

# REVOLUTION

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### **RECAP: Revolution Battle Columbus Crew to 2-2 Draw on Saturday**

*Buksa extends scoring streak to four games while Jones opens 2022 account*

**FOXBOROUGH, Mass.** – The New England Revolution (3-5-2, 11 pts.) played the Columbus Crew (3-3-4, 13 pts.) to a 2-2 draw in front of a crowd of 26,421 on Saturday night at Gillette Stadium. Defender DeJuan Jones netted his first goal of the season in the 70<sup>th</sup> minute, leveling the match at 1-1 after Columbus opened the scoring on Miguel Berry's tally in the 27<sup>th</sup> minute. Forward Adam Buksa scored for the fourth straight match with a headed goal in the 82<sup>nd</sup> minute, assisted by Sebastian Lletget. Columbus closed the scoring on Erik Hurtado's 89<sup>th</sup>-minute strike.

Emmanuel Boateng, who entered the match as a substitute in the 68<sup>th</sup> minute, made an immediate impact by providing the assist on Jones' game-tying goal. Carles Gil also recorded an assist on the play, marking the third straight game with a helper for the Revolution captain. Gil's five assists are tied for second most in MLS this season.

Buksa's fourth tally in as many games put New England ahead just 12 minutes later, as his scoring streak reaches a new MLS-career long. Since 2020, Buksa's 13 headed goals in the MLS regular season or playoffs lead the league, while his 22 goals scored from the run of play are tied for most in league play. Tonight's tally was Buksa's 30<sup>th</sup> in a Revolution uniform across all competitions.

Columbus leveled the contest in the 89<sup>th</sup> minute as Erik Hurtado capitalized on a cross from Derrick Etienne, who distributed two assists tonight. Tommy McNamara almost reclaimed the lead for New England when his shot hit the crossbar in the fourth minute of added time, but the Revolution would leave the pitch with only one point.

The Revolution return to action on Wednesday, May 11, in the Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup Round of 32 against FC Cincinnati. The 7:00 p.m. ET match streams nationally on [ESPN+](#). New England will then resume the MLS regular season on Sunday, May 15 with an away match at Atlanta United FC, 1:30 p.m. ET on ESPN and ESPN Deportes.

#### **POSTGAME NOTES**

##### **New England Revolution 2, Columbus Crew 2 May 7, 2022 – Gillette Stadium (Foxborough, Mass.)**

- The Revolution are unbeaten in their last three home games as their record at Gillette Stadium moves to 3-2-1 in league play.
- **DeJuan Jones** netted his first goal of the 2022 campaign with assists from **Emmanuel Boateng** and **Carles Gil** in the 70<sup>th</sup> minute. The goal was Jones' fifth career tally in MLS as he made his 65<sup>th</sup> league start.

- **Adam Buksa** scored for the fourth consecutive match, a career-long scoring streak in MLS for the Polish forward. Buksa's four goals this season lead the team.
- **Buksa** is now tied with Javier "Chicharito" Hernandez with 22 goals from open play since the start of 2020.
- All four of **Buksa's** goals this season have been scored via header. Buksa leads MLS with 13 headed goals since 2020 (regular season and playoffs).
- **Buksa** has netted has now netted three goals in 199 minutes played against Columbus in the regular season.
- **Carles Gil** has distributed assists in three consecutive games and owns five helpers on the season – tied for second most in MLS at the conclusion of Saturday's match. The Designated Player has registered one goal and four assists in the last five games.
- New England's record shifts to 23-1-9 when **Gil** registers an assist in the MLS regular season or playoffs.
- **Emmanuel Boateng** recorded his second assist of the season in a 23-minute performance off the bench tonight. The midfielder has tallied three goals and six assists over 20 appearances in a Revolution uniform since joining the club in 2021.
- **Sebastian Lletget** also logged his second assist of the 2022 campaign as he made his 11<sup>th</sup> appearance of the season.
- **Matt Turner** made one save in tonight's match, his second start of the 2022 season.
- Homegrown Player **Damian Rivera**, 19, made his second MLS start and posted a 67-minute performance. The Cranston, Rhode Island native has appeared in four of the last five matches.
- For the second time this season, **Bruce Arena** deployed an unchanged lineup in back-to-back matches as he made no changes from last Saturday's 2-0 win vs. Inter Miami CF.

#### GAME CAPSULE

**Referee:** Nima Saghafi

**Assistant Referees:** Jason White (AR1), Meghan Mullen (AR2)

**Fourth Official:** Chris Rukxa

**Video Assistant Referee:** Younes Marrakchi

**Assistant Video Assistant Referee:** Peter Manikowski

**Weather:** 46 degrees and windy

**Attendance:** 26,421

#### Scoring Summary:

**CLB-** Miguel Berry 2 (Derrick Etienne 3) 27'

**NE-** DeJuan Jones 1 (Emmanuel Boateng 2, Carles Gil 5) 70'

**NE-** Adam Buksa 4 (Sebastian Lletget 2) 82'

**CLB-** Erik Hurtado (Derrick Etienne 4, Lucas Zelarayan 3) 89'

#### Misconduct Summary:

**CLB** - Aidan Morris (Yellow Card- Hard Foul) 41'

**NE** - Andrew Farrell (Yellow Card- Hard Foul) 58'

**CLB** - Artur (Yellow Card- Persistent Infringement) 60'

**New England Revolution:** Matt Turner; DeJuan Jones, Henry Kessler, Andrew Farrell (Jozy Altidore 68'), Brandon Bye; Matt Polster, Tommy McNamara; Damian Rivera (Emmanuel Boateng 68'), Carles Gil ©, Sebastian Lletget (Omar Gonzalez 83'); Adam Buksa

Substitutes Not Used: Djordje Petrović, Noel Buck, A.J. DeLaGarza, Maciel, Ryan Spaulding, Arnór Traustason

**Columbus Crew:** Eloy Room; Josh Williams, Jonathan Mensah ©, Pedro Santos, Yaw Yeboah (Luis Diaz 72'); Darlington Nagbe, Artur, Aidan Morris (Erik Hurtado 84'), James Igbekeme (Milos Degenek 90+2'); Derrick Etienne, Miguel Berry (Lucas Zelarayan 46')

Substitutes Not Used: Brady Scott, Alexandru Matan, Jalil Anibaba, Will Sands

New England Revolution	Team Statistics	Columbus Crew
9 (2)	Shots (on Target)	6 (3)
4	Blocked Shots	1
0.94	Expected Goals (xG)	0.96
1	Saves	0
4	Corner Kicks	3
0	Offsides	0
9	Fouls	12
634 (88.5%)	Passes Attempted (% Completed)	357 (78.7%)
64.4%	Possession	35.6%

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### Revolution Sporting Director & Head Coach Bruce Arena

#### ***On the changes made to the team's formation in the second half and what happened at the end of the match:***

**Arena:** "Well, we added a striker, went with three in the back, went with two guys out wide that we thought could get some balls in front of the goal, and gambled a little bit playing [Matt] Polster in the middle there. And then at the end, we conceded two goals today with our center backs not being able to get inside their strikers. So, we did a very poor job in that regard. You know, we should've walked off the field with three points. Our guys played very, very well in the second half. They really performed well. So, I'm disappointed they didn't get three points."

#### ***On the recent form of Sebastian Lletget:***

**Arena:** "Well, [Sebastian Lletget] is more dangerous getting in the attack, doing a good job there, and we've been emphasizing that to him. And he's had a good work rate. He's winning balls defensively now as well. He's starting to play the way we expect him to play. I'm happy with the progress he's making."

#### ***On the performance of Emmanuel Boateng:***

**Arena:** "Well, [Emmanuel Boateng] got the cross for the first goal. Ema can play wide, natural left footed player, good at crossing the ball. So, he had some good crosses today that were dangerous."

#### ***On if Andrew Farrell was subbed off because of his earlier yellow card:***

**Arena:** "Yeah and again, the card contributed to that. And then we had to decide how we were going to play with three in the back, given the players on the field and who we were going to bring in. So, we know we're bringing in Jozy [Altidore] and Ema [Boateng]. So, the question is, how we do that? We've got to obviously replace two players and one in the back and made the decision with [Andrew] Farrell. Our passing, we wanted our passing to be a little bit better. And I think with Matt [Polster] in the middle there, he's a little bit more comfortable on the ball. And Brandon [Bye] did a decent job as well, on the right side in the backline."

#### ***On his thinking behind the late-game substitutions:***

**Arena:** “You’re at the end of the game, you have a goal lead, you went from three to a back four. Common sense, it’s safety, and it shouldn’t backfire the way it did. So, that’s the reason for that.”

***On his concern about the late-game letdowns:***

**Arena:** “Yeah, but also really pleased with the ability to come back from being down a goal. I felt we had excellent control of the game in the second half and scored two great goals, hit the post, hit the crossbar. We were unlucky again, but again, I don’t want to take anything away from Columbus. But listen, every goal, you can come up with a million reasons why you can do better, and we certainly could have done better on both of their goals, so that’s very disappointing.”

***On the short week preparing for U.S. Open Cup Wednesday:***

**Arena:** “We have a day off tomorrow. We’ll get in Monday, see how they’re doing, and set a team for Tuesday.”

**Revolution Defender DeJuan Jones**

***On scoring his first goal of the season and conceding the late equalizer to Columbus:***

**Jones:** “Yeah, we made some adjustments, we switched to three in the back. We’re down a goal, trying to get back into the game, so we wanted players to attack more, so I got in a higher position, and it was a great cross from Ema [Boateng] and I was able to get on the end of it. And then, just kind of a breakaway late in the game, we thought we had the numbers there. We got guys out, but we just didn’t do well enough in front of the goal, and it cost us. We’ve got to stop giving up late goals, and it cost us again tonight.”

***On Bruce Arena’s message to the team at halftime:***

**Jones:** “Yeah, continue to be patient, but also have time to be aggressive. A few times, we had guys in a forward position that we didn’t find them, so just to continue to be aggressive, find guys forward, and take advantage of our chances. We knew if we got the first one, we’d probably get the second one.”

***On solving the problem of giving up late goals:***

**Jones:** “That’s what we’re trying to figure out. We were in such a good position there to win the game at home. We switched back to four in the back just to lock things up, and we still gave up a late goal. So, we’re going to look at it in film and we’re going to figure out what needs to be there.”

***On Tommy McNamara’s shot that hit the crossbar:***

**Jones:** “Yeah, he had time in the box. He hits those all the time in practice, and he hit the post, or hit the crossbar. It was tough. We had a few different opportunities there at the end, but we just couldn’t get the third goal.”

***On balancing the team’s ability to comeback with the disappointing result:***

**Jones:** “Yeah, like you said, it was great resolve from the group. Being down a goal, [Columbus] were really sitting in, and we just kept trying. We were being patient and we found the first goal. Patience again – just moving the ball around and finding that moment. And then a special moment from Sebastian [Lletget] and Adam [Bukusa] for the second goal. So yeah, it was great that we came back like that and showed our resilience, but we’ve got to close out games, especially at home.”

**Revolution Midfielder Sebastian Lletget**

***On his takeaways from the team’s performance in tonight’s match:***

**Lletget:** “Yeah, it’s disappointing. I thought it was a game of two halves. I thought tactically, they knew how to play against us in the first [half]. And then we put a lot of pressure on them by putting more numbers forward. I think things opened up and we finally got them where we wanted them, and it showed. And then we got a goal up, and again, we just didn’t manage the game. Moments like that, five minutes left or whatever it was, we need to get that gene. You just have to kill the game, however it may be – waste time, keep the ball, be in possession, be in good spots, and defensively be better, of course. It’s a shame that we dropped two points, because I thought we 100 percent should have won tonight.”

**On his assist on Adam Buksa's goal:**

**Lletget:** "Yeah, obviously, I was in a little bit of a deeper position picking up the ball, following up. I was following up a second ball, and I looked up and, of course, Adam in the box. He's so dangerous and I know that. We locked eyes and the ball literally went where I wanted it to be. He did such a great job of getting it across goal. So, you know, I thought that was it. I thought that was three points in the bag. Again, we just lacked that finishing of the game."

**On conceding a goal in the 89<sup>th</sup> minute of tonight's match:**

*\*Translated from Spanish\**

**Lletget:** "For me, well, it's not one thing. There's things we need to improve on. We need to improve defensively as a team, without a doubt. We can't concede with five minutes to go. We didn't lose but it was another goal. Those situations are just too easy for the opponent. It's something we need to work on, watch the video, and continue learning."

**On shifting focus to the U.S. Open Cup matchup Wednesday and managing the two-game week ahead:**

**Lletget:** "Yeah, it kind of takes us back to when we were playing in the Champions League, so we obviously have to manage guys, manage the loads. I think it could be a good opportunity for some youngsters or for some other guys who maybe haven't got as many minutes, but again it's a competition we want to win, so we got to take it very serious. And then now it's all about just managing people's loads, so I think we'll go back to training on Monday and see how we're going to shape up and get ready for it, so it won't be easy, for sure."

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