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## **POSTGAME NOTES: Revolution Fall to Philadelphia Union, 1-0**

*New England returns to Gillette Stadium for matchup with Portland Timbers next Saturday*

CHESTER, Penn. – The New England Revolution (7-10-8, 29 pts.) fell to the Philadelphia Union (11-11-3, 36 pts.), 1-0, at Talen Energy Stadium on Saturday evening. Union forward Cory Burke scored the game's lone goal in the 53<sup>rd</sup> minute, when he beat goalkeeper Matt Turner with a right-footed shot. The goal was initially ruled offside, but was overturned after Video Review.

More than 600 Season Members traveled down to Philadelphia to support the Revolution at tonight's match as a benefit of their membership. Earlier this season, more than 700 Season Members bussed to New Jersey to support New England in its match against the New York Red Bulls on July 21.

Midfielder Cristhian Machado made his first career MLS start in tonight's contest. The Bolivian international, who signed with New England on July 23, played 71 minutes in central midfield. He previously made his debut as a second-half substitute on Aug. 4 at Orlando. Another summer transfer window addition, defender Michael Mancienne, made a second consecutive start in central defense. He played all 90 minutes for a second straight week, having also gone the distance against D.C. United last Sunday.

New England returns to action next Saturday, Sept. 1, when it returns to Gillette Stadium for a matchup with the Portland Timbers. The contest 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 0, Philadelphia Union 1 August 25, 2018 – Talen Energy Stadium (Chester, Penn.)**

#### **Revolution Fall to Philadelphia Union, 1-0**

- The Revolution fell to the Philadelphia Union, 1-0 on Saturday evening to move to 7-10-8 (29 points) on the season. The loss drops New England to 1-6-5 in away matches in 2018.
- Philadelphia improved its advantage in the all-time series, as the Revs drop to 6-13-4 in MLS play against the Union.

#### **More Than 600 Revolution Supporters Travel to Talen Energy Stadium**

- The Revolution had the support of more than **600 Season Members** at Talen Energy Stadium for tonight's match.
- As a benefit of their membership, Season Members are offered the opportunity to support the Revolution at one of two away games.
- New England also hosted more than 700 Season Members for the club's match on July 21 at New York Red Bull.

#### **Machado Makes First Career MLS Start**

- Midfielder **Cristhian Machado** made his first career MLS start in tonight's match.

- Machado recorded four tackles, one foul won, and 30 touches in 71 minutes of play.
- The Bolivian international, who signed with New England on July 23, previously made his MLS and Revolution debut as a late second-half substitute on Aug. 4 at Orlando.

#### **Mancienne Starts Second Consecutive Match in Central Defense**

- Defender **Michael Mancienne**, who made his MLS and Revolution debut at D.C. United last weekend, played 90 minutes at center back for a second consecutive match in tonight's contest.
- Mancienne registered one tackle, one foul won, 55 touches, and an 82.5 passing accuracy rate.

#### **Revolution Make Three Changes to Starting XI**

- Revolution Head Coach **Brad Friedel** made three changes to the club's starting lineup from its most recent match at D.C. United on Aug. 19. Midfielder **Cristhian Machado**, midfielder Wilfried Zahibo, and defender **Jalil Anibaba** replaced forward **Teal Bunbury**, midfielder **Scott Caldwell**, defender **Antonio Delamea**.
- Caldwell was suspended for tonight's match after he was issued a red card against D.C. United last weekend.
- Bunbury was ruled out for tonight's match after picking up a minor injury in training on Friday.

### **GAME CAPSULE**

**Referee:** Drew Fischer

**Assistant Referees:** Peter Manikowski (AR1), Peter Balciunas (AR2)

**Fourth Official:** Chico Grajeda

**VAR:** Jorge Gonzalez

**Weather:** 78 Degrees and Sunny

**Attendance:** 18,052

#### **Scoring Summary:**

PHI – Cory Burke 7 (Haris Medunjanin 4) 53'

#### **Misconduct Summary:**

PHI – Cory Burke (Yellow Card – Delaying the restart of play) 57'

NE – Michael Mancienne (Yellow Card – Unsporting Behavior) 78'

NE – Diego Fagundez (Yellow Card – Unsporting Behavior) 90'+4'

**New England Revolution:** Matt Turner; Brandon Bye, Michael Mancienne, Jalil Anibaba, Andrew Farrell ©; Luis Caicedo, Cristhian Machado (Brian Wright 71'), Wilfried Zahibo (Zachary Herivaux 89'); Juan Agudelo, Cristian Penilla, Diego Fagundez

Substitutes Not Used: Brad Knighton, Antonio Delamea, Kelyn Rowe, Isaac Angking, Femi Hollinger-Janzen

**Philadelphia Union:** Andre Blake; Raymon Gaddis, Auston Trusty, Jack Elliott, Keegan Rosenberry; Alejandro Bedoya © (Warren Creavalle 90'+5'), Borek Dockal (Derrick Jones 82'), Haris Medunjanin; Fafa Picault, C.J. Sapong (Ilsinho 68'), Cory Burke

Substitutes Not Used: John McCarthy, Fabinho, Mark McKenzie, David Accam

<b>New England Revolution</b>	<b>Team Statistics</b>	<b>Philadelphia Union</b>
8 (4)	Shots (on Target)	12 (3)
2	Saves	4
5	Corner Kicks	4
0	Offsides	1
11	Fouls	9
369 (73%)	Passes Attempted (% Completed)	400 (76%)

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48.3%

Possession

51.7%

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### **POST-MATCH QUOTES: Philadelphia Union vs. New England Revolution, 8.25.18**

#### **Philadelphia Union Head Coach Jim Curtin**

##### *Opening Statement...*

Overall, not our best night of soccer by any stretch, a disappointing first half from our guys. I think we felt it at halftime, we were not happy. Credit to New England they came out with three defense-minded midfielders that can basically man mark our three key guys; Ale [Bedoya], Haris [Medunjanin] and Borek [Dočkal]. It kind of frustrated us a little. We did not do a good job with our other players maybe just advancing the ball and connecting passes. We kind of forced things and rushed things. It was a little better in the second half I thought. Very good to have 1-0 games at this stage of the year. I think there are moments in seasons now; you can point to David Accam's goal in Chicago, you could talk about the play that gets made by Ilsinho to make the New York City game comfortable, we talk about Andre Blake tonight and the performance he had where he basically gets us three points. These are moments that can define seasons, can shape seasons, and we need to use this momentum to recognize that we did not play our best tonight but we still found a way to get a result, which is very important.

I would also like to say our staff with the work that Tim Hanley with Andre [Blake], B.J. Callaghan, Pat Noonan, Dick Schreuder. Our entire performance staff put a lot of work in and sometimes do maybe not get the love and accolades that they deserve so I do think it is a moment to recognize that and the hours of hard work they put in. Our equipment guys, everybody the whole crew has put a lot into things right now and it is always good sometimes to step back in this whirlwind of a season and recognize, 'hey, there are some people doing some good things here and they deserve it.' Credit to the players tonight, a big three points. It was a great crowd that pushed us on, an entertaining game, strange game, but three points at the end of the day.

*On the goal scored by Cory Burke...*

I mean listen; I am not going to take credit for that play as a coach. You hear from the age of five “play to the whistle” so again credit to Cory, [Burke] he was the only one who kept going in the whole stadium maybe. There was a moment that I was next to the linesman who was certain of himself it was offside. Now you are almost embarrassed for Cory [Burke] who is celebrating, taking his shirt off, getting on his knees, and looking up to the heavens. You are kind of going ‘this is an embarrassing moment for the kid,’ but it was a goal and it was a big goal that won us the game. It was a strange night in that regard and in terms of the goal it was scored but we will take it.

*On Auston Trusty’s frustration at the end of the first half...*

I think that is a difference with this group, I think it’s important not to compare to old groups because every year it is new. Auston [Trusty] was frustrated with himself in that moment and he said a couple words his Mom would not be proud of and it was visible frustration. In those times when it is hard and it is not going your way, maybe we are not passing the ball the best it can become contagious and the next guy tries to make a key instead of doing the simple things that make us good. Just pass it and give it to the next guy and put the special players on the ball. Still a shutout and a clean sheet so there are still moments to learn from but every player’s development is going to have down games. I think Auston [Trusty] had a tough game but at the same time he fought through it and did a good job. He kept a clean sheet, made some big clearances and these are the type of games we may have had let downs or did not close things out. As a team you can look at the data, and I do not want to jinx things, but when we do get a lead we are closing out games. When we take the lead it is tough for games to break us down. It helps to have Andre Blake behind you but at the same time I think it shows some growth with the organization.

*On the impact the substitutes made in the game...*

They do it in two totally different ways. Ilninho with beating guys, dribbling, drawing fouls, killing time, and frustrating tired opponents. New England put a lot into the game and they did get fatigued towards the end, which was important. Derrick [Jones] changed it by doing the little things, breaking up a whole play, dribbling out of a tight spot and connecting a simple pass. Two guys where it is a hard moment to go into the game because nothing good can happen especially with a defense-minded sub in Derrick [Jones] in that moment. If you win you are just supposed to, if you concede a goal people point to you; fair or unfair, that is the reality of it. Again, a young kid that goes into a tough moment that does a very good job for us, doing the little things, broke up play, ran with the ball, and killed some time. If you are going to win in playoff time in the real season, if you are going to get to the real season and actually do something there you need those types of intelligent plays from the guys.

*On his conversation with Revolution manager Brad Friedel after the goal...*

I was confused; I do not know what happened. He was just talking about what happened and we are also trying to piece together what went on and what happened in that moment. Some days it goes your way, some days it goes against you and I think all coaches can relate to each other in the eyes of those small margins it was just a discussion about it. It was a strange, strange goal in terms of some guys stopped, some guys kept playing. The flag goes up or is the whistle blown? All things we did not fully have an answer for.

*On Haris Medunjanin's emotions throughout the match...*

Yeah, Haris [Medunjanin] was competitive tonight. I think when you get man marked and chased around the field like he did with some contact here and there it raised his emotions a bit but he did it in a way that was right on the edge, that fine line. You are controlled but you are also able to frustrate the guy you are playing against. I just advised Haris [Medunjanin] to stay calm because players were trying to bait him into something. To his credit kept his composure in a hard spot to get out with three points.

*On his own reaction to the goal...*

I actually did not ask because they said it was a goal. The linesmen put his flag up and I gave the 'are you sure?' and he said he was 100% sure it was offside. Turns out it was not. A day where VAR [Video Assistant Referee] hopefully, and I do not have all the details, but hopefully it was the right call. It is a big call. It is a big three points for us. New England put a ton into the game. We put a lot into the game. It was an ugly night of soccer but at the same time no one remembers that and people we will go home happy with the three points.

*On how the Eastern Conference is shaping up...*

Yeah, I keep stressing that we really have not accomplished anything yet. Toronto's coming, D.C. is coming. It is not going to be easy, things are going to change ten different times from now till the end of the year. Some team now you think is dead in the water is going to step up and come out of nowhere, it happens all the time. Momentum changes so fast in this league. The only certainty right now is that Atlanta is pretty good. We have a lot to work on and a lot we can improve but we are expected to show that we are in the discussion as one of the good teams in the eastern conference. Everybody is going to be picking each other off down the stretch now. We are going to need Atlanta to keep winning; we are going to need them to beat the teams that are in and around us. We are going to need Red Bull to help us, New York City and teams that are realistically too difficult to catch right now we are going to need help from them to pick off other teams. It is going to be wild but it is going to go down to the wire. I am really proud of my team for winning these types of games when in the past maybe tonight looks like a tie. Maybe too many guys read your headlines this week and it could be a letdown. I was concerned about that and we had a discussion about that in film actually. Again I am really proud of the intensity we showed in a big game and to get a shutout. It has been pretty much five really big games in a row that all have big pressure and guys are really stepping up.

*On the chaos after the goal...*

My first reaction as it was going on was it felt like a WWF moment. You had a guy over here celebrating, you have people confused, the Doop thing did not go off, and it just confused the entire stadium. Haris [Medunjanin] was getting the entire crowd fired up I would say it was organized chaos, I did not really know how to describe it but we are happy that we came out on the right end, hopefully they got the call right. It was certainly one of the strangest things I have seen and certainly you guys have seen some strange things so yeah that was a wild one for sure.

*On Ray Gaddis' achievements...*

It is an incredible achievement. When you think of the Philadelphia Union you think of the [Sebastien] Le Toux's, you think of Brian Carroll, and you think of Ray [Gaddis]. The guys that have been here in order

to achieve that and to put the minutes in that he has for the club. As a starter, off the bench, right back, left back, he never says a word. He brings everything every day to training and he is such a mentor for our young players. He loves the city of Philadelphia and he really loves the club, and he is in the community everywhere. He has a big heart and is from a great family and it is an incredible achievement for him. To be number one in anything is important and just shows that you are a true professional, consistent and you are here every day and that is a hard thing especially for young players. From the academy to the USL to the first team, this thing is a grind. There is going to be highs and lows, part of being a professional is how you respond to hard moments and Ray is a guy that has been through some of those including the heartbreaks of the Open cups with me. We are going to get another crack at it and give everything. He is the type of guy you think of when you get to a final because you never know how many you are going to get to. I want him to win it more than I. I want it more than anything but you want it for him, for Fabinho and for Andre [Blake]. Again, I cannot say enough positive about Ray and the season he is having he is playing excellent.

### **Philadelphia Union goalkeeper Andre Blake**

*On the game...*

I think the team did a great job. New England came in with a gameplan. I think overall we did well to stay in the game and I was happy to do whatever I can to help the team get three points.

*On keeping a clean sheet against a fellow playoff contender...*

It was a great game and a very good game. 1-0 game, these kind of games, especially in the second half felt like a playoff game so for us it's good for our confidence and hopefully we can go down to DC and get three points as well.

*On Cory Burke scoring...*

He's a great guy. That kind of shows what person he is; he's relentless, he wants to score and get into the right spots and I'm very happy for him and hope he can keep going.

*On Burke celebrating with the flag up...*

I saw that and I'm like 'he doesn't even know what's going on,' (laughs) but yeah I'm happy for him.

*On Ray Gaddis breaking the minutes played record...*

Ray is a great guy and he's been solid for us all year. I just went over to him to say congratulations and hopefully he can keep going and going and going.

### **Philadelphia Union defender Ray Gaddis**

*On setting the Union's minutes played record...*

First and foremost I want to thank God for giving me the ability, I want to thank the coaches for the opportunity to play minutes, and I want to thank my teammates this season. This is a special group of guys. I want to thank everyone from Johnny Torres, who takes care of the field, to Paul Rushing, who is our athletic trainer who keeps me intact, and I want to thank everyone that believed in me.

*On playing in Philadelphia and what the city means to him...*

I've spent my whole adult life here. You could say this is my second home, or third home behind Morgantown, West Virginia. It's been a blessing coming here because it's very much like Indianapolis. It's a blue collar city with the people, the fans and how passionate about sports and what a great environment it is to be in. I've met people who are friends that have become family here. I'm tremendously blessed from the Lord for the great people who have surrounded me. This is a great place to be.

*On setting the record in a win...*

I want to talk about Andre Blake keeping the clean sheet and Cory Burke scoring the goal and playing to the whistle. That's fundamental when you're younger; you play to the whistle and that's what he did. Everyone is buying in to the collective effort of the team, no one player is above the group. It's tremendous to get the honor from the Lord for most minutes but to get a win on top of that's just beautiful for me. I'll sleep good tonight.

*On his game evolving...*

For any professional athlete, no matter what sport they play, you often hear when they get older how the game evolves. Whether it's Michael Jordan, LeBron James or other players, when you get older you think more about the game and rely less on your physical attributes.

*On being a role model for African-Americans...*

I believe that the Lord placed me here in Philadelphia to have the responsibility to take on being an advocate, especially African-American, being a role model in a city of much diversity, to act accordingly but to do my best on the field. I hope it gives them inspiration that they can accomplish anything, not just being a professional athlete. Often times African-Americans are pushed into music or sports but I want to let them know they can do anything they want to do.

*On Burke's goal and celebration...*

It was odd at first because that's what I was always taught; to play to the whistle. With VAR, I know anything is possible. I'm not the one looking at the screen but I'm thankful that the result went our way.

*On how good the Union are...*

We're taking it one day at a time. We don't think about that. You never get too high, you never get too low. We still have games to play. We haven't proven anything yet. The question is still unanswered because we still have things to do, we still have nine games plus the Open Cup left. We haven't accomplished anything yet.

On potentially winning the Open Cup...

It would be a tremendous honor to bring the first trophy to the club, but we're taking it one game at a time. Yes we got the victory but now our focus is on DC. We're not worried about that game right, we're worried about our opponent DC because they're in a good run right now especially since Wayne Rooney has come into the side and they move into their new stadium which has energized them.

### **New England Revolution head coach Brad Friedel**

*On the Union's goal...*

First, I tried my best not to talk to the referee today because he's also the one that made so many mistakes in the Orlando game. I thought it better to stay clear of him – not the one in the middle, the fourth. The ref said he didn't blow his whistle, which he did not, I just reviewed it. The referee on that occasion got the play absolutely correct, but it's a difficult one, because as the player hits it, the linesman puts his flag up. When he puts his flag up, all the players stop, including their players, except for Burke. To the letter of the law, it's a goal, but it's a hard one to take. You clearly hear the whistle after the ball has already hit the back of the net. And he was onside. He was onside. They were level. Letter of the law, you can't complain, but it's so hard when you're a player and you see the flag go up and everybody on both teams stops except one player. On this occasion, I can't openly say it was the referee's mistake.

*On the team's defending...*

I thought the defending was well. You saw how frustrated Medunjanin was. He showed very little class by coming over and running into my face. I never said a word to him all game. He was getting frustrated because he wasn't getting touches on the ball. I don't think Bedoya touched the ball very much at all, I don't think Dockal got very many touches on the ball, and that's their team. If you limit them, they play long balls up front. I thought we did a pretty good job of that. Their chances in the first half came from us losing possession of the ball. We had a couple of chances in the first half and Blake made some really good saves in the second.

*On the flag going up...*

The way VAR works now is if the referee continues play and the player goes and scores or misses or there's a foul, or penalty or something of that nature, and blows the whistle at the end, the play is reviewable. If the referee had blown the whistle right away, the play would not have been reviewable.

*On the Revs' late flurry...*

I have to say, I honestly don't think they deserved to win the game tonight. A little disheartening that we couldn't score tonight. It was a very strange goal that we conceded. I was very, very happy with the effort of the playoffs and we have nine games to try to make into the playoffs.

*On the standings...*

We have zero margin for error.

*On what he was encouraged by...*

I was encouraged with a lot today. I don't think we were as good with the ball as we could have been. I thought defensively we were a lot more resolute throughout the game. They are a team with a lot of confidence. By and large, we stopped most of their attacks. I don't think you'll see too many games this season where Bedoya has as few touches on the ball. He's a really good player, good guy, works really hard and I thought we limited that. Dockal is another good player and we limited his touches on the ball. Medunjanin as well. I haven't had a look at their specific passing stats but I can't believe that they'd be too high.

*On losing Teal Bunbury...*

We have a good squad. We played in Orlando, away from home, we played with this formation with Teal off the bench. He came off the bench; Teal is obviously a loss in any game but I thought Juan, Diego and Cristian Penilla caused a lot of problems. I thought when Brian Wright came on, he did okay. We definitely didn't lose the game tonight because Teal wasn't here.

### **New England Revolution defender Andrew Farrell**

*On Philadelphia's goal...*

I mean they got a good ball through, I think he was offside, I was on the back end and the referee raised his flag late. Our guys stopped and the forward kept going and finished. The referee said he didn't blow the whistle and the other said he did. He blew the whistle after the ball went in, not sure if they were on the same page but we need to play till the whistle and it's unfortunate.

*On his frustration...*

I think the boys put a great effort in tonight, obviously it's difficult not winning for almost two months, we had a lot of good chances but we gave away many too and we played a good team that will punish you for it.

*On creating chances...*

I think we have great players up top and they can create stuff up top for us. We need to build on our chances and that changes the game having one chance and being able to put it away. We didn't put ours away today.

*On being worried with the standings...*

Yeah I'm worried. We haven't won a game in a long time but I know the quality we have and my teammates. We have nine games and we need to win every one and I know we have a chance mathematically still.

### **New England Revolution goalkeeper Matt Turner**

*On Philadelphia's goal...*

Well, we are told to play until the whistle and one on one he beat me, that was my job on the play and I didn't come through for the team.

*On the performance overall...*

I think we had a clear game plan and we really executed especially in the first half. We came out on the back foot of the first 10 minutes of the second half and it culminated in the goal. He (Blake) out-goalkeepped me tonight and made a couple of saves to keep the Union in the game. So it has been frustrating not to get anything out of it but we have been saying that a lot this year.

*On the backline and what he liked...*

Everything, we snuffed out a lot of danger, they didn't create too many chances off set pieces and it was the best thing for me and obviously the team. I think our defenders did really well tonight but unfortunately we got punished.

*On facing breakaways...*

I usually like myself in those situations, I've done a pretty good job of that this year so far. Yet again I am frustrated with myself, I dove in and got punished. I need to step up and stop shots, it's happened a little more frequently this year but it's not anything really new.

*On the standings...*

We want to treat every single game like a cup final, so that's one cup final loss. Games get increasingly important as we go down the stretch. Things are starting to fall out of our control but we still need to take care of our business before we start looking at other teams for help. Every week is just a huge game for us and we need to just bring it and continue to buy into what our coaches are telling us. They are putting us in the right position to win games so we are right there.

**Match referee Drew Fischer**

**Pool Reporter: Jonathan Tannenwald, Philadelphia Inquirer**

*On Cory Burke's 55<sup>th</sup>-minute goal, the near side assistant referee put his flag up, but you did not stop play. What did you see and why did you make that decision?*

Following the Video Review protocol, the play was allowed to continue until the goal was scored. At this point, the decision on the field was offside. The VAR recommended a review for a goal, and following the review, a goal was awarded.