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## **POSTGAME NOTES: Revolution Fall to Atlanta United FC, 2-1**

*Revs host Orlando City SC at Gillette Stadium in penultimate home match next Saturday*

ATLANTA, Ga. – The New England Revolution (8-12-11, 35 pts.) fell to Atlanta United FC (20-6-6, 66 pts.), 2-1, before a crowd of 45,122 at Mercedes-Benz Stadium on Saturday afternoon. Atlanta United defender George Bello and midfielder Julian Gressel were the host's goal scorers, tallying in the 17<sup>th</sup> and 52<sup>nd</sup> minutes, respectively. Forward Juan Agudelo pulled one back for New England in second-half stoppage time, with Diego Fagundez tallying the assist, but the Revs were not able to find an equalizer.

Fagundez set a new single-season career high with his ninth assist, which is the most among Revolution players this season. The Leominster, Mass. native now owns 41 assists for his career, which moves him past teammates Kelyn Rowe and Chris Tierney for third most in club history.

Brookline native Zachary Herivaux made his first career start in today's contest. Herivaux, the third Homegrown Player signing in club history, played 70 minutes in central midfield before being replaced by fellow Homegrown Fagundez as a substitute.

Goalkeeper Brad Knighton made a fifth consecutive start in net for New England. He made four saves, giving him 26 across his five league starts this season. In addition, midfielder Kelyn Rowe made a second straight start at left back, and newcomer Guillermo Hauché made a second straight start – and third consecutive appearance – on the right wing.

New England returns to action next Saturday, Oct. 13, when the club hosts Orlando City SC 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, Atlanta United FC 2 October 6, 2018 – Mercedes-Benz Stadium (Atlanta, Ga.)**

#### **Revolution Fall to Atlanta United FC, 2-1**

- The Revolution fell to Atlanta United FC, 2-1 on Saturday, bringing the club's record to 8-12-11 (35 pts.) through 31 matches of the 2018 regular season.
- New England's all-time record against Atlanta drops to 0-2-2, including an 0-2-0 mark in Atlanta. The Revs and Atlanta United played to a 1-1 draw in Foxborough on May 30 in the clubs' first meeting this season.

#### **Fagundez Sets Single-Season Career High in Assists; Claims Third Place in Revs History**

- Midfielder **Diego Fagundez** registered his ninth assist of the season on Juan Agudelo's goal in the 92<sup>nd</sup> minute, bringing his total to nine on the season – a new single-season career high.
- Fagundez surpasses his previous high of eight assists, which he set last season.
- The Leominster, Mass. native now owns 41 career assists, which propels him past teammates Kelyn Rowe and Chris Tierney and into sole possession of third place for most assists in club history.

### **Brookline Native Herivaux Makes First Career MLS Start**

- Midfielder **Zachary Herivaux**, the third Homegrown Player signing in Revolution history, made his first career MLS start in today's contest. He played 70 minutes in central midfield and registered 23 touches, one tackle, and one foul won.
- For his MLS career, Herivaux now owns 133 minutes played across nine appearances in league play.
- Herivaux will depart for international duty with the Haiti National Team on Oct. 8 ahead of Les Grenadiers' CONCACAF Nations League qualifying match against St. Lucia on Oct. 13. He will be unavailable for New England's upcoming match against Orlando.

### **Knighton Wears Captain's Armband in Fifth Consecutive Start**

- Goalkeeper **Brad Knighton** made his fifth consecutive start in net for New England and wore the captain's armband for the first time this season.
- Knighton made four saves, bringing his total on the season to 26.
- Dating back to Sept. 1, Knighton leads all MLS goalkeepers in saves with 26 stops. He made his first league start of the season in the Revolution's win on Sept. 5 at New York City.

### **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 match against Toronto FC on Sept. 29. Defender **Andrew Farrell**, defender **Jalil Anibaba**, midfielder **Scott Caldwell**, and forward **Juan Agudelo** were replaced by defender **Brandon Bye**, defender **Antonio Delamea**, midfielder **Zachary Herivaux**, and midfielder **Wilfried Zahibo**.
- Farrell was sidelined by a hamstring injury for today's match, while Caldwell served a one-game suspension for yellow card accumulation.

## **GAME CAPSULE**

**Referee:** Kevin Stott

**Assistant Referees:** Brian Poeschel (AR1), Andrew Bigelow (AR2)

**Fourth Official:** Rubiel Vazquez

**VAR:** Edvin Jurisevic

**Weather:** Indoors

**Attendance:** 45,122

### **Scoring Summary:**

ATL – George Bello 1 (Leandro González Pirez 2) 17'

ATL – Julian Gressel 4 (Héctor Villalba 9) 52'

NE – Juan Agudelo 3 (Diego Fagundez 9) 90'+2'

### **Misconduct Summary:**

NE – Wilfried Zahibo (Yellow Card – Unsporting Behavior) 16'

NE – Zachary Herivaux (Yellow Card – Unsporting Behavior) 38'

NE – Guillermo Hauché (Yellow Card – Unsporting Behavior) 56'

NE – Luis Caicedo (Yellow Card – Unsporting Behavior) 64'

**New England Revolution:** Brad Knighton ©; Kelyn Rowe, Antonio Delamea, Michael Mancienne, Brandon Bye; Cristian Penilla, Luis Caicedo, Wilfried Zahibo (Jalil Anibaba 57'), Guillermo Hauché (Juan Agudelo 57'), Zachary Herivaux (Diego Fagundez 70'); Teal Bunbury

Substitutes Not Used: Matt Turner, Cristhian Machado, Brian Wright, Isaac Angking

**Atlanta United FC:** Brad Guzan; Leandro González Pirez, Michael Parkhurst ©, Jeff Larentowicz; George Bello, Eric Remedi, Darlington Nagbe, Julian Gressel; Miguel Almirón (Ezequiel Barco 30'), Héctor Villalba (Franco Escobar 67'); Josef Martinez

Substitutes Not Used: Alec Kann, Andrew Carleton, Romario Williams, Kevin Kratz, José Hernández

New England Revolution	Team Statistics	Atlanta United FC
11 (3)	Shots (on Target)	13 (6)
4	Saves	2
5	Corner Kicks	2
1	Offsides	6
20	Fouls	5
318 (77%)	Passes Attempted (% Completed)	543 (85%)
37.6%	Possession	62.4%

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## NEW ENGLAND REVOLUTION POSTGAME QUOTES

Atlanta United 2 vs. New England Revolution 1  
Saturday, October 6, 2018

### **New England Revolution Head Coach Brad Friedel**

#### ***On tonight's match:***

**Coach Friedel:** "As far as [how] Atlanta played, I thought it played out exactly as we thought. The first 15 minutes they always come out really fast and we wanted to try to stay compact. I don't think our back four, in the first five minutes, got the depth quite right and didn't drop off. At the time that they scored the goal, things were getting a little bit more comfortable for us. It's the story of the season, to be honest with you. It is an individual mistake where we switch off on a set play. In the run of play, they were having a little bit of the better of it in the early going, but then it calmed down like most of all of their games. Once [Miguel] Almirón went out, that takes away an enormous part of their attack. In the second half I don't think we were able to capitalize due to the second goal. But we keep fighting, we always will. We came back to 2-1 too little too late."

#### ***On slowing down Atlanta's transition play:***

**Coach Friedel:** "They weren't passing through us at all. Everything was over the top, which was what we wanted. The first couple balls over the top, I don't think our back four dropped enough, but other than that I thought it was pretty comfortable. We saw what New York [Red Bulls] did with limiting Almirón's touches last week, and if you can limit his touches – he sets up an enormous amount of their goals – so, obviously I hope his injury isn't too bad, but it was good for us when he came off. The second goal was a bit of a

deflator, but we kept working at it. We had a couple other opportunities. In the second half we wanted to press a little bit higher because we were down a goal and Almirón was off, so their exceptional pace going forward wasn't there. It is a real shame because I thought the boys put in a really good effort."

***On Zachary Herivaux making his first MLS start:***

**Coach Friedel:** "I thought it was a shame that we conceded at the time that we did, because I thought at that time it was a turning point for us when Wil [Wilfried Zahibo] and Zach [Herivaux] were starting to get on the ball and Luis [Caicedo] a little bit in the midfield. We wanted Zach in there with his energy and play right in front of Wil and alongside Luis and try and go out and pressure their back three, but also be able to come back in for the second hole. We will watch the video and see exactly how he did, but I thought he did okay today."

***On Andrew Farrell's status:***

**Coach Friedel:** "It is a pretty bad hamstring injury, to be honest with you. So, I don't know how many weeks, but it will definitely be at least three. It occurred late on in the second half of the Toronto game [on Sept. 29], which is the reason he came out. We didn't know the extent of it until probably Tuesday. Andrew is a lovely character and he is one of the guys that is the life of the team. He will be missed, but I'm sure he is going to work to get back as soon as possible."

**New England Revolution Goalkeeper Brad Knighton**

***On tonight's match:***

**Knighton:** "It's a tough one. I felt like, at times, we had moments in the game where we were the better team. The [Miguel] Almirón injury definitely changed the game in our favor and I felt like once he went out of the game, we had the possession and created chances. In the second half, I thought we had chances to score, but we just left it a little too late."

***On Atlanta's first goal:***

**Knighton:** "We talk all week about the little moments whether the ball goes out of play or set pieces and stuff and being switched on and knowing where guys are. Maybe it was a quick lapse and they are coming quick on the counter. They are one of the better teams in the league on the counter. Maybe we switched off for a second and it cost us a goal, but I felt like we played our way back into the game and had chances and came up a bit short."

***On slowing down Atlanta's transition play:***

**Knighton:** "Defensively, I thought, for the most part, we did very well. We were concerned about [Miguel] Almirón, [Tito] Villalba and Josef Martinez, and I felt like overall we did a pretty good job of containing them. Obviously, with their level and quality, they are going to get chances in the game. It just is a matter of minimizing those and I thought throughout the 90 minutes that we did. We created a couple chances, they finished off theirs and we were late to get one and ended up short."

***On wearing the captain's armband:***

**Knighton:** "It means a lot. We walked into the meeting this morning and they announced that I was going to be the captain. That is huge for my confidence and that is huge for me being here. I am very thankful for it. There are a lot of leaders in the locker room and to be recognized and to lead the group today was something special and something I will always remember and hope to continue moving forward."

***On next week's home match against Orlando City SC:***

**Knighton:** "It is a huge opportunity. We need to maximize the last three games that we have. That is nine points that we need to take from those three games. At home, we need to take care of business. It is down to us against Orlando next weekend at home and nothing short of three points will do."

**New England Revolution Midfielder Zachary Herivaux**

***On tonight's match:***

**Herivaux:** “I think it was all out there for us to take the three points. We frustrated their game and we stuck to our tactics. Once we had the ball we needed to produce more opportunities, but I feel like it was there for the winning.”

***On Atlanta’s first goal:***

**Herivaux:** “We have to look at that on video. It was just a set piece and we fell asleep and they capitalize on it. We can’t let that happen because, against good teams like this, they will punish us.”

***On his first MLS start:***

**Herivaux:** “I have been working for many years to get this opportunity. Unfortunately, we weren’t able to get the result. Hopefully next time I get this opportunity we are able to.”

***On the importance of getting regular MLS minutes:***

**Herivaux:** “As time goes and as more minutes are given to me on the field, I think I will be able to develop a lot quicker. I’m thankful for the opportunity and hopefully more come.”

***On departing for international duty with Haiti:***

**Herivaux:** “It is a big match for us [on Oct. 13], it is for [Gold Cup] qualifiers. We need to win every game, so we are going to go in there with a fresh mentality and know that we have to take care of business once we step on the field.”

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