

# REVOLUTION

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### **POSTGAME NOTES: Revolution Defeat New York Red Bulls, 3-2**

*Buksa scores game-winning goal in second-half stoppage time to give Revs fourth straight win*

**HARRISON, N.J.** – The New England Revolution (11-3-3; 36 pts.) defeated the New York Red Bulls (5-7-3; 18 pts.), 3-2, to earn their fourth straight victory, including their third consecutive away win. New England scored twice late in the second half to complete the comeback, with Brandon Bye equalizing in the 84<sup>th</sup> minute and Adam Buksa scoring the game winner in the first minute of second-half stoppage time. Gustavo Bou also got on the board with his 10<sup>th</sup> goal of the season in the 60<sup>th</sup> minute. With the result, New England extends its advantage in the Eastern Conference to eight points, and its lead in the Supporters' Shield race to four points at the season's halfway mark.

Carles Gil registered yet another assist in tonight's match, when he set up Bye's equalizer. Gil raises his league-leading total to 14 assists, still double that of any other player in MLS this season. The Revolution's captain continues to close in on the club's single-season assists record of 19. Bye's equalizer was his second goal of the season, while Buksa's game-winning goal marked his eighth tally of the year. Buksa has scored four times in the Revolution's last five games.

Bou's goal is his ninth across his last 10 appearances. His career-high 10 goals are tied for second most in MLS, as only Seattle's Raúl Ruidíaz (11) has outscored the Argentine. Registering the assists on Bou's goal were Arnór Traustason and DeJuan Jones. Traustason has recorded a goal or an assist in each of New England's last three games, and now owns two goals and four assists in his debut MLS campaign. Jones, making his return from a two-game injury-related absence, picked up his third assist of the season.

Paired with A.J. DeLaGarza in central defense, Andrew Farrell logged 13 clearances in the win, the third most by any MLS player in a game this season. Farrell continued climbing the Revolution's record book as well, tying Matt Reis for the second-most games started in club history with 253. Farrell will tie Shalrie Joseph for the Revolution's all-time record of 254 regular season starts with his next selection to the starting lineup. He is also six appearances away from leaping Joseph to set a new club mark for most games played.

In net, Brad Knighton improved his record as the Revolution's starter to 4-1-0 this season with his career-best fourth straight win.

New England will go for five consecutive wins when the club returns to action on Wednesday, Aug. 4 against Nashville SC at Gillette Stadium. The match kicks off at 7:00 p.m. ET and will air locally on WSBK-TV38, myRITV, CoziTV, 98.5 The Sports Hub, and WBIX 1260 AM Nossa Radio.

### **POSTGAME NOTES**

**New England Revolution 3, New York Red Bulls 2  
July 31, 2021 – Red Bull Arena (Harrison, New Jersey)**

### Team Notes:

- The New England Revolution defeated the New York Red Bulls, 3-2, on Saturday night at Red Bull Arena to improve to 11-3-3 (36 points) on the season with the club's fourth straight victory.
- The Revolution's road record this season improves to 5-2-3, one win shy of matching the club's all-time record for away wins (6), which has been met seven times in Revs history and most recently in 2020.
- New England extends its winning streak to four consecutive matches, including three on the road. The Revolution have outscored opponents 11-3 during the four-game stretch.
- Tonight's victory was the team's MLS-best 16<sup>th</sup> on the road (regular season and playoffs) since Sporting Director and Head Coach **Bruce Arena** took the helm in New England in June 2019.
- With tonight's win, New England sweeps the season series with New York, taking nine points from the three encounters. The Revs last defeated New York three times in a season in 2006 (3-0-1).
- The Revolution's record in the all-time series against the Red Bulls moves to 34-28-17, including a 9-22-9 away mark with tonight's result. The win is New England's first against the Red Bulls at Red Bull Arena in regular season play.
- New England's attack raises its MLS-best total to 33 goals with tallies. The Revolution have produced three or more goals in five contests this season, including two of the last three games. With 17 games remaining on the season, the Revs are on pace to surpass the club record for goals scored (55) - set in 2003 and repeated in 2005.

### Individual Notes:

- New England's Designated Players - **Gustavo Bou**, **Adam Buksa** and **Carles Gil** – featured in the Starting XI for the seventh time this season. The trio has factored into all three goals tonight and has played a role in 28 of the team's MLS-best 33 goals scored this season.
- **Gustavo Bou** netted his career-high and team-leading 10<sup>th</sup> goal of the season with his 60<sup>th</sup>-minute strike. Bou, who has scored in nine of his last 10 games played, owns five goals and one assist over five career appearances against the Red Bulls.
- The Argentinian striker, who recorded his 40<sup>th</sup> start in MLS tonight, is one goal behind Seattle's Raul Ruidiaz (11) in the MLS Golden Boot race.
- **Brandon Bye** scored his second goal of the season, knotting the score at 2-2 in the 84<sup>th</sup> minute. Bye's goal was his second of the season, matching his career high set in 2019 and one behind Seattle's Brad Smith for the MLS lead among defenders.
- **Adam Buksa**'s game winner in stoppage time marked the latest goal scored by the Revs this season. Buksa, who made his 40<sup>th</sup> MLS appearance and surpassed 2,500 minutes played, owns eight goals this season – two behind Bou for the team lead. The 25-year-old tallied seven shots tonight.
- **Carles Gil** was credited with one assist to raise his MLS-best total to 14 helpers at the midway point of the season. Gil is the eighth Revolution player to record 30 assists in a Revs uniform. Gil also added four key passes to his MLS-leading total.
- **DeJuan Jones** and **Arnór Traustason** each collected an assist on Bou's tally. Traustason logged his fourth assist of the season and reached the scoresheet for the third consecutive match. Jones' helper was his third of the season.
- **Andrew Farrell** matched Matt Reis (253) for the second-most MLS starts in Revs history. Farrell, who posted a full 90-minute shift to hold his position as the only Revs player to play every minute this season, will tie Shalrie Joseph (254) for first on the club's all-time list with his next start. Farrell logged a team-best 13 clearances in addition to eight possessions gained and two interceptions.
- Goalkeeper **Brad Knighton** collected his fifth consecutive start, his 80<sup>th</sup> MLS appearance and his career-best fourth straight win. Knighton will surpass 7,000 career minutes played with his next 90-minute outing.
- **A.J. DeLaGarza** made his second start in a Revolution uniform and his third straight appearance. DeLaGarza, who played all 90 minutes for the second time this season, registered his 270<sup>th</sup> appearance and his 260<sup>th</sup> start in MLS tonight.

- **DeJuan Jones** returned to New England's Starting XI after missing the last two games with a muscle injury. Jones finished with nine possessions gained, three clearances, three interceptions, and one assist over 90 minutes.
- **Justin Rennicks, Damian Rivera, and Collin Verfurth** – all regular starters for Revolution II in USL League One – appeared on the first team's matchday roster for the first time this season.

### GAME CAPSULE

**REFEREE:** Ramy Touchan

**Assistant Referees:** Jeffrey Swartzel (AR1), Ian McKay (AR2)

**4th:** Tori Penso

**Video Assistant Referee:** Alan Kelly

**Weather:** 78 degrees and sunny

**Attendance:** 13,444

#### Scoring Summary:

**NY-** Wikelman Carmona 1 (Kyle Duncan 1) 8'

**NE-** Gustavo Bou 10 (DeJuan Jones 3, Arnór Traustason 4) 60'

**NY-** Fabio 3 (Caden Clark 3) 63'

**NE-** Brandon Bye 2 (Carles Gil 14) 84'

**NE-** Adam Buksa 8 (Unassisted) 90+1'

#### Misconduct Summary:

**NY-** Cristian Casseres Jr. (Yellow Card- Hard Foul) 34'

**NE-** Andrew Farrell (Yellow Card- Dissent) 39'

**NE-** Arnór Traustason (Yellow Card- Hard Foul) 45+1'

**NY-** Caden Clark (Yellow Card- Hard Foul) 70'

**New England Revolution:** Brad Knighton; Brandon Bye, Andrew Farrell, A.J. DeLaGarza, DeJuan Jones; Tommy McNamara (Teal Bunbury 75'), Matt Polster, Arnór Traustason (Wilfrid Kaptoum 75'), Carles Gil © (Scott Caldwell 90+3'); Gustavo Bou, Adam Buksa

Substitutes Not Used: Earl Edwards Jr., Christian Mafla, Collin Verfurth, Emmanuel Boateng, Damian Rivera, Justin Rennicks

**New York Red Bulls:** Carlos Coronel; Amro Tarek, Kyle Duncan, Thomas Edwards, John Tolkin; Wikelman Carmona (Dru Yearwood 61'), Cristian Casseres Jr., Sean Davis ©, Caden Clark (Florian Valot 78); Fabio Gomes, Patryk Klimala (Tom Barlow 58')

Substitutes Not Used: Andrew Gutman, Frankie Amaya, Cameron Harper, Ryan Meara, Omir Fernandez, Jason Pendant

New England Revolution	Team Statistics	New York Red Bulls
18 (6)	Shots (on Target)	13 (3)
4	Blocked Shots	5
1	Saves	3
4	Corner Kicks	5
1	Offsides	0
9	Fouls	18
317 (68.8%)	Passes Attempted (% Completed)	347 (73.8%)
47.3%	Possession	52.7%

### POSTGAME QUOTES

## **New England Revolution Sporting Director & Head Coach Bruce Arena**

### ***On scoring two late goals to beat New York:***

**Arena:** "The fair result was us winning the game. That was a fair result, in my opinion. Our guys earned it. They had to grind this thing out and compete, and they did it."

### ***On the team's ability to find ways to win, and what it says about its mentality:***

**Arena:** "That means we're leaning toward being a good team. That's what good teams do. Not every day is perfect. Not every game is perfect. In fact, every game is different. I told the team at the end of the game; I think that's our fourth win in a row – three on the road and one at home – and that's our best win. Everyone would think that the one [5-0 against Inter Miami CF] in Fort Lauderdale was our best win, but this was our best win because it showed character, determination, skill, and a real fighting mentality. I'm proud of the guys, because they're going to be in a lot of difficult games as we enter the second-half of the season, and you've got to have that kind of attitude."

### ***On Carles Gil limping off the field:***

**Arena:** "He's fine."

### ***On Maciel's status:***

**Arena:** "We're playing a game. I'm not on a 24-hour with Maciel right now. I'm in New Jersey. Maciel is in Massachusetts."

### ***On his message to the team at halftime, trailing 1-0:***

**Arena:** "We had to compete better. We thought if we got the next goal in the game, we could win the game. We didn't anticipate them getting a second. It was a day where, really, they didn't have many chances, in my opinion. I thought our team did well. I thought [A.J.] DeLaGarza held his own at center back. I think everyone who played today did a good job. But the second half, just having the kind of determination we had was the difference in the game."

### ***On Adam Buksa scoring the game-winning goal after hitting the post twice:***

**Arena:** "I don't like crossbars. He shouldn't like them, either, in my opinion. Hopefully, we stop hitting crossbars. We don't get any points for that. Adam is getting better. Every game, he's getting better. It's really encouraging to see how good our two strikers are playing right now. He had a bunch of chances today, and he battled. I thought this was the toughest mentality he's had since he's coming into Major League Soccer. From the first minute to the end, he was a guy that was tough to deal with. Really encouraging. He created chances, and obviously scored the winning goal."

### ***On DeJuan Jones improving service with his left foot, and whether it's just a matter of reps:***

**Arena:** "He's had plenty of time at left back. I don't know if you've followed the last couple of years. He's getting better. He's still a raw product, and I think he's learning. Actually, the week off slowed him down a little bit and it took him a while to get into it. He had to battle tonight to hang in that game for 90 minutes, but he is a very good competitor. He helped create some chances in the game as well. So, DeJuan keeps moving forward as a player. It's encouraging."

### ***On falling behind early tonight, and how the team can improve in that area:***

**Arena:** "Typical of many people, the score usually is how they assess the game. I understand that. We assess it a little different. I think we shouldn't have gone in at halftime even. We didn't concede a whole lot. They scored a goal from distance that maybe we could do a little bit better on, but we know that they were going to come out with that kind of energy. That happens on the road. It's exactly what we anticipated, and it was something that we were not concerned about because we knew they'd throw everything at us. And you could see after 20 minutes or so they lost their sharpness in terms of their physicality because of the effort they put into the first 20 minutes. The game is 90 minutes, and sometimes things don't go well early. You've got to play the full 90 minutes, and we did, and that was the difference in the game."

## **Revolution Forward Adam Buksa**

***On his mentality as a striker and his opportunities to score in tonight's win:***

**Buksa:** "First of all, I'm very happy to win the game because it was a very, very tough, challenging game. We could've lost it because in the 85<sup>th</sup> minute we were still down 2-1, so we showed huge character with our team. I thought we proved that we are a very, very serious team that can be down for over 90 minutes in a game and win it in the end, which is great. Regarding my performance, I think I played a solid 90 minutes. Obviously, I could've scored a hat trick but I'm very happy to score that one winning goal. Obviously, I was a bit unlucky with the post, with the crossbar. As I said in the previous interview, posts and crossbars love me since the beginning of 2020. I don't share that love but I'm taking. I'm taking that because if I keep scoring and we keep winning, that's great."

***On the team's mentality in away games and how it impacts the success on the road:***

**Buksa:** "It's difficult to say, you know? It depends on the opponent. We struggled in the first 15 minutes against the Red Bulls because they pressed us high. We were ready for that but for some reason we didn't play our game. We weren't as confident as we should've been. But then we found our rhythm. We conceded an unlucky second goal. That kind of forced us to push higher and forward, even more than before then. We managed to win. Obviously, if you want to win the Supporters' Shield, if you want to win MLS Cup, it doesn't matter where you play, you have to win. It's not enough to win at home. We've been good at home. That's our fortress but we also have to keep winning away from home. We're doing that, so that's perfect. There's still 17 games left, if I'm not mistaken, so there's plenty of points to get, plenty of points to lose so nothing changes, we need to stay focused until the very end."

***On what the team said in the huddle while celebrating Brandon Bye's equalizer in the 84<sup>th</sup> minute:***

**Buksa:** "We were saying to each other that it's not the end, we have to take a big chance to score the third goal because we were capable of doing that and we managed to do it. The last seconds was all about character and fight, and we stayed strong together. That togetherness in crucial moments is very important. I would say character always beats talent, beats individual skills. If you have a great group of people that want to fight for each other then you'll win, and that happened today."

***On whether tonight's win was the team's best victory of the season:***

**Buksa:** "Yeah I think that was the game that cost us very much, probably the most out of our games so far. Personally, I was struggling this week with pain after my collision with [CF Montreal goalkeeper James] Pantemis. But finally, I was ready for the game. As you can see, Carles struggled in the meantime, took a hit a few times. It was very tough, a lot of tears and pain, but that tastes the best in the end when you win these such games."

***On whether tonight's win was the most exciting game he's played in:***

**Buksa:** "I wouldn't say that. I think the games in the playoffs last year were very exciting as well, in Philadelphia, in Orlando. But this is definitely one of those games. I don't know if it's top three but maybe top five of the most interesting and exciting games that I've taken part in. Hopefully there's more to come."

**Revolution Defender Andrew Farrell**

***On scoring twice late in the game to get the win:***

**Farrell:** "At halftime, Bruce [Arena] told us if we didn't get a win that we weren't going to get on the flight. No, I'm just kidding. I think we knew that we had obviously made a couple of mistakes here and there. That's why we were down in the game, but we had belief in our team. I think you can see the fight that the guys have that, no matter what game we're in, no matter what the score is, we're always going to give it our all to try to get – if we're down a lot of goals, trying to get a point. But if we're right in it, we'll try to get three. I think it showed from the guys' effort up top, the guys defending, the guys who came in and subbed in had a great effort. Just proud of the effort from the boys. And then, the guys scoring the goals. Adam [Buksa] at the end there was huge, but then Gustavo [Bou] getting us back in it, and Brandon [Bye] with a big goal. We wanted the three points. Obviously, would've taken the one point, but the three points feels a lot better than one."

***On finding different ways to win games this season:***

**Farrell:** “I think just the mentality of no matter what happens, just stay focused for 90 minutes and we’re always going to have a chance. Obviously, we wanted to be 1-0 up or drawing away at halftime. That’s what we talked about. I think we weren’t at that stage, so we just talked about what we could do better. Just staying in games. I think we have guys that are playing at a really high level right now, and we always give ourselves a chance to win. When you have guys like Carles [Gil] on your team, Gustavo Bou – last two games, they’ve been unbelievable. I mean, they’ve been unbelievable all year, but especially the last two games with the two goals Gustavo has scored. And guys like Brandon [Bye], who’s been stepping up. DeJuan [Jones], [Matt] Polster, I can go down the list of guys who’ve stepped up for us and played big minutes and done well. Adam [Buksa], obviously, with the goal and the winner. A good team always finds ways to win games. We wanted to start better, and we knew Red Bull was going to be a tough battle, but I think the guys battled well. Coming out with three points, especially in a game where we were down I think twice, feels really good.”

***On his reaction to Adam Buksa’s game-winning goal:***

**Farrell:** “Just happy for him. He’s been having good moments for us and continuing that form. But just happy for the team for battling. No one gave up. When we went down twice, everybody still had that belief and that’s the most important thing that showed up tonight on the field. No matter what the score was, keep on working, keep on staying in the game and giving us that chance to win it. That showed with the guys who started and the guys that come in and the guys that didn’t get to play. You could see the feel on the bench. Everybody could sense that we were back in it and we had a chance to win.”

***On the importance of the team’s depth:***

**Farrell:** “I think depth is really important. I think that’s something we addressed over the last two seasons, is bringing in guys who can help this team. Whether we have international call ups as we have, and injuries, and things like that – guys step up and there’s not a drop off. Guys are ready to take over in the roles that they’re asked to do. If we want to be a good team like I think we’re finding out that we can be, we’re going to compete for starting spots, and guys are going to be – when their name is called upon, they’ve got to step up. If we want to be a team playing in the cold weather in the playoffs, I think we have to keep on improving our depth, keep on playing. Whether we’re up 3-0 and holding onto a lead, or we’re down 2-1 on the road trying to get a win, I think that’s when we need to show our level. I think every guy on our team can help us win a game, and I think that showed again throughout this period where we had injuries and we had guys on international call ups.”

***On Brandon Bye and DeJuan Jones:***

**Farrell:** “I’ve been saying it – Brandon has been one of the best outside backs in the league. It’s hard for people to see – I mean, you see the assists and the goals that he’s scored this year – but he’s talking a lot more. He’s a lot more vocal on the field, which helps center backs, the midfielders, and the guys in front of him, which is a huge thing. I think it’s a step that he’s taken. DeJuan as well. Sometimes he’ll have a mistake, but then he’ll get back into it. Those guys, the things that they help us with going forward is unbelievable. It helps our offense so much. But then the pace and the defense, getting back and helping support the center backs, supporting the d-mids [defensive midfielders], and their communication, it keeps on getting better and better. Obviously, we talk about the Tajons [Buchanan] and the [Henry] Kesslers, the young guys – and Jon Bell – who’ve done well. They’re young compared to me. Those are two young guys who’ve done incredible for us this year, and who’ve gotten better and better each day in practice and each game.”

***On finding ways to start games better:***

**Farrell:** “We’re going to watch the tape. I think it was probably a defensive miscue that we could’ve done a little bit better on. Great shot from outside the box. You want to limit them to those shots, but you’ve got to tip your hat to a guy shooting from that far away. We’ll just talk about what we can do better on each play, and then talk about how even though we started off bad, we could end the game well. After, I think, the first 20 minutes, we started playing better. To be the team that we want to be – and it’s game 16 or 17, I think – halfway through the season, I think there’s a lot of things we can do to improve and grow on. After the Sunday [Concacaf Gold Cup] Final, we’re going to have more guys back and so it’s going to just be improving and trying to get better and seeing how we can start better, and then also finish games

better. We're improving each day. That's the goal. Bruce says that all the time. Just improve every day. I think that's the goal."

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