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POSTGAME NOTES: Revs Extend Win Streak to Four Games in 3-2 Victory over New York City FC

Bou, Bell, and McNamara score as Revs win first match following June break

HARRISON, N.J. – The New England Revolution (6-1-2; 20 pts.) extended their winning streak to four in a 3-2 defeat of New York City FC at Red Bull Arena on Saturday night in a game that saw three lead changes. Gustavo Bou, Jon Bell, and Tommy McNamara were the goal scorers for New England, finding the back of the net in the 29th, 79th, and 88th minutes, respectively. New York City pulled level twice, with Thiago equalizing in the 55th minute and Ismael Tajouri-Shradi equalizing in the 85th minute, before McNamara's decisive goal late in the second half.

McNamara's game-winning goal – his first goal since joining the Revolution in August 2020 and first since July 20, 2019 – gives New England its longest winning streak since 2015. Bou opened the scoring in tonight's contest with a right-footed volley from distance, giving him three tallies on the season. The Revolution remain unbeaten when Bou scores, improving to 12-0-7 across all competitions. New England also remains unbeaten when scoring first this season with a 5-0-1 mark. Jon Bell got on the scoresheet with his first professional goal in the 79th minute, becoming the first Revolution II graduate to score for the first team in an MLS match.

Carles Gil registered two assists in tonight's win and has now notched an assist in four consecutive games for the first time in his MLS career. His seven assists are three more than any other player in MLS this season. New England is 17-0-5 across all competitions when Gil contributes an assist. Tajon Buchanan also recorded his second assist of the campaign when he played the grounded cross that resulted in McNamara's game-winning goal.

Goalkeeper Matt Turner submitted a single-game season-high seven saves in the win, also denying a penalty kick attempt in the 12th minute from New York City's Valentin Castellanos. Turner's penalty save was the fourth of his MLS career across all competitions, and his fourth stop in the last five penalty attempts faced across his time with the Revolution and U.S. Men's National Team. The New Jersey native has faced 10 penalty kicks in across all competitions with the Revs, giving him a 40 percent save rate on bids from the spot.

New England returns to action on Wednesday, June 23, when the club hosts the New York Red Bulls at Gillette Stadium. CBS Boston's exclusive pregame coverage begins with "Revolution Kickoff" on TV38 at 6:30 p.m. ET. The contest kicks off at 7:00 p.m. ET on TV38, myRITV, 98.5 The Sports Hub, and in Portuguese on WBIX 1260 AM Nossa Radio USA.

POSTGAME NOTES

**New England Revolution 3, New York City FC 2
June 19, 2021 – Red Bull Arena (Harrison, N.J.)**

- The New England Revolution (6-1-2, 20 pts.) defeated New York City FC, 3-2, on Saturday night to remain in first place in the Eastern Conference.
- New England extended its winning streak to four games, the club's longest since 2015, when it won six straight games across July and August.
- **Tommy McNamara** scored for the first time since being acquired by New England in August of last year, and for the first time since July of 2019. His goal came against New York City FC, where he played for four years from 2016-19.
- The Revolution remain unbeaten, 12-0-7 across all competitions, when **Gustavo Bou** scores a goal.
- **Bou's** 27th-minute tally gave the Revolution a 1-0 halftime lead. New England carries a streak of six consecutive matches without trailing after the first half of play. The Revolution have faced a halftime deficit just once in nine matches this season.
- **Carles Gil** recorded two assists tonight, extended his streak of games with an assist to four. New England is 17-0-5 across all competitions when Gil notches an assist.
- **Gil's** seven assists are most in MLS by a margin of three.
- **Jon Bell** scored his first career goal with the 78th-minute header, becoming the first Revolution II graduate to score in a first-team match. Carles Gil assisted the go-ahead goal and has collected assists in four straight games for the first time in MLS.
- New England's three Designated Players- **Bou**, **Adam Buksa** and **Carles Gil**- have now factored into 11 of the Revolution's 12 goals scored this season. Bou trails Buksa (4) by one goal for the team lead.
- Thiago's 55th-minute goal snapped a New England streak of 327 minutes without conceding a goal from open play.
- Revolution II graduates **Bell** and **Maciel** appeared together in New England's Starting XI for the third time this season. Maciel, who has started all five of his appearances, completed 30 of 35 pass attempts over a 59-minute shift. Bell collected his fourth full 90-minute appearance tonight.
- **Matt Turner's** first-half penalty save on Valentín Castellanos was the fourth of his MLS career across all competitions. Turner has faced 10 penalties, giving him a 40 percent save clip on opponents' attempts from the spot. He also denied a penalty in his U.S. Men's National Team debut against Trinidad & Tobago in January 2021.
- **Turner** ended the game with seven saves, his most in a single game this season.
- Bruce Arena's Starting XI featured three changes from the club's most recent match at FC Cincinnati on May 29. Defender **Jon Bell**, midfielder **Maciel**, and forward **Gustavo Bou** start in place of **Henry Kessler**, **Tajon Buchanan** and **Adam Buksa**, respectively.

GAME CAPSULE

REFEREE: Allen Chapman

AR1: Cory Richardson, **AR2:** Brian Dunn

4th: Greg Dopka

Video Assistant Referee: Kevin Terry Jr.

Attendance: 4,929

Weather: 73 degrees and cloudy

Scoring Summary:

NE – Gustavo Bou 3 (Unassisted) 27'

NYC – Thiago 1 (Maxi Moralez 2) 55'

NE – Jon Bell 1 (Carles Gil 6) 78'

NYC – Ismael Tajouri-Shardi 2 (Unassisted) 85'

NE – Tommy McNamara 1 (Tajon Buchanan 2, Carles Gil 7) 88'

Misconduct Summary:

NE – Matt Polster (Yellow Card – Bad Foul) 19'

NYC – Valentín Castellanos (Yellow Card – Bad Foul) 39'
NE – Maciel (Yellow Card – Bad Foul) 53'
NYC – Thiago (Yellow Card – Excessive Celebration) 55'
NYC – James Sands (Yellow Card – Bad Foul) 77'

New England Revolution: Matt Turner; DeJuan Jones, Andrew Farrell, Jon Bell, Brandon Bye; Maciel (Adam Buksa 59'), Matt Polster; Arnór Traustason (Tajon Buchanan 59'), Carles Gil ©, Tommy McNamara; Gustavo Bou (Henry Kessler 81')

Substitutes Not Used: Brad Knighton, A.J. DeLaGarza, Scott Caldwell, Emmanuel Boateng, Edward Kizza, Teal Bunbury

New York City FC: Sean Johnson; Malte Amundsen, James Sands, Maxime Chanot, Anton Tinnerholm; Keaton Parks, Alfredo Morales, Talles Magno (Thiago HT); Jesús Medina; Maxi Moralez, Valentín Castellanos (Ismael Tajouri-Shradi 76')

Substitutes Not Used: Luis Barraza, Tony Rocha, Tayvon Gray, Gudmundur Thórarinsson, Sebastien Ibeagha, Andres Jasson, Santiago Rodríguez

New York City FC	Team Statistics	New England Revolution
18 (9)	Shots (on Target)	8 (5)
1	Blocked Shots	1
2	Saves	7
7	Corner Kicks	5
0	Offsides	1
16	Fouls	11
418 (77.8%)	Passes Attempted (% Completed)	394 (76.9%)
51.1%	Possession	48.9%

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Revolution Sporting Director & Head Coach Bruce Arena

On his immediate takeaways from the 3-2 win against New York City FC:

Arena: “Certainly, a good win against a good team. Not the kind of game I would’ve predicted that we’d go on the road and get three goals against New York City, but a heck of an effort. We made some mistakes, which is obvious, but our guys hung in there. I thought our second half was pretty good given the circumstances. I think the contributions from the guys coming off the bench were real good. Overall, a really good effort. Again, we’ve got a lot of areas we’ve got to get better at, but I think we’re certainly pleased with this win.”

On Matt Turner’s performance:

Arena: “Matt is an excellent goalkeeper. The penalty kick save was awesome. A couple of the saves in the first half and second half were remarkable as well. He gave us an outstanding effort. Unfortunately, he was on his game tonight. We can’t count on that each and every game, but we’re happy to have had Matt Turner in the goal for us tonight.”

On Jon Bell, Gustavo Bou, and Tommy McNamara scoring after not starting the team’s last game:

Arena: “Interesting point. Unbelievable coaching, I guess some of you would say. Gustavo was hurt and wasn’t eligible to play in the Cincinnati game. Obviously, McNamara and Bell have been getting rotated

during the season – they did a heck of a job tonight. But sure, those are three changes and we got three goals out of them, so that's pretty good."

On the decision to start Jon Bell and seeing him score his first career goal:

Arena: "Good. He's still learning. A young defender in our league – his first year in the league, second year for Henry Kessler. We're giving these guys opportunities to play because we do believe over the length of the season, we need to have three center backs prepared to play. We learned certainly that last year. We weren't quite there with that. It's good to see, and Henry came in and did a good job as our third center back in the last 10-15 minutes of the game as well. I think we're getting a good effort out of those guys."

On Arnór Traustason's frustrating after getting subbed off:

Arena: "Listen, you don't get into those things. Athletes are disappointed when they come off the field, and that's all part of it. I just think we needed to make a change, and obviously we had Tajon Buchanan that was going to come into the game in the second half, regardless. That was the reason for that. Arnór probably didn't have his best night, but Arnór is a good player and we're real happy to have him on our team."

On Gustavo Bou's performance:

Arena: "He did a good job. Obviously, an important goal, helped us hold up the ball, helped create a couple of chances for us. He had a solid evening, did some good things pressing as well tonight. Overall, Gustavo gave us a real good effort."

Revolution Midfielder Tommy McNamara

On tonight's win against NYCFC:

McNamara: "We're very happy to come out of this game with a win. We put a lot into it. We suffered a lot. They're a very good team. But to go away from home in this league and to go and get three points against a top, top team like NYCFC, it's really good. We have a lot to improve on for sure. It definitely wasn't our best game but we're happy with the three points and now we move on to Wednesday."

On scoring the game-winning goal and his view of the play:

McNamara: "We wanted to win the game. We didn't want to give up a goal and lose the game when it was 2-2, but at the same time we wanted to win the game. We've been talking a lot this year about making sure we get in behind the defense and when we do that we need to have runners attacking the penalty area, attacking the goal. It was a great ball slipped in to Tajon, Tajon did a really good job of getting in behind the defense. As I saw the play developing, I knew that I was the guy responsible for attacking the goal area. I did, the ball came to me, Tajon played a great ball and I just had to it in the net."

On what it was like playing a back-and-forth second half:

McNamara: "Yeah it was a little bit of a crazy game, how the score lines went and it definitely opened up because New York City wanted to win, we wanted to win and we didn't want to conceded anything. I think there's a lot we can improve on this game. We definitely struggled at times but I think we need to be given a lot of credit as well, to hang in there and to fight and ultimately come away with three points and score more goals than we gave up."

On Matt Turner's performance and his ability to make crucial saves in key moments:

McNamara: "Yeah he's incredible. He's incredible. He proves it game in and game out. In my opinion, he's the best goalkeeper in the league. We really count on him and we rely on him to come up and make big saves in key moments. That's a big part of how we're going to win games this year. We need to rely on all 11 players, everybody on the bench, everybody on the roster and Matt's a big part of it. He's an incredible goalie and he kept us in it. We struggled to maybe start the game, we give up the penalty but he makes two big saves in the first half and preserves a 1-0 lead so we can come in at halftime and kind of regroup up 1-0. It's nice."

On scoring against his former team and how he feels physically after a knock on the play:

McNamara: “I’m fine. Just a coming together and I’m ok. I’ll be fine. It’s no problem. New York City as a club, it was a very good time there. I enjoyed my time there. I feel like I connected a lot with the fans from being there and so I have a lot of respect for the supporters. But ultimately I’m playing against them, I’m representing the New England Revolution. I’m out there to win and I’m representing the New England Revolution fans. Ultimately, my job was to win this game and I was committed to try to do everything I can, along with the whole rest of the group to win this game. So I’m happy that at the end of the day I was able to get on the scoresheet finally. But as a team I’m happy that we came away with three points from a very difficult team away from home.”

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On creating chances with New York City zeroing in on Carles Gil:

McNamara: “Yeah, like I said, this is a good team. The way the league is set up with the parity in the league, going away from home, games are going to be difficult. You’re not always going to be just in control and it’s going to be easy. They did a good job of keeping aware of Carles at all times. When that happens, it’s not just Carles that’s responsible for our build up play, for getting us out of pressure, for getting us into the final third. I think we struggled at times, but I think ultimately, we came through in the end. But we definitely had some difficult periods.”

On starting the game on the right wing rather than in central midfield:

McNamara: “I started as a right winger. That’s what was asked of me. I have no problem playing in an attacking midfield position wide or centrally. It’s what the coaches asked of me. I’m versatile. I can play in different spots and I’ll do whatever the team needs. I started there and then ultimately, when we made the [substitute] changes [in the second half], I moved back into the middle of midfield. Whatever the team needs, whatever the group needs, I’ll give it to them. I’ll give my best and I’ll give everything. I think the coaching staff and I think my teammates can know what they’re going to get from me, that I’m going to give my all to try to win games.”

Revolution Defender Jon Bell

On scoring his first career goal:

Bell: “Unbelievable. I didn’t even know what to do after I scored. I was just in shock and I just started running, basically. I didn’t even know what I was going after. Really happy to get my first professional goal, but most importantly we got the three points. It was a really rough second half, but we were able to pull through and get three points on the road.”

On Matt Turner’s performance, and if he was surprised by any of the saves:

Bell: “I’m not surprised. To me, he was MVP of the game. Just starting off with the PK save in the first half – he just made ridiculous saves today. He was MVP for us today, really. He does it in practice. It doesn’t surprise me. In the games, you just sit there and you’re like, ‘man, that’s crazy.’ He’s MVP for the game today.”

On what he saw on his goal and the cross from Carles Gil:

Bell: “We practice it on the training ground a lot, the free kicks. [The ball] came out, came back again, and rather than go back, we still had possession of the ball. Carles [Gil] had possession of the ball. I just made sure I was staying onside. I was behind Adam [Bukusa] in case. Carles played it and I saw the ball floating in the air, and I saw Adam go up for it. I didn’t know if he was going to be ready or if he was going to connect on it, so I just made sure just in case, I had my body ready in the right position. The second it went past

him, I just knew I had to use my neck and just head it to the left and get it away from the keeper. I had a close one against Red Bulls a couple of weeks ago in that same type of ball from Carles and I messed up on it, so I wanted to make sure I got this one right.”

On his emotions when he realized that he scored:

Bell: “Immediately right after I headed it in and I saw it go in, I looked over to the right to make sure I was still onside. Looked at the linesman and he didn’t call offside, and immediately I turned and was just hyped. It was a special moment for me, especially because I had a couple of my family that lives in New York, they were there at the game, so it made it even more special for me just to do it. It’s definitely going to be a moment I’m never going to forget.”

On closing out the game with three center backs:

Bell: “Yeah, actually we switched to kind of like a back five just to sit in. Obviously, we didn’t do our job on the corner kick. But that’s our team. We fight until the end for 90 minutes. Even though we had a lead and we kind of blew it, we kept fighting and knew there was still time for us to get a goal. It’s something that we do in training a lot so we can prepare for moments like these.”

On the atmosphere at Red Bull Arena:

Bell: “It was crazy. It’s so loud even though there wasn’t a lot of fans. They really made so much noise. I think just because of the size of the arena and everything like that, it just made it even harder for us to communicate on the field and hear what our coach was saying, what each other was saying. We really had to yell basically the whole game. Playing in this atmosphere is crazy, but for a player, you want to play at moments like these, especially when you’re the away team because when you score you silence the crowd and you kind of build off of that momentum, so you just keep pushing.”

On his evaluation of his overall performance:

Bell: “Overall, I think besides the goal I’d probably give myself a C-plus. I’m a defender first and it’s to defend goals, and we didn’t do our job. We conceded early in the second half and then we conceded in the last 10 minutes of the game, and for us that’s unacceptable. But that’s football. It happens. There’s going to be times like these where it’s going to be an intense away game and you might concede late in the game, and you might have to battle to get out of it, get out the mud. For myself, I think overall I did all right, but still a little bit disappointed we conceded two goals. And when we conceded the two goals, too, just at that time in the game.”

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