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## **POSTGAME NOTES: Revolution Play LAFC to 1-1 Draw in Clubs' First Meeting** *Bye scores first career goal in the 82<sup>nd</sup> minute to secure crucial away point for New England*

LOS ANGELES, Calif. – The New England Revolution (8-10-10, 34 points) played Los Angeles Football Club (13-7-8, 47 points) to a 1-1 draw in the clubs' first ever meeting at Banc of California Stadium on Saturday evening. LAFC forward Marco Ureña scored the game's opening goal in the 52<sup>nd</sup> minute, but Revolution defender Brandon Bye equalized in the 82<sup>nd</sup> minute with a powerful header inside the near post to net New England a critical point and extend the team's unbeaten run to three games. The draw brings New England within five points of the Montreal Impact for the sixth and final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference with a game in hand.

Bye's game-tying goal was the first of his MLS career. Selected by New England with the eighth overall pick in the 2018 MLS SuperDraft, he has started the club's last seven games at left back and owns 18 appearances on the season. Entering Week 29, Bye's 970 minutes played was the fifth most among this year's SuperDraft selections.

Homegrown Player Isaac Angking, who made his MLS debut in the Revolution's win at New York City FC on Sept. 5, made a second consecutive substitute appearance in tonight's contest. The Providence, R.I., native logged nine minutes after replacing Diego Fagundez in the 81<sup>st</sup> minute, and delivered the pass to Teal Bunbury that led to Bye's game-leveling goal.

Revolution goalkeeper Brad Knighton made a second consecutive start in net and registered five saves. The 11-year MLS veteran made his first start of the season in New England's last match at New York City FC on Sept. 5 and backstopped the Revs to a 1-0 win. Second-year forward Brian Wright also made a second consecutive start and played 57 minutes.

New England returns to action next Saturday, Sept. 22, when the club hosts the Chicago Fire at Gillette Stadium. The contest kicks off at 7:30 p.m. ET on NBC Sports Boston, 98.5 The Sports Hub, and in Portuguese on 1260 AM Nossa Radio.

### **New England Revolution 1, Los Angeles Football Club 1 September 15, 2018 – Banc of California Stadium (Los Angeles, Calif.)**

#### **Revolution Draw LAFC, 1-1, in Inaugural Matchup**

- The Revolution drew LAFC, 1-1, on Saturday evening to move to 8-10-10 (34 points) on the season. Defender **Brandon Bye** scored a late equalizer in the 82<sup>nd</sup> minute—the first of his MLS career.
- New England improves to 2-6-6 on the road this season.
- New England also extends its unbeaten streak in away games on the west coast to seven.

#### **Bye Scores First Professional Goal, Secures Draw for Revs**

- Revs defender **Brandon Bye** scored his first professional goal off of a **Teal Bunbury** assist in the 82<sup>nd</sup> minute of Saturday night's matchup in Los Angeles.
- The rookie, who has started New England's last seven matches at left back, started and played 90 minutes in his 18<sup>th</sup> appearance of the season.
- Bye has now surpassed the 1,000-minute mark with 1,060 total MLS minutes played

#### **Knighton Makes Second Consecutive Start in Net**

- New England goalkeeper **Brad Knighton** made his second start of the 2018 season after playing 90 minutes in net and recording five saves in tonight's draw.
- The 33-year-old now has 59 career starts and 198 career saves

#### **Rowe Makes 200<sup>th</sup> Career MLS Appearance**

- Midfielder **Kelyn Rowe** tallied his 200<sup>th</sup> career MLS appearance after starting and playing 90 minutes in tonight's 1-1 draw in Los Angeles.
- The 26-year-old has scored 28 goals and recorded 40 assists in his seventh season with the Revs.

#### **Homegrown Player Angking Makes Second Professional Appearance**

- Midfielder **Isaac Angking** made his second MLS appearance Saturday night in Los Angeles. The 18-year-old entered the match as a substitute for midfielder **Diego Fagundez** in the 81<sup>st</sup> minute of the game.
- Angking made his professional debut in the Revolution's win against New York City FC on Sept. 5.
- Angking's second appearance comes shortly after his call-up to the United States Under-19s National Team last week. He appeared in all three of the U-19 MNT's games in the 2018 U.S. Soccer U-20 Men's Invitational and scored one goal.

#### **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 New York City on Sept. 5. **Diego Fagundez**, **Luis Caicedo**, and **Antonio Delamea** replaced **Wilfried Zahibo**, **Cristhian Machado**, and **Michael Mancienne**.
- Mancienne was unavailable for tonight's match as he returned to England for the birth of his child.

### **GAME CAPSULE**

**Referee:** Mark Geiger

**Assistant Referees:** Mike Rottersman (AR1), Apolinar Mariscal (AR2)

**Fourth Official:** Kevin Stott

**VAR:** Victor Rivas

**Weather:** 72 Degrees and Clear

**Attendance:** 22,000

#### **Scoring Summary:**

LAFC – Marco Ureña 1 (Diego Rossi 8) 52'

NE – Brandon Bye 1 (Teal Bunbury 4) 82'

#### **Misconduct Summary:**

NE – Scott Caldwell (Yellow Card – Unsporting Behavior) 37'

LAFC – Steven Beitashour (Yellow Card – Unsporting Behavior) 41'

NE – Teal Bunbury (Yellow Card – Unsporting Behavior) 67'

NE – Luis Caicedo (Yellow Card – Unsporting Behavior) 77'

**New England Revolution:** Brad Knighton; Brandon Bye, Jalil Anibaba, Antonio Delamea, Andrew Farrell ©; Luis Caicedo, Scott Caldwell (Juan Agudelo 57'); Cristian Penilla, Kelyn Rowe, Diego Fagundez (Isaac Angking 81'); Brian Wright (Teal Bunbury 57')

Substitutes Not Used: Matt Turner, Zachary Herivaux, Mark Segbers, Cristhian Machado

**Los Angeles Football Club:** Tyler Miller; Jordan Harvey, Walker Zimmerman, Danilo Silva, Steven Beitashour; Lee Nguyen (Christian Ramirez 75'), Benny Feilhaber, Eduard Atuesta; Marco Ureña (Latif Blessing 69'), Diego Rossi, Carlos Vela

Substitutes Not Used: Luis López, Dejan Jakovic, João Moutinho, André Horta, Joshua Pérez

| New England Revolution | Team Statistics                | Los Angeles Football Club |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 20 (8)                 | Shots (on Target)              | 15 (6)                    |
| 5                      | Saves                          | 7                         |
| 6                      | Corner Kicks                   | 7                         |
| 0                      | Offsides                       | 4                         |
| 27                     | Fouls                          | 12                        |
| 310 (72%)              | Passes Attempted (% Completed) | 424 (80%)                 |
| 42.9%                  | Possession                     | 57.1%                     |

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### POST GAME QUOTES

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2018

LAFC VS. NEW ENGLAND REVOLUTION

**BOB BRADLEY**

**LAFC HEAD COACH**

#### RE: Overall thoughts on tonight's game

"We got the game we expected from an athletic, physical team. We knew they would come out and try to press us hard. The first 30 minutes, I don't think we found any kind of rhythm at all, and in the latter part of the first half we started to get a few more chances. We spoke at halftime that we just have to continue in that way, so we have a good start to the second half, and we take the lead. From that point on, as they just keep going and going, I think we've got to match them in certain ways physically. I think from that point until the end, that's where our football has to be better. That's where, if they want to come and press us and take more risk, we've got to be able to be a little bit more clever, find the right

amount of touches, and when there is an advantage, make them pay. Too many of the opportunities they got came because we were a little bit slow, or the pass isn't quite right, or the touch is off, and now every time you lose a ball in the wrong spot, then you have to deal with a real emergency. They hit the ball long, and they've got guys that are running very hard, so I didn't like the way we managed the game after we took the lead. Tyler [Miller] kept us in it for a while, but eventually, if you're not doing more football wise, then you pay the price."

**RE: Dealing with pressure**

"We felt that Latif's energy on the right side would be a real weapon, and that defensively, he will give you that extra bit of work. He also does a good job under pressure of getting away from people and keeping possession. When teams now want to come after us, I think we wanted to see a little bit of how it would look giving Carlos [Vela] a little bit of freedom. The midfield didn't have to defend as much, we weren't forced to defend wide, as they through their outside backs forward. Carlos' ability, at that point, to come off, be an extra man, and help us transition from deep spots on the field to get forward with both Diego and Latif wide would be a weapon for us. Carlos is still, in that moment, capable of getting something going through the center, he can get the next goal."

**RE: Midfield movement**

"The first 30 minutes, they just go one to one, and then it's just midfield movement, being a little quicker with the ball, finding a way to play over the press. For me, we fought through that part pretty well. I thought towards the end of the second half it got better, and we started the second half fine, you could see at times the tempo was a little bit quicker. After that, it was more a product of when in certain situations they're coming hard, can we make the right choice and get it to the next guy a little bit faster. I thought in too many cases that we we're slow with the ball. Some touches got away from us, and then that produces transition moments where they're on the move and then push us a little bit deeper, and we don't find a way to make a play to take advantage and push higher."

**TYLER MILLER**

**L AFC GOALKEEPER**

**RE: LAFC supporters**

"We've had tremendous support this entire year and I've come to build a lot of relationships with the supporters throughout the year. Playing in front of 20,000 fans every game is an amazing experience for me, and I love our supporters. They do a tremendous job each game, and for them to chant my name, it's an honor and I don't take it for granted. I know how much they pay for their season tickets and to come watch us play, so it means a lot to me."

**RE: Overall thoughts on tonight's game**

"We knew coming in that they were going to play a direct and physical style of play, and a lot of their opportunities came from just challenging headers, winning flick-ons and getting in behind. Our defense had a really strong game and then made a lot of key blocks and key plays throughout the game. The goal, the ball went wide after a cleared corner and those are always the tough moments where you have to stay focused or remark, and that's where players can get lost sometimes. Unfortunately tonight, that's what happened, but we'll keep moving forward, we're in a good position with the season, so we're just going to keep going forward."

**CARLOS VELA**

**L AFC FORWARD**

**RE: Closing out games**

“We have to show more personality to play the way that we normally play when we are starting the game. So when we are winning, we have to keep taking the ball, passing and waiting for a good moment to go for the next goal, and win points. I think in this part of the season you have to win points and it doesn’t matter how you win. Sometimes it’s important to get the three points and if you have to play in the back, we have to do it. We have to learn how to win these next couple of games and I hope we can show in the next game and be in the playoffs.”

**RE: Mindset finishing the season**

“We know that every team needs points and every team fights like every game is the last game of the season because all teams need points to be in the playoffs. Every team tries to find a way to win games and find a way to be hard to play against. The only thing I would say is we have to work more to find ways to win the next couple of games if we can play our game, our football. After that, for sure we can get more wins and hopefully we can be in the playoffs.”

**MARCO UREÑA  
LAFC FORWARD****RE: Thoughts on your mindset to stay focused and get a goal**

“It was a game where they pressed a lot. In the first half, we got our chances when we played behind the defender, and I think in the second half we missed a little bit of that. After the goal, we should have pressed even more to get more confidence. It’s hard to play when you don’t have the ball. They press a lot. They play physically. We’re still working on finding a way to play against teams like that. So, hopefully against San Jose, we can make that better.”

**BRAD FRIEDEL  
REVOLUTION HEAD COACH****RE: Overall thoughts on tonight’s game**

“The effort tonight was outstanding. With the exception of four minutes in the first half, I thought we were the better team. [LAFC] were very confused at how to play out of the back, even in the first half. We wanted to get to half time 0-0 or even 1-0 up, which we did because we know they concede a lot of chances and a lot of goals in the second half. You can play behind their midfield, with some wonderful players going forward in the midfield, but defensively they leave some gaps and I thought we exposed them. We have some really good chances that we should have scored, but let’s face it, they had a couple off of counter attacks but really good to come back into the game and I felt that we should have won it.”

**RE: Defense**

“I thought [Antonio Milnar Delamea and Jalil Anibaba] were both good. We have three excellent center backs and whenever we’re picking a team, it’s very difficult to leave one of them out. Michael [Mancienne]’s partner had to have a C-section in the birth of their first child so Jalil and Antonio stepped up and they were very good today.”

**BRANDON BYE  
REVOLUTION MIDFIELDER****RE: Equalizing in the second half**

“We always have belief anywhere we go, if we’re home, if we’re away, it doesn’t matter. We came out in the second half and we knew we could get a goal, we could get chances, and we did.”

**RE: Preparation for the match**

“We talked about [LAFB conceding second half goals] all week. We knew we were fit, we knew we were ready to go. In the second half, it payed off and we got the goal.”

**RE: Scoring his first MLS goal**

“It’s always good to have the first. You’ve got to score the first, right? So I was happy about that. And I was happy that our team came out and fought the second half. We were able to get the goal back, I’m excited to get the point and hopefully we get three next weekend.”

**TEAL BUNBURY**

**NEW ENGLAND FORWARD**

**RE: Effort to come back in the second half and take a point**

“Resiliency. We’re on the road. We know that LAFB is a good team. Going forward, they created a lot of opportunities. I feel like we had some chances as well to maybe win that game. It was a hard-fought battle from the first minute to the 90th. I’m really proud of the guys for sticking with the game plan and being able to get this tie.”

**RE: Thoughts on LAFB’s tendency to concede late goals**

“It definitely was in our mind, especially when it was the 75th minute. I remember Jalil (Anibaba) coming up to a few of us and saying ‘Hey, they concede late. Let’s stay tuned in and locked in.’ We tried to keep the pressure on, and we were able to get that goal.”

**RE: Comments on how you feel about hamstring injury**

“Yeah, I feel great. The hamstring felt good today. All the hard work from the athletic trainers and fitness coach keeping me healthy and trying to get me back on track. So, it felt good to get out there and get a run in.”

**RE: Thoughts on next match vs. Chicago and chances to make the playoffs**

“We have a great opportunity to get three points at home and keep pushing for the playoffs.”