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POSTGAME NOTES: Revolution and Columbus Crew Play to 2-2 Draw in Opening of Lower.com Field

Buchanan and Bou score as New England remains atop the Eastern Conference

COLUMBUS, Ohio – The New England Revolution (7-2-3; 24 pts.) played to a 2-2 draw against the Columbus Crew (4-3-4; 16 pts.) in the first ever game at Lower.com Field on Saturday evening. Tajon Buchanan opened the scoring in the 13th minute with a headed shot that banked in off the crossbar – and capped off a 20-pass sequence from the Revolution – before Gustavo Bou doubled New England’s lead in the 30th minute with a left-footed finish of a grounded cross from Buchanan. Columbus’ Gyasi Zardes pulled one back for the hosts shortly before halftime, and then forced a Revolution own goal in the 69th minute that knotted the game at 2-2.

Bou has now scored in five consecutive appearances, which is the longest run of consecutive games with a goal by an MLS player this season. His six goals on the year are tied with Orlando’s Nani, Kansas City’s Alan Pulido, and Houston’s Maxi Urruti for fourth most across MLS this season. The Revolution improve to 13-1-8 all-time in matches when Bou – whose goal today was the 20th of his Revolution career – scores with today’s draw in Columbus.

Buchanan submitted a goal and an assist in the same match for the first time in his professional career today. His three goals are third most among Revolution players this season, while his three assists rank second on the team. Buchanan will depart following today’s match to report for international duty with the Canada Men’s National Team, which he will represent at the upcoming Concacaf Gold Cup. DeJuan Jones collected his second assist of the season on Buchanan’s goal, giving him two on the year – a new single-season career high for the third-year veteran.

Also departing after today’s win is Revolution goalkeeper Matt Turner, who will be joining the United States Men’s National Team for the Gold Cup. Turner recorded five saves in the draw, raising his total to 41 on the season, which is tied with Philadelphia’s Andre Blake for third-most in MLS.

In addition, forward Teal Bunbury came off the bench to record his 300th MLS appearance. The 12th-year veteran ranks eighth among active MLS players in games played.

New England returns to action on Wednesday, July 7, when the club hosts Toronto FC at Gillette Stadium. 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 2, Columbus Crew 2
July 3, 2021 – Lower.com Field (Columbus, Ohio)**

- The New England Revolution (7-2-3, 24 pts.) battled the Columbus Crew (4-3-4, 16 pts.) to a 2-2 draw in the first-ever contest played at Lower.com Field on Saturday behind goals from **Tajon Buchanan** and **Gustavo Bou**. **Buchanan**, **DeJuan Jones** and **Tommy McNamara** each collected an assist.
- With the result, New England's away record shifts to 2-2-3 this season. The Revolution's all-time record against Columbus moves to 24-38-14.
- **Bruce Arena**'s all-time record moves to 225-133-108. The winningest active head coach in MLS and second-winningest all-time, **Arena** is 23-12-19 since joining New England in 2019.
- **Arena** made two changes to New England's Starting XI from the club's most recent contest at FC Dallas on Sunday, with defender **Henry Kessler** and midfielder **Tommy McNamara** starting in place of **Jon Bell** and **Arnór Traustason**.
- **Buchanan's** goal-and-assist performance was his first in MLS. The 22-year-old midfielder's 13th-minute header was the first goal scored at Lower.com Field.
- **Bou** extended his streak to a career-best five consecutive games with a goal scored with his sixth tally of the season. The Revolution's leading scorer, **Bou** owns 20 goals and seven assists over 42 MLS appearances.
- **McNamara** registered his first assist of the season on Bou's tally. The helper was **McNamara's** first since Sept. 27, 2020, when the Revs logged a 2-0 win at D.C. United, and his 20th in MLS. **McNamara**, who posted a 64-minute performance, has appeared in every contest this season, including six starts.
- **Jones** logged his second assist of the season and the third helper of his career. **Jones** recorded team-bests in tackles (7), possession gained (7) and clearances (4), along with two interceptions in his seventh consecutive full 90-minute performance. The third-year defender's next appearance will be his 50th in MLS.
- **Carles Gil**, the reigning MLS Player of the Month, collected his 50th start in MLS today. Gil remains one of three Revolution players to start each contest and play every minute this season alongside **Turner** and **Andrew Farrell**.
- **Teal Bunbury** registered his 300th appearance in MLS in today's contest, eighth most among active MLS players. **Bunbury** played 26 minutes in the draw. He has appeared in nine games this season.
- **Matt Turner** made five saves in today's match. **Turner's** all-time record against Columbus moves to 1-1-2.
- **Brandon Bye** logged his 75th MLS start today. **Bye** has played all 90 minutes in eight straight games and finished with a team-best four interceptions, in addition to five possessions gained and three clearances.
- **Bunbury**, **Adam Buksa**, **Wilfrid Kaptoum** and **Arnór Traustason** appeared off the bench in today's match. Kaptoum's 22-minute performance was his first appearance since May 22 and his sixth in a Revolution uniform, while **Buksa** remains one of two Revolution players to appear in every contest since 2020 along with **Buchanan**.

GAME CAPSULE

REFEREE: Alan Kelly

Assistant Referees: Cameron Blanchard (AR1), Jeremy Kieso (AR2)

4th Official: Sergii Demianchuk

Video Assistant Referee: Sorin Stoica

Weather: 80 degrees and sunny

Attendance: 20,371

Scoring Summary:

NE- Tajon Buchanan 3 (DeJuan Jones 2) 13'

NE- Gustavo Bou 6 (Tajon Buchanan 3, Tommy McNamara 1) 30'

CLB- Gyasi Zardes 4 (Harrison Afful, 1 Vito Wormgoor 1) 39'

CLB- Own Goal 69'

Misconduct Summary:

NE- DeJuan Jones (Yellow Card- Hard Foul) 53'
CLB- Darlington Nagbe (Yellow Card- Hard Foul) 68'
CLB- Jonathan Mensah (Yellow Card- Hard Foul) 75'
CLB- Pedro Santos (Yellow Card- Unsporting Behavior) 79'

New England Revolution: Matt Turner; DeJuan Jones, Andrew Farrell, Henry Kessler, Brandon Bye; Maciel (Wilfrid Kaptoun 78'), Matt Polster; Tajon Buchanan (Arnór Traustason 78'), Carles Gil ©, Tommy McNamara (Teal Bunbury 64'); Gustavo Bou (Adam Buksa 78')

Substitutes Not Used: Brad Knighton, A.J. DeLaGarza, Jon Bell, Scott Caldwell, Emmanuel Boateng

Columbus Crew: Eloy Room; Jonathan Mensah ©, Vito Wormgoor, Milton Valenzuela (Waylon Francis 44'), Harrison Afful; Darlington Nagbe, Pedro Santos, Lucas Zelarayan, Luis Diaz (Alexandru Matan 63'), Marlon Hairston (Liam Fraser 64'); Gyasi Zardes

Substitutes Not Used: Perry Kitchen, Waylon Francis, Isaiah Parente, Evan Bush, Saad Abdul-Salaam, Miguel Berry, Aboubacar Keita

Columbus Crew	Team Statistics	New England Revolution
18 (7)	Shots (on Target)	8 (5)
5	Blocked Shots	3
3	Saves	5
8	Corner Kicks	3
0	Offsides	1
12	Fouls	10
610 (89.2%)	Passes Attempted (% Completed)	274 (77%)
68.4%	Possession	31.6%

POSTGAME QUOTES: New England Revolution at Columbus Crew

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New England Revolution Sporting Director & Head Coach Bruce Arena

On meeting the moment of the inaugural game in Lower.com Field:

Arena: "Well, that's as challenging a game on the road as you'll ever see in this in this league. In that stadium with clearly a 12th-man for 90 minutes is something you don't see to that extent and against a good team. So, to walk off with a point is a plus but I say that if we don't concede the goal the end of the first half, we can go home with three points."

On Columbus Crew controlling possession:

Arena: "Yeah, keep the ball better. This was a game that was going to look like that. And I'm not worried about possession. All you people are overwhelmed by this statistic, I don't even know what it was nor do I really care to be honest with you, but it's a matter of a minute or two minutes at max. And again, it's not the end of the world those statistics. You've got to understand what they actually mean. The ball is out of bounds probably or out of possession for probably 70 percent of the game."

On Tajon Buchanan's goal and assist:

Arena: "Yeah, I mean a great goal. We knew the first half was going to be really kind of lopsided. And I think we scored around the 12th minute or so, I'm not exactly sure of the time of the game. But Columbus had us backed up and we got that little bit of a break and one on one with DeJuan [Jones] out wide and he hit a pretty good cross and Tajon [Buchanan] had a good finish. And then the second goal came off of throw in, and I can't recall who played the ball to Tajon, and he did really well to get towards the end line

and put the ball across the six-yard box which is a dangerous area for defenders and goalkeepers, and Gustavo [Bou] was in the right spot, so great goal. Tajon gets a lot of credit for taking part in two goals.”

On Andrew Farrell’s defensive performance:

Arena: “A solid performance. I think their top two attackers had a good day. They were a handful for our two center backs, but for the most part we held up and I thought over the last 15 to 20 minutes, and the second half was much better for us than the first, so it was a good effort by Andrew.”

On Henry Kessler returning to the starting lineup:

Arena: “It was [Henry Kessler’s] first start in two games. He didn’t start the last game; he started the game before that. And it was a solid performance. He’s still a young defender and he’s got a lot to learn.”

On whether there was a foul on the own goal:

Arena: “Gyasi [Zardes] pushed our two players into the goal. VAR is a good tool but if you are not able to utilize it the right way, it’s a useless technology. And I talked to a key Columbus player after the game, and they thought it was clearly a push on our two players. Matt probably could have handled that ball. I haven’t seen the replay. You know, I could be 100 percent incorrect. The way I saw it at the time, I thought Farrell was pushed into Turner, which enabled that ball to cross the line. And again, I hope I’m wrong, and I hope the VAR had it right.”

On seeing improvement in the team’s play on the road:

Arena: “The last game wasn’t anything to write home about, the one in Dallas. But I think today, to get a point and possibly three points against a team that, in all honesty, took the game to us, would have been a real positive. And it is a positive still, getting a point on the road. We had some good wins against New York City and I guess Cincinnati on the road. So, those are those are important points. You get points on the road in this league, and you can win at home, that’s a formula for success.”

New England Revolution Defender DeJuan Jones

On assisting Tajon Buchanan’s goal, and if he has worked on improving his left foot:

Jones: “Yeah, every single day I try to get better and improve. I’m a right-footer playing on the left side, but I think my left foot is just as good as my right foot. Just working hard every day, continuing to improve, and varying my crosses, whether it’s a dink, hard cross on the ground, or finding somebody’s head.”

On how the team responded to playing in the opening of Lower.com Field:

Jones: “It was very tough in the beginning. They ended up getting a shot at our goal in the first minute. They had a lot of energy. Their crowd was really behind them. So, it was tough, but we just weathered the storm a little bit, got the first goal, and then we were able to settle in. And then we were able to get a second goal, so we did a pretty good job dealing with the environment, but it’s definitely a tough place to play.”

On rooming with Tajon Buchanan, and how their friendship translates to the field:

Jones: “Yeah, I’ll ask for something later [laughs]. I just know he’s going to be on that back post. He’s told me he’s going to be there, and when I watch games back, watch film, I see him making that run. I knew if I can get to a dangerous spot and put up at the back post, then he’d have a chance. He did a great job of getting up for the goal and finishing on target, so well done.”

On Henry Kessler’s performance:

Jones: “I thought he did a good job. He’s my partner there on the back line. There’s a lot of communication from him. He stepped in the right times, he was doing a good job with [Gyasi] Zardes, and even when he got pulled out for one-on-ones out wide, I think he was winning his one-v-one battles. I was really proud of how Kessler played tonight and hope he can continue playing like this.”

On the challenge of marking Luis Díaz:

Jones: “I’ve played [Luis] Díaz like three times. It’s always going to be a battle with him. He’s got a lot of speed, so he’s always testing me and keeping me on my toes. But the big thing is just staying in front of

him and not giving him anything. He got a couple of shots off, so something I can work on, obviously. Just didn't want to give him anything that led to any goal-scoring chances, so I think I did a decent job on him."

On Teal Bunbury making his 300th MLS appearance:

Jones: "I didn't know that. That's amazing. Happy for Teal [Bunbury]. He's a leader in the locker room. I know he doesn't wear the captain's armband, but he always acts in a captain manner around the locker room. A real leader – encourages guys all the time. He's always helping me, giving me tips here and there to improve my game. Really proud of Teal. He's done a lot in his career and looking forward to him continuing to help us this year."

New England Revolution Defender Henry Kessler

On whether it felt like tonight's match was winnable:

Kessler: "Definitely. Especially if you go up 2-0. I think if we close out the first half correctly, I think we win this game. It was, whenever you have a 2-0 lead it's definitely a winnable game. That being said, I think at the end there if Andrew doesn't make an incredible play we could've lost. A point on the road isn't the worst thing but we're disappointed not to get all three."

On how the team responded to the environment in the first-ever match played at Lower.com Field:

Kessler: "Yeah it's a unique experience. A stadium only opens once. There's only one first game. It happened to be us. There was a lot of energy from their fans and their players as well, so it was definitely contagious for them. It was difficult. That being said, that's no excuse. I think we started really well, obviously, going up 2-0, and I thought we weathered the storm early. In the second half, I think we could've done a little bit better. But as far as their energy, it was very high and it made it harder for us."

On splitting time at center back with Jon Bell and whether he's spoken with Bruce about his role:

Kessler: "You know, we want to be a deep team. So we want to have guys that, you know, if Andrew gets hurt, someone can step up and play for him. If other guys get hurt, someone can step up and play for them. So we want to be not just an 11-man team but 18, 20- man team. Part of that's just been rotational. For the last five or six games we've rotated three players so I think that's part of it. Conversations with Bruce have just been honest."

On his view of the brief physical altercation toward the end of the match:

Kessler: "I thought Matt [Turner] got kicked in the head. I'm always going to defend my teammates. As soon as I saw studs go toward his head, obviously I was upset. I called to referee and obviously approached their player as well. I'm shocked that he got away without a card, without a caution on that. But we have to defend our teammates, that's something we talk about before the match. Whether it's Carles, probably the most fouled player in the league, or our goalkeeper, or whoever. You have to defend your teammates and yeah, I'm surprised he got away with that challenge."

On the importance of playing well in next Wednesday's match against Toronto FC:

Kessler: "Really important. That's really important. I believe this is the longest we've gone without a win. I mean, I think it's only two games but still the longest stretch of the season for us. It shows how well we've done so far this year but we want to get back on track with three points and go into that break back in winning ways."

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