the own goal because he didn’t move his feet quick enough. That happens at times. His next clearance was good.”

**On getting a result:**

“The game’s about winning. People talk about styles, philosophies, entertainment. If we win 1-0 and it’s a boring game, the pessimist would say it’s not good enough. If we score three goals and draw 3-3, it’s entertaining and people go away happy, but I want to win games of football. Credit to New England, the come in with a game plan, as San Jose did, as Houston did. But we let teams off the hook too easy so that’s another area we need to address, individually, as well as collectively.”

**On Kei Kamara:**

“Kei’s a confident boy. Players go through ups and downs. It’s important when players do that, the coach sticks with the players. There’s been some chances that have been missed, but what’s important is you continue to back your players. That’s not just the staff and me, that’s also the supporters. Players don’t purposely go out there to miss. Sometimes they go through some confidence spurts. When that people, it’s important that people get behind people. I thought Kei reacted very well. I’m sure he’s disappointed at certain areas of his game, but he also did a lot of positive things.”

**DEFENDER KENDALL WASTON**

**On today’s result:**

“We wanted to win, obviously. We fought all the way to the end. We spoke about how it’s been four games in a row that we fought hard but it’s harder to score when you’re down. We want to start winning.”

**On improving on defence:**

“We have to be better at everything. We have to be sharper. We have capable people, even though we conceded some goals. We need to find the happiness and calmness that’s needed to win.”

**On having to go away and miss matches:**

“It is really hard. I told my wife I wanted to win before I left. I know there are a lot of guys working hard every day, they’ll all push each other hard. We have great players. Hopefully we can get some wins before the break.”

**On when it’s going to hit him that he’s going to the World Cup:**

“I think when I land in Costa Rica. Today, I was watching the Champions League and two people got injured. I said to myself, ‘I don’t want that to happen to me.’ I want to give it my everything, but I was praying that nothing bad happens to me because anything can happen in this game, you know? I’m healthy and now I’m going to start recording everything thing that happens so that I can look back on it afterward.”

**MIDFIELDER CRISTIAN TECHERA**

**On today’s result:**

“I felt extremely happy that we tied the game up but unlucky that we weren’t able to win the game.”

**On the four-match draw streak:**

“The good thing is that we were able to get a point out of it but it’s still that unluckiness that we can’t overcome that deficit, or be able to win the game but we’ll get there.”

**On if he’s every had a hat trick in his career:**

“This was the first time.”

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**HEAD COACH BRAD FRIEDEL**

**On today’s result:**

“I thought in the first half, we were by far the better team, I thought our passing was very good, I thought our pace was very good, I thought our patience was really good. I would have liked to create one or two more chances, apart from the chance Kei Kamara had at the start of the game. I don’t think they created that much in the final third in the first half. Second half, after we got the second goal, the mentality of our players was something that you don’t normally see, it’s just truly remarkable stuff to see yourselves concede two goals in such quick fashion. Then we showed great character again to go 3-2 up, and then Vancouver piled on a lot of pressure. I think it’s safe to say we should have done a much much better job at closing out the game at 2-0, but I guess we’ll always try to work on the things we did poorly and we’ll always try and take positives out the games, so scoring three goals on the road and gaining a point, we’ll take a

positive out of that. Conceding three goals and just the concession of goals we've had on recent matches hasn't been good enough."

**On halftime defensive adjustments:**

"Well, in the first half, we hardly allowed them to get a cross in the box. In the second half, I think they had more crosses in the first five minutes than they did in the entirety of the first half. We know that they are second in the league in average crosses into the box in each match and that was something we wanted to try to alleviate. We know they have some very good players, whether they are tall or short, they are very lively in the box and it's something that we didn't want to happen. We felt the formation change would help us just calm down and solidify who would be closing down who in the final minutes"

**On perspective whether winning a point or losing two:**

"We lost two."

**MIDFIELDER DIEGO FAGUNDEZ**

**On today's result:**

"It was a frustrating one. We did so well to get a goal early and come back at halftime and get another one; then everything just turned around on us. It's an awful feeling right now. We have to take what we got. We're going to go home and prepare for our next game."

**On dealing with a team rallying back:**

"It's tough, you have to make sure when you get to that point you have to make sure they don't score that third goal because if they score the third goal, it's a different story. We have to be wide awake. We saw the same play three times, and they scored three times the same way. Someone needs to put a foot on the ball to make sure they're not going down the line and crossing the ball."

**On a whirlwind of a week:**

"Of course, I feel good, especially being back with the team. It's an amazing feeling to see the birth of your child, but at the end of the day, you still have a job. As much as I would like to stay home with the baby, it's still nice to be back with the team. I was just trying to give the team as much help as I can. I tried my best to score, but I'll take the two assists."

**On looking forward:**

"Once we watch the film, we will see the mistakes that we made, and we will be mad at ourselves. We knew what the game plan was going to be, lots of crosses early, and that's what they were doing. We were scored on the same way, crosses, and finishing. We're getting our chances at the end of the day, so we just have to keep doing that."