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## **POSTGAME NOTES: Revolution Play Seattle Sounders FC to 3-3 Draw** *Agudelo records second brace of the season as Revs earn a point on the road*

SEATTLE, Wash. – The New England Revolution (2-3-4; 10 pts.) played Seattle Sounders FC (2-2-4; 10 pts.) to a 3-3 draw at CenturyLink Field on Saturday evening. Forward Juan Agudelo turned in his second brace of the season and Daigo Kobayashi opened his 2017 scoring account as New England earned its second away draw of the season.

Midfielder Daigo Kobayashi opened the scoring for New England with a long-range strike in the 15<sup>th</sup> minute, setting the tone for an offensive outburst from the Revolution. Forward Juan Agudelo doubled the team's lead with a diving header in the 26<sup>th</sup> minute and completed his brace on the other side of halftime in the 54<sup>th</sup> minute. Agudelo, who is now tied with Orlando City SC forward Cyle Larin for second most goals in MLS with six, moved past Clint Dempsey and into a tie with Kelyn Rowe for eighth place on New England's all-time goal scoring list with 27 career tallies.

With two assists on the evening, midfielder Lee Nguyen improved his career total to 37 and surpassed Chris Tierney for sole possession of second place on New England's all-time assists chart. Midfielder Kelyn Rowe and defender Antonio Delamea recorded assists for the second consecutive match, while midfielder Diego Fagundez recorded his third helper of the season and midfielder Xavier Kouassi tallied the first assist of his MLS career.

Full match statistics from [RevolutionSoccer.net](http://RevolutionSoccer.net) can be found [HERE](#). Postgame interview footage from Head Coach Jay Heaps and Revolution players can be found [HERE](#).

New England returns to action next Saturday, May 6, when the club visits Columbus Crew SC at MAPFRE Stadium. The match kicks off at 7:30 p.m. ET and will be broadcast locally on CSN New England, where Brad Feldman and Paul Mariner will be on the call. Fans can also listen on the radio in English on 98.5 The Sports Hub and in Portuguese on 1570 WMVX Nossa Radio.

**New England Revolution 3, Seattle Sounders FC 3**  
**April 29, 2017 – CenturyLink Field (Seattle, Wash.)**

### **Revolution Earn Away Point with Draw against Sounders FC**

- The Revolution and Seattle Sounders FC played to a 3-3 draw on Saturday night, bringing New England's record to 2-3-4 (10 pts.) through nine matches and 0-3-2 on the road in 2017.

### **Agudelo Bags Second Brace of Season, Surpasses Dempsey in Revs Record Books**

- Forward **Juan Agudelo** scored his fifth and sixth goals of the season, securing his second brace of the year and the fourth double of his MLS career.
- With his first-half goal, Agudelo surpassed Clint Dempsey and took sole possession of ninth place in New England's all-time goal scoring chart. The forward's second tally moved him into a tie with teammate **Kelyn Rowe** for eighth place on the list (27).

- Agudelo, the Revolution's reigning Golden Boot winner, now leads the team in goals scored and is tied with Orlando City SC forward Cyle Larin for second most among all MLS players. His previous season high in goals scored is seven.
- Agudelo finished the match with four chances created, two shots on target, 58 touches, four tackles, and three fouls won.
- **Kelyn Rowe** and **Antonio Delamea**, who recorded the assists on Agudelo's goal last Saturday against D.C. United, did so again on his tally on the first half.

#### **Nguyen Moves Ahead of Tierney for Second Most Assists in Club History**

- Midfielder **Lee Nguyen** tallied a pair of assists tonight and moved into sole possession of second place on the Revolution's all-time assists chart. Nguyen recorded the 36<sup>th</sup> assist of his Revolution career on Daigo Kobayashi's 15<sup>th</sup>-minute goal, and picked up his 37<sup>th</sup> on Juan Agudelo's second-half goal.
- The assists propel Nguyen past both Joe-Max Moore and defender **Chris Tierney** for second most helpers in club history.
- For 2017, Nguyen is now tied with **Diego Fagundez** for the team lead in assists with three.

#### **Kobayashi Opens 2017 Scoring Account in Second Start of Season**

- Midfielder **Daigo Kobayashi** made his second start of the season and opened the scoring in tonight's match with a long-range strike in the 15<sup>th</sup> minute.
- The goal marked Kobayashi's second as a member of the Revolution and his first since his stoppage-time equalizer in last season's opener in Houston on March 6, 2016.
- Kobayashi's goal was also the first scored by a Revolution player from outside of the 18-yard box this season.

#### **Fagundez Thrives in Central Attacking Midfield Role**

- Midfielder **Diego Fagundez** got his first start of the season in a central attacking midfield role and submitted five shots, two shots on target, two chances created, and 42 total touches.
- Fagundez tallied his third assist of the season and the 27<sup>th</sup> of his career on Juan Agudelo's goal in the 54<sup>th</sup> minute, which moves him past Jay Heaps for sole possession of 10<sup>th</sup> place on New England's all-time assists chart.
- With three assists, Fagundez is tied with Lee Nguyen for the team lead.

#### **Kouassi Records First Assist with Revolution**

- Midfielder **Xavier Kouassi** registered his first assist as a member of the Revolution on Juan Agudelo's goal in the 54<sup>th</sup> minute.
- Kouassi recorded 38 touches and three tackles in his fifth 90-minute effort of the season.

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

- Revolution Head Coach Jay Heaps made two changes to the club's starting lineup from its most recent match on April 22 vs. D.C. United. Defender **Benjamin Angoua** and midfielder **Daigo Kobayashi** moved to the Starting XI, while defender **Josh Smith** shifted to the bench and forward **Kei Kamara** did not travel with the team to Seattle.
- Forward **Brian Wright**, the Revolution's first round selection in the 2017 MLS SuperDraft, made his first career appearance in the 18-man match day roster.
- Midfielder **Zachary Herivaux** was unavailable for selection in tonight's match as he remains on loan with San Antonio FC. Herivaux scored for San Antonio in the team's 4-0 win against Portland Timbers 2 on Friday night. Goalkeeper **Matt Turner** was also unavailable for selection as he completes a short-term loan with the Richmond Kickers.

### **GAME HIGHLIGHTS**

- 11<sup>th</sup> minute (CHANCE) – Strong build up play between **Lee Nguyen** and **Juan Agudelo** opens space for **Diego Fagundez** to get a clean shot on net, but Sounders FC goalkeeper Stefan Frei handles it and keeps the match scoreless ([WATCH](#)).

- 16<sup>th</sup> minute (GOAL) – **Daigo Kobayashi** uncorks a knuckling shot from 35 yards out that slips past Stefan Frei, giving the Revs an early lead in the first half ([WATCH](#)).
- 18<sup>th</sup> minute (CHANCE) – Two minutes later, **Kobayashi** nearly bags a brace with another strike from distance, but Frei extends fully to his right and makes a fingertip save ([WATCH](#)).
- 26<sup>th</sup> minute (GOAL) – **Juan Agudelo** doubles New England's lead with a diving header, finishing off a picturesque left-footed cross from **Kelyn Rowe** ([WATCH](#)).
- 42<sup>nd</sup> minute (CHANCE) – **Diego Fagundez** nearly finds the Revolution's third goal of the first half with a curling, right-footed shot that forces a leaping save from Stefan Frei ([WATCH](#)).
- 54<sup>th</sup> minute (GOAL) – **Juan Agudelo** reels in a pass from **Diego Fagundez** and beats Stefan Frei with a right-footed shot to secure his brace and put the Revolution up, 3-0 ([WATCH](#)).
- 72<sup>nd</sup> minute (SAVE) – **Cody Cropper** parries away a long-range try from Sounders FC defender Joevin Jones, with Benjamin Angoua sweeping away the rebound ([WATCH](#)).
- 74<sup>th</sup> minute (GOAL) – Nicolas Lodeiro scores and cuts the deficit to two ([WATCH](#)).
- 85<sup>th</sup> minute (GOAL) – Will Bruin pulls another back for the home side with a header to the near post ([WATCH](#)).
- 88<sup>th</sup> minute (GOAL) – Osvaldo Alonso equalizes for Seattle ([WATCH](#)).

### **GAME CAPSULE**

**Referee:** Allen Chapman

**Assistant Referees:** Apolinar Mariscal (AR1), Andrew Bigelow (AR2)

**Fourth Official:** Dave Gantar

**Weather:** 55 Degrees and Rain

**Attendance:** 43,230

#### **Scoring Summary:**

NE – Daigo Kobayashi 1 (Lee Nguyen 2) 15'

NE – Juan Agudelo 5 (Kelyn Rowe 2, Antonio Delamea 2) 26'

NE – Juan Agudelo 6 (Diego Fagundez 3, Xavier Kouassi 1) 54'

SEA – Nicolas Lodeiro 3 (Joevin Jones 4) 75'

SEA – Will Bruin 3 (Joevin Jones 5) 85'

SEA – Osvaldo Alonso 1 (Gustav Svensson 1, Nicolas Lodeiro 4) 88'

#### **Misconduct Summary:**

SEA – Tony Alfaro (Yellow Card – Unsporting Behavior) 44'

SEA – Will Bruin (Yellow Card – Dissent) 80'

**New England Revolution:** Cody Cropper; Kelyn Rowe, Antonio Delamea, Benjamin Angoua, Andrew Farrell; Xavier Kouassi (Je-Vaughn Watson 67'); Daigo Kobayashi (Femi Hollinger-Janzen 85'), Scott Caldwell, Diego Fagundez; Lee Nguyen © (Teal Bunbury 77'), Juan Agudelo

Substitutes Not Used: Brad Knighton, London Woodberry, Josh Smith, Brian Wright

**Seattle Sounders FC:** Stefan Frei; Joevin Jones, Tony Alfaro (Roman Torres 84'), Gustav Svensson, Jordy Delem (Henry Wingo 55'); Cristian Roldan, Osvaldo Alonso ©; Jordan Morris (Harry Shipp 68'), Clint Dempsey, Nicolas Lodeiro; Will Bruin

Substitutes Not Used: Bryan Meredith, Alvaro Fernandez, Zach Mathers, Seyi Adegoya

New England Revolution	Team Statistics	Seattle Sounders FC
13 (6)	Shots (on Target)	26 (8)
5	Saves	3
4	Corner Kicks	5
1	Offsides	1
6	Fouls	4
256 (73%)	Passes Attempted (% Completed)	747 (89%)
25.4%	Possession	74.6%

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