



NEW ENGLAND REVOLUTION POSTGAME QUOTES

New England Revolution vs San Jose Earthquakes
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New England Revolution Head Coach Jay Heaps

On the numerous chances and what was missing from making the breakthrough:

Coach Heaps: “First half, I thought, was really bright. I thought we were very good in the first half, in terms of how we were trying to break them down and the one v one chances we were in. Or even the half chances we created, felt more like full chances because if we had taken one more touch, one more dribble, it would’ve been there. I’m trying to think of Juan’s [Agudelo] play and then a few set pieces I thought we were really good on. But look, they’re good at what they do. They’re disciplined. Dom [Dominic Kinnear] has been a head coach in this league for what, a hundred years. He’d hate me for saying that, but they’re disciplined and they know how to catch you. I felt like we were in control of the game and then [in the] second half, they came out and [had a] few chances here and there that were dangerous, and they weren’t extending themselves. They were deep, but they played with two or three guys that were dangerous.”

On the play of goalkeeper Cody Cropper:

Coach Heaps: “First half, I thought we didn’t need him, in terms of there weren’t a ton of [chances for San Jose]. In the second half, I even said to him, ‘You need to make one save for us.’ I just felt like it was going to come down to one save, but instead he made two or three. The really good play, I thought, was obviously the save he made with his knee [in the 66th minute], but the one I really like was when he came out and cleared the ball when the back pass went through. That was one that he was alert and playing quickly and he did a great job.”

On Lee Nguyen taking more shots in the final third:

Coach Heaps: “I believe the one in the first half, I think he’s playing that to Juan [Agudelo] and I think that may be the right one because it’s a tough one there. But there was one in the second half, I think I know which one you’re talking about, where he played Diego [Fagundez] and he was inside. I thought he should’ve shot it. Every instance is different, but Lee [Nguyen] can score some goals and I agree with you. I’d rather him take some, especially when he gets into that 18 [yard box] area. Get his head down, get his shot off because he can make some incredible plays if he’s a little bit more aggressive shooting.”

On the production of the additions to the lineup this week:

Coach Heaps: “I thought all four guys really added something. You look at the four guys that came in. Ben [Angoua], Chris [Tierney], Daigo [Kobayashi], and Diego [Fagundez], they were bright tonight. They really added some fresh energy, some fresh football. Unfortunately, Daigo took a little bit of a knock. I wanted another 10 or 15 minutes out of him, but he just couldn’t move real well and it happened in maybe the 30th minute, so he was carrying it for a little while. You obviously want to get the win. We made our subs for Juan [Agudelo] and Daigo. I felt like we wanted to make one more sub, but it felt like things were going our way. We were starting to get a little bit of the football. I didn’t want to disrupt that, but I thought all our guys were ready to go. Femi [Hollinger-Janzen] and Teal [Bunbury] and London [Woodberry], those guys were ready to go on the side.”

On the frustration of having the home winning streak snapped:

Coach Heaps: “It’s disappointing we didn’t get three points, for me. I didn’t want to look too far back and see, but for me, it’s just that we were bright to start and I knew we were going to put a lot into that first half. And I thought that we would get something. So, it’s disappointing that we didn’t get it. I thought if we had gotten one or two goals in the first half, the entire complexion of the match would’ve been different.



Look, we had a quick turnaround. We got to take the point. We've got to move, make some adjustments, make some changes to the lineup, and be ready for a D.C. [United] team on Saturday."

New England Revolution Midfielder Diego Fagundez

On the game ending in a scoreless draw and what was missing:

Fagundez: "I think it's the final ball. We were creating a lot of chances. We just couldn't get that last ball to go in the back of the net. I think everybody was frustrated because we were doing so well, and when that doesn't happen, we just have to keep going and try to grind it out, and hopefully something happens, and today it wasn't there. So, we have to just keep moving forward and hopefully Saturday is a different story."

On his shot in the 74th minute and if he thought it was going in:

Fagundez: "It was a tough one because I got a bad touch on it and all I could think was, 'Well, I need to shoot this.' On the one, too, with Juan [Agudelo], he laid it off perfectly. I should've shot it first time but I thought I could take another touch, and when I took touch, the keeper made a good save. It's one of those that you work on in your training, but sometimes the keeper gets you on that."

On what he saw from Cody [Cropper] and the 66th minute save:

Fagundez: "Yeah, it's huge, but that's why he's in there. I think overall, our defenders and midfielders and forwards were working so hard to make sure that the ball doesn't go in the net, and then, like I said, it's just one of those plays that Cody [Cropper] needs to be ready and you can tell he was ready for that. I think that gave us energy to try to keep going and make sure that they didn't get one and we were trying to get one."

On valuing playing well at home and his reaction to the draw:

Fagundez: "Overall, I think our team did well defensively and attackingly. So we just have to try to move on and hopefully do better than that on Saturday against D.C. It's going to be a tough game and I think if we do well on both sides of the ball, we can definitely get our chances and hopefully get three points here at home."

New England Revolution Defender Andrew Farrell

On his thoughts on this atypical scoreless draw:

Farrell: "Yeah, obviously, we're happy – considering three goals on the weekend – to come back and get a shutout. I think the back line did well defensively and Cody [Cropper] had a great game. He had some big saves. Obviously, I wanted to get three points at home, especially since we've been doing so well at home, but they came out with a game plan. You could tell that. They're pretty happy getting out of here with a draw, but that's frustrating. At the same time, we got a game against D.C. [United] on the weekend that's another big one."

On what it did for the group when Cody Cropper made that big save in the 66th minute:

Andrew Farrell: "That's huge. It was kind of, like, a pretty open game there for a little bit, and they got a nice little chance on goal that if he doesn't make the save, it's pretty much going in. So, it boosts us when he can make those saves. It's a big-time save to keep us in the game and gives us a little more of an uptick to get going and to try to get the result."

On San Jose coming out with increased pressure to start the second half

Farrell: "I think they started the game really well. I think we kind of had a game plan in mind and got some guys some rest. And the guys who came in and started did a good job. Kelyn [Rowe] played the number 10 [and] was really good, and Diego [Fagundez] on the outsides, and Daigo [Kobayashi] contributed well. The guys did really well on the attack. And the second half, kind of, maybe the legs got



to us or I'm not sure, but they came out really hot, and we weathered the storm a little bit. We got some chances there. We just got to make sure we take care of business. But at the end of the day, we got the shut out, and hopefully moving on, we can take care of points, take care of the game, and get points on the weekend."

New England Revolution Goalkeeper Cody Cropper

On his thoughts on how the game played out:

Cropper: "I think it's disappointing not to take three points. We had plenty of chances in the first half and I think that we defended well throughout the 90 minutes. We really cut their opportunities down. Obviously, they get one or two chances and at the end of the day, that's my job is to make those saves and help the team and change the momentum, and I think that that really helped us in that scenario. But I think that, again, it's just disappointing to take only a point when we were so dominant in the first half."

On if he had time to see anything in his 66th minute save, or if it was a quick reaction:

Cropper: "Not really. I think in the moment, you turn off the post and you hope it hits you, and thankfully, I spread myself, make myself big, and it does. It goes wide of the goal. In all honestly, I knew nothing about it – just kind of hoped it hit me and we got away with that one."

On how he feels he has been coming along finding consistency and getting minutes:

Cropper: "I think I'm finally finding consistency. Obviously, seven years spent in England, not consistent playing time. You know, I think the coaching staff and a lot of the players here – we're finally finding a rhythm together. I think for myself, I'm also finally finding that rhythm and really coming along in development and in decisions, in where I should – my starting positions, really. At the end of the day, I can only keep moving forward and hope that I continue to grow."

On what it did for the group to bounce back with this type of defensive showing:

Cropper: "I think coming out of the game in Chicago, we knew it was just one of those games where we had to bury it and move forward. We knew it was a short week with San Jose tonight and coming in Monday after having Sunday off. The team was in the right mentality to come in here each and every day, and obviously, to come in here today with the right mentality to just move forward and bury that game, and either take three points or at least take a point tonight."

San Jose Earthquakes Head Coach Dominic Kinnear

On San Jose's performance:

Coach Kinnear: "Tough, tough game. A lot of chances out there, surprisingly it was a zero – zero. The goalies made some good saves. For us, it's a valuable point. Like I said, New England came out with some good energy and I thought we had some good chances in both halves. So, yeah, tough place to play and a good point for us."

On how important it was to match New England's intensity early:

Coach Kinnear: "You have to, especially, away from home. If you come out and take your punches, you're asking for trouble. You have to make sure you try to put pressure on them as far away from your goal as possible. The first half we had a hard time connecting some passes and getting some possession, but, overall I thought our defensive intensity was pretty good and I think we got better in the second half."

On what helped the Earthquakes in the second half:

Coach Kinnear: "I just think starting positions of certain players were beneficial. We were playing a bit too high at times. I think the second balls were bypassing us, where I think in the second half our starting



positions of Cordell [Cato] and Jahmir [Hyka] got them on the ball a little bit more and it helped us play better.”

On if the anticipation of a difficult upcoming road game affects the team:

Coach Kinnear: “Yeah, gather ourselves and get ready for Saturday. So it’s a tough road trip, two different types of elements. You go from turf and cold and then grass and heat. We’ll get ourselves ready for Saturday and the thing we want is the same effort we got tonight.”

On giving Danny Hoesen his first MLS start:

Coach Kinnear: “I think he got better as the game went on. It’s his first time he’s played from the beginning and for the most part he’s been playing ten, twenty minutes. So, to give him an extended run, you can tell, you were hoping he’d come out and get a couple goals right away. You can tell he was bulleting his way into the game and he did well for us.”

On how Danny Hoesen has acclimated himself in MLS:

Coach Kinnear: “That’s a question for him. Like I said, it was his first start tonight and between that it was just a bunch of sub appearances. He wasn’t a fan of the field and I said MLS can throw a lot of different things at you. So, it’s a learning experience for him, but I think he seems to be enjoying it so far.”

San Jose Earthquakes Forward Danny Hoesen

On starting his first MLS game:

Hoesen: “I was just very happy. I’ve been working hard. I missed some of preseason, so I didn’t get fit. The coach told me I going to play today, so obviously I was very happy with that.”

On how his team is gelling with the new offensive weapons:

Hoesen: “I think there is a lot more within the team. I think we showed some good stuff but also not so good. There is room for improvement. The quality today, we had good chances as well, but of course they had some chances as well. We hope to get better and better each week.”

On how he’s getting to accustomed to MLS:

Hoesen: “Obviously, it’s a little bit different than Europe but I have to say the club is very professional, very organized. Everybody’s trying to help you and make it easy for you. The guys have been good. I’m surprised about the level in the MLS. There are some good players and good teams. I think it is fun to play in this league.”

On how to build from tonight’s performance:

Hoesen: “I think I need to come into a rhythm, like, the more you play, the better you feel, the stronger you get. If you play more, you get more confident. Today, I think I was unlucky with the ball into the post. I think I need to get more minutes and hopefully get better and better, too.”

On the team getting a point on the road in tonight’s match:

Hoesen: “I think it wasn’t our best game. Obviously, we would like to play more in form, but sometimes you have situations that’s not good or possible. I think we had good chances, like me with the post, Fatai [Alashe] with a keeper, but that was a bit of a lucky save. We could have won and could have loss, but 0-0 is a fair result.”

San Jose Earthquakes Forward Marco Ureña

On Danny Hoesen starting his first MLS game:

Ureña: “Danny [Hoesen], you can see with the training, is really good player. He has a lot of experience from where [he] is coming from. I think he is doing really well because the game is harder to play away



from your home and it's hard to play away, always when it's [a player's] first game. It's difficult, but he really did a good job. When he got the chance, he kept the ball. A lot of good things he did in the game."

On the team getting a point in tonight's match:

Urena: "We're coming from the last two visits, we lose, so at least one point is good for us. Sometimes, it's difficult to get one point. One point is not bad for us."

On the weather's effect on the game:

Urena: "Of course, the weather makes something because it's cold weather. It also doesn't make you the same warm than on the field, but that's no excuse. We have to play with everything. Soccer is like this. Sometimes you play in California with good weather and the wind, also. They have a good team, they had a chance, we had a chance, we didn't score, they didn't score. That's a good result for us."

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