



NEW ENGLAND REVOLUTION POSTGAME QUOTES

New England Revolution vs. D.C. United

Saturday, April 22nd, 2017

New England Revolution Head Coach Jay Heaps

On the quick start and what happened to change the momentum:

Coach Heaps: “Coming in, we thought the two things that would hurt us would be the counter attack and set pieces. Unfortunately, you can prepare for it. You can work on it, but when the games on the line, you got to be prepared to do it. Unfortunately, our set piece defending wasn’t good enough. Don’t get me wrong, we had chances too. We just got to be better there.”

On the changes made at halftime:

Coach Heaps: “Yeah, a lot of games in this week. We felt like Kelyn [Rowe] would get a lot of the ball there in the first parts of the game and he did, but then we wanted to open it up and bring Chris [Tierney] in and have a little bit of a fresh look out there. It was right there. I thought that that was the goal that was going to come. It was a great ball from Chris in to Kei [Kamara]. Hit the post and then we had the chance with the second ball.”

On if and how the momentum of the match made it difficult for the Revolution to implement their game plan:

Coach Heaps: “What happened was, I don’t know if it was as open in the first half. But the second half, once we scored, it became open. But the first half, the key is you just can’t let them get the lead and they did. Now we’re trying to get them out a little bit to play and they weren’t coming out very much in the first half after they scored, but the first twenty minutes went exactly to script. Like I said, it came down to a set piece and we didn’t clear it right and they scored the first goal. Then, the second one was a straight counter. Bad set piece by us, one ball down, and [Sebastien] Le Toux gets through. You know, not good enough. We know that. All of us just have to be better.”

On if he's disappointed about getting only two points from two home games this week:

Coach Heaps: “Yup. Are you?”

On the positive response out of halftime:

Coach Heaps: “I thought it was great. Believe me. We had a nice conversation at halftime just to really see what we were made of. The first half, the game went the wrong way for me for about 15, maybe a little longer. Maybe 20 minutes. From minute 25 to 45 maybe. And then the second half was great energy, great effort, and we really knew we were going to get one back. Felt like we could get one back and really push for the last one up until the last minute. Then, we gave them one chance at the end, too. So, it could’ve been 4-4 at any point.”

On if finishing improved from Wednesday night's match:

Coach Heaps: “No. I think we were the same thing. I just did the broadcast with Paul [Mariner] and Brad [Feldman] and we’re pressing. Maybe we’re passing when we should be shooting, shooting when we should be passing. Just a little bit off. We do a lot of those situations in training to create the moment, to let the players make the decisions, and I think tonight the decision making in the final third was just a little bit over aggressive. Because the other night, I felt like we were a little bit passive and we just can’t continue to overreact in those moments. I looked in the locker room and guys are just absolutely gutted because they put a lot into this week. Two games back to back at home were difficult because the teams that came in were rested and ready to play, and it was tough for us to really finish our chances the way we know we can.”

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New England Revolution Defender Chris Tierney

On what he saw on the cross that Kei Kamara headed off the post in the 80th minute:

Tierney: “Yeah, I saw Kei [Kamara] head it and I don’t know how it didn’t go in; great run from him and just bad luck. What are you going to say? Sometimes you get the bounces, sometimes you don’t. We didn’t get it.”

On the supporters making a tifo in his honor:

Chris Tierney: “I had heard whisperings of it, but to see something like that was amazing. To feel appreciated by the fans like that – really special moment for me. I’ve obviously never had something like that in my time here, so, yeah, you know, it gets old, me saying it every time, but I’m really proud to be a Revolution player and to get recognized by supporters like that is an amazing feeling. So many thanks to them.”

On what the team will take away from this week:

Chris Tierney: “We take two points, which is disappointing, but there’s a lot of good stuff to take. I know that’s probably not what a lot of fans want to hear at this point, but I think if you look at the games, we played some really good stuff. We just gave up a few soft goals and need to button a few things up. Like I said, that probably sounds old to even some of us, but I really think that’s the truth. So, we’re going to stay positive, keep moving forward. We like the group we have, and we feel like if we keep playing the way we are — button a few things up — then we’ll be in good shape.”

On the team’s approach heading into this match:

Chris Tierney: “Yeah, you know, I think, like I’d said earlier, Jay [Heaps] had an idea that he was going to put me on towards the end if we were behind or if it was tie game to try to get the goal. My job is to try to get front service into our players and we had the opportunity there. It’s just bad luck that we couldn’t take it. So, yeah, I think tactically, it was a move that worked out, worked the right way, and unfortunately, like I said, we just couldn’t get the bounce.”

New England Revolution Midfielder Antonio Delamea

On earning a point after the match took a turn:

Delamea: “Honestly, I think this draw is fair. We both had nice chances. Maybe they had a few better than we did. At the end, I think it’s a fair result. I feel maybe a little disappointed, but that’s soccer. If you’re not a hundred percent in the game, like we were in the first half. They punished our stupid mistakes. Again, we need to be satisfied with the draw.”

On the goal that he set up:

Delamea: “It’s an action that because of me on the second post, I think that Kelyn [Rowe] did a great job with his crossing and it was only up to me, we did a great job of losing the defender and at the end, I think I shoot the ball good and it ends up in goal. I must say we had too much set pieces that we didn’t realize the way we want. We need to work especially on this because we had like maybe nine or ten corners, but most of them were rubbish.”

On hat was Coach Heaps’ halftime talk:

Delamea: “Coach said that we needed to show our team mentality; we need to show that we are a good team, we need to stick together, we need to work one for another. We opened the second half nice, but then we had some problems, especially in the middle, because I think Kouassi was too much alone in the middle. At the moment for me, when I was looking from the back, it looks like we played 4-1-5, I think that we lost some points, especially here in the middle, because we couldn’t control the game the way we wanted.”



On the reaction of getting two points in two home games:

Delamea: "Like I said in the beginning, we expected more, we expected to win here in front of our home fans. In the end, I think we didn't give enough energy to get the right result. At the end of the day, when we look back, we need to be satisfied with a draw. Now in our head, only is Seattle, it will be I think an even harder game than today, so we need to start focusing there."

New England Revolution Goalkeeper Cody Cropper

On what he takes from the night and the week as a whole:

Cropper: "As a team, I think we're disappointed that we went into the week thinking we could take six points. Obviously, we took two points—it's better than none—but now we just have to focus on our game next weekend and the recovery process between now and then."

On how the game changed in the second half:

Cropper: "I think the game just sizzled out a little bit in the last 20 minutes of the first half, and I think we obviously did very well coming out in the second half obviously, 2-1 down and getting that second goal. I think we continued to create chances and we continued to defend very well to finish the game out and take the point."

On some of the close calls in the match for both sides, including the late D.C. United shot off the crossbar:

Cropper: "Yeah, those obviously happen. Obviously tonight I had the luck of the draw with that. Nothing, in that case, went against me. An inch inside and that hits the underside of the post and goes in or hits the underside of the crossbar and goes in. I think that tonight we had that luck in our corner and we obviously need to continue to hope for that and move forward."

On if defending set pieces is something the team has been working on in training:

Cropper: "We work on that weekly. We just need to continue to do that and continue to be strong in games and I think that that aspect of the game will come for us, and I don't think that we really have to worry about that for now."

D.C. United Head Coach Ben Olsen

On the result of the match:

Coach Olsen: "It's a very satisfying point, I think for the entire group. We're not happy about starting off the game and the second half in that way but the chances we created, our ability to bounce back in the first half, and then to hold on down the stretch. Again, a team that's throwing a bunch of numbers forward and not just numbers, but pretty dynamic attacking players for this league. For us to hold up and almost steal it, even in the last few moments. Again a satisfying point, still think there was enough chances on both teams tonight to take all three. But, to get our first road result of the season is important."

On if it's a concern to be giving up first half goals:

Coach Olsen: "Obviously, it's not a good thing, right. It's something we have to fix and we will. But, certainly alarming and something we'll address, but, that's not necessarily the story today, for me. It's more a group of guys that gave everything for each other out there to get something out of this game. Kofi [Opare], Sebastien [Le Toux], Lamar [Neagle], Max Tissot, first real minutes this year. To put them all on that many changes, a new midfield formation with those three and for all of them to again look after each other out there it was an overall pretty good performance."

On what he saw out of Ian Harkes being the primary attacker on the field:

Coach Olsen: "He's obviously different than Lucho [Luciano Acosta] and on the road that's something we can look at, where maybe it's a touch more defensive in there. But, I thought he had a very good game."



Again, I said it before, he continues to grow and he continues to prove that he belongs, not only in the starting lineup, but in the league. [He] got a little closer on scoring a goal tonight, hit the post, so maybe next week, one will hit the net."

On the goal scored by Sebastien Le Toux:

Coach Olsen: "Well, the one thing we knew we were going to have with Sebastien [Le Toux] and Lamar [Neagle] is a threat with the legs and behind. Sebastien times his run very well, his experience makes a very classy play to chip the keeper. I thought he was great, Sebastien, and overall a pretty good point."

D.C. United Forward Sebastien Le Toux

On how D.C. United performed:

Le Toux: "I think we performed well for maybe eighty minutes, and for the first five minutes of each half, we were kind of dropping, and maybe not as awake as the rest of the game. So I would say it was eighty very good minutes from us and everybody was tuned in, and even if we had a few new guys like me with a first start and some other guys with a first start, I think we showed we have a very good group and very good team spirit and we can get a result away. I think it was a good performance overall."

On the team scoring two goals in two minutes:

Le Toux: "It's great character. It's a good mentally team and now we kind of need to keep doing this in every game and maybe not being down a goal to react right away. It's a good learning process, but I think we are pretty happy how we reacted after the first goal we got against."

On if he saw Cody Cropper coming out on his goal:

Le Toux: "Yeah, I saw him come out. Lloyd [Sam] brings the perfect ball and it was great timing so luckily the keeper didn't come as fast as he could have and I just chipped it. I was lucky and it went in so I'll take the goal but yeah, saw it coming so that's why I just chipped it."

D.C. United Midfielder Jared Jeffrey

On giving up an early goal in the fifth minute:

Jeffrey: "It was very disappointing, I think. We talked a lot about reactions this week, especially after last week giving up a goal so early in the second half, but obviously we responded pretty well to get it back in at halftime 2-1 up. That was big for us."

On giving up an own goal at the start of the second half:

Jeffrey: "Another set piece goal. I think you know we gave up a lot of corner kicks and we didn't deal with that one, but I thought we were good on set pieces throughout the night mostly on everything else. It's disappointing, I thought we still created some chances in the second half and we just couldn't get them to fall."

On getting a point despite missing several players to injuries:

Jeffrey: "I think we got a really deep squad and that's always been a theme around here. I don't think we read too much into it. Obviously, there's some different guys, but we expect everyone to come in and do the job and I thought everyone that played tonight did that."

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