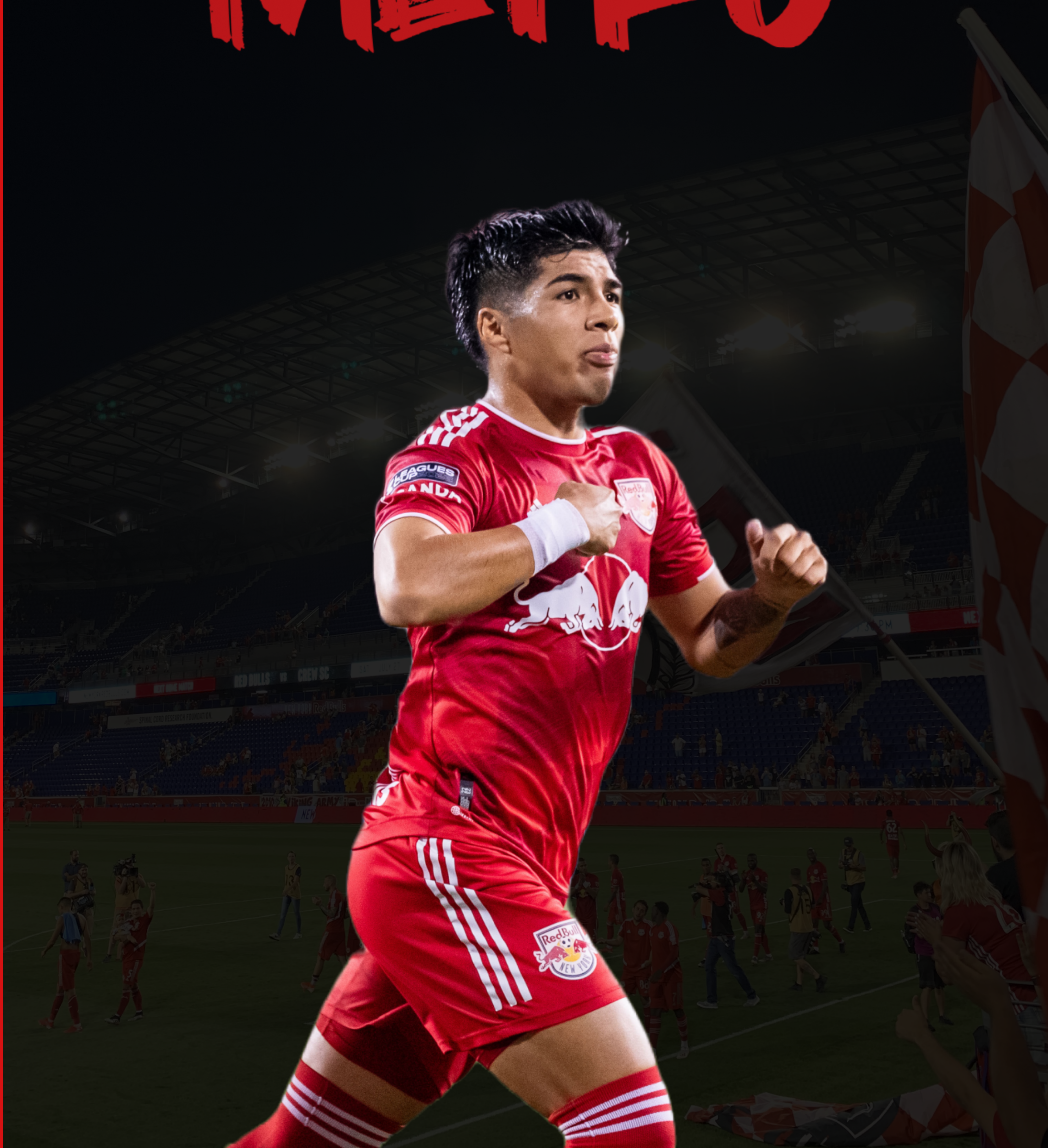


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WELCOME

HI THERE, WELCOME TO THE INAUGURAL EDITION OF THE HARRISON METRO!

THE MAGAZINE HELPS US PRESENT THE CONTINUED TALE OF OUR LOVE AFFAIR WITH A TEAM THOUSANDS OF MILES AWAY. I'M LUKE, I'M 50% OF RBNY UK, THE UK SUPPORTERS GROUP FOR THE NEW YORK RED BULLS. RONNIE MAKES UP THE OTHER 50%, HAVING ORIGINALLY FOUNDED THE COMMUNITY BACK IN 2016.

I ALREADY KNOW WHAT YOU'RE THINKING... HOW DID TWO GUYS FROM THE SOUTH OF ENGLAND FALL IN LOVE WITH A TEAM FROM THE CITY THAT NEVER SLEEPS. WELL, HERE'S OUR STORY...

I FOUND ABOUT RBNY THROUGH PLAYING FOOTBALL MANAGER 2013. AFTER WINNING ANOTHER CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE WITH IPSWICH TOWN, I DECIDED TO TAKE ON A NEW CHALLENGE AND TAKE OVER A TEAM IN MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER. WITH NO PRIOR EXPERIENCE AND NO KNOWLEDGE ON THE RULES, I DECIDED TO GO FOR THE TEAM PREDICTED TO FINISH 1ST. WITH A ROSTER CONTAINING THIERRY HENRY, TIM CAHILL, DAX MCCARTY AMONG OTHERS, IT WAS THE NEW YORK RED BULLS. I KEPT AN EYE ON THE RESULTS FOR THE 2013 AND 2014 SEASONS BUT THE REAL LOVE BEGAN IN 2015.

IT'S RATHER IRONIC THAT THE 2015 WAS THE BEGINNING OF THE LOVE AFFAIR WHEN IT WAS AN INTERESTING PRE-SEASON INCLUDING A MANAGERIAL CHANGE AND A LARGE PLAYER EXODUS BUT IT WAS ALSO THE SEASON THAT MY FAVOURITE PLAYER OF ALL TIME, DAX MCCARTY WAS MADE CAPTAIN. I BEGAN STAYING UP LATE TO WATCH THE GAMES ON SKY AND THE TEAM WON THE SHIELD. MORE OF THIS I THOUGHT! FULLY INGRAINED AS A SUPPORTER BY 2018, THE SEASON WILL ALWAYS BE A GREAT MEMORY TO ME AND I STILL HANG THE SHI3LD POSTER PROUDLY ON MY WALL. I WAS ABLE TO MAKE IT OUT FOR MY FIRST GAME AT RED BULL ARENA BACK IN 2019, WHICH WAS SUCH AN AMAZING EXPERIENCE.



PIC: LEFT LUKE RIGHT RONNIE

RONNIE BEGAN HIS JOURNEY DIFFERENTLY, RANDOMLY FLICKING THROUGH SPORTS CHANNELS LATE ONE NIGHT CAME ACROSS A MLS GAME. IT WAS NEW YORK RED BULLS V D.C. UNITED IN THE ATLANTIC CUP. HE HAD A CHOICE TO MAKE. HE MADE THE RIGHT CHOICE AND DECIDED TO SUPPORT THE NEW YORK RED BULLS. THE REST IS HISTORY! RONNIE MADE IT TO HARRISON TO WATCH THE 2-1 WIN OVER NYCFC IN THE MLS BACK IN 2019.

NOW YOU KNOW OUR FAN STORIES... BUT WHERE DID RBNY UK'S STORY BEGIN?

WE HAD A SIMPLE BEGINNING IN THE SUMMER OF 2016. A GOONER FROM LONDON, FELL IN LOVE WITH NEW YORK RED BULLS AND WANTED A PLACE TO CHAT WITH HIS FELLOW FANS, AND @RBNYUK WAS BORN. RONNIE & LUKE WERE QUICKLY INTRODUCED THROUGH MUTUALS ON TWITTER AND THE REST IS HISTORY.

FOLLOWING YEARS OF GROWTH ON TWITTER, THE NEXT STEP WAS TO START THE RBNY UK PODCAST WHICH BEGAN IN 2021 AND IS CURRENTLY IN ITS SECOND SEASON.

A GOONER AND A TRACTOR BOY WERE ON A SEARCH FOR A TEAM WITH PRIDE, PASSION, AND GLORY. THEY WENT TO THE BIG APPLE AND FOUND THE NEW YORK RED BULLS. THAT'S OUR STORY.

I'LL LEAVE YOU TO TAKE IN THE FIRST EDITION OF THIS MAGAZINE FEATURING MATCH RECAPS, PREVIEWS, SNAPSHOTS, QUIZZES AND MUCH MORE.

LET'S GO RED BULLS!

Luke Hume

OMIR FERNANDEZ PENALTY SEES THEM TO NEXT ROUND OF LEAGUES CUP

- BY ANTHONY J. MERCED -

New York Red Bulls claim another win over NYCFC, this time in the Leagues Cup, with a 1-0 win at Red Bull Arena on Thursday night. The game's only goal came from the penalty spot in the 30th minute when Omir Fernandez, a native of the Bronx, converted after Luquinhas was taking down in the box.

The game was scrappy with both teams battling in the midfield to create opportunities. Little came of their efforts until the New York City defense cost them the first real opportunity in the 30th minute. Tayvon Gray took down the Red Bulls midfielder, leading to the penalty opportunity. Fernandez converted and sent New York into a defensive shell that held for the rest of the game.

New York City created few opportunities in the second half with the Red Bulls showing why they are one of the best defensive teams in the Leagues Cup. It is the second clean sheet in three games, with the team only surrendering one goal against Athletic San Luis in the group stage. The win will send them into the round of 16 to play the winner of Philadelphia and DC. It also marks the second victory over NYCFC in 2023 and the second shut out over their crosstown rivals.

STARTING XI'S

New York Red Bulls 1

Coronel,
Harper (64' Duncan),
■ Reyes,
■ Nealis,
■ Tolkin,
■ Fernandez (78' Carmona),
Edelman,
Amaya,
■ Luquinhas (79' Stroud),
Barlow (64' Yearwood),
Vanzeir

SCORING SUMMARY:

30' (New York Red Bulls) Omir Fernandez - PK

0 NYCFC:

Freese;
■ Gray (90' Segal),
Thiago Martins,
Chanot,
Cufre,
Sands,
■ Parks,
Jasson (46' Haak),
■ Rodriguez,
Ledezma (46' Pellegrini)
Bakrar (79' Magno)

RED BULLS FALL IN PENALTIES TO UNION, EXIT LEAGUES CUP

- BY ANTHONY J. MERCED -

New York Red Bulls exited the Leagues Cup in the round of 16 on Tuesday night following a penalty shootout to the Philadelphia Union at Subaru Park. The game saw both teams play a physical style that benefited New York's low-scoring, high defense, approach. While they were able to stay level through 90 minutes, it was costly errors in the penalties that would see to their exit.

New York pushed the game early, causing the Union to make critical mistakes. Red Bulls pounced on one such mistake in the fourth minute when a counter attack left Omir Fernandez in on goal. His lateral pass found an open Elias Manoel who scored the game's opening goal. From there Philadelphia chased their opposition for the remainder of the first half. At times the Red Bulls created opportunities but were unable to find a second goal.

The physicality picked up in the second half and key substitutes leaned in the home team's favor. Head coach Troy Lesesne removed Fernandez and Manoel after just 57 minutes, leading to the team absorbing more pressure. Eventually it would cost them as the Union found the equalizer in the 68th minute. A header from Nathan Harriel beat both Sean Nealis and goalkeeper Carlos Coronel. Both teams kept the level of physicality going all the way to the 90th minute whistle.

A late substitution before the final whistle saw Lewis Morgan make his long-awaited return with the express purpose of taking a penalty kick. Morgan, who was the team's leading goal-scorer last season, stepped to the spot first and had his effort stopped by Union keeper Andre Blake. From there Daniel Edelman hit the bar leaving them with just 3 goals after 5 attempts. The Union hit all but one, sealing New York's fate.

While it is a rough way to exit the tournament, New York proved to be formidable in knockout soccer, frustrating Union head coach Tim Curtin on numerous occasions. The Red Bulls will return to MLS play on August 20th against DC United at Red Bull Arena.

STARTING XI'S

New York Red Bulls 1 (3)

Coronel;
Harper (90' Lewis),
Reyes,
Nealis,
Tolkin,
Fernandez (57' Duncan),
Edelman,
■ Amaya,
Luquinhas (70' Yearwood),
● Manoel (57' Barlow),
Vanzeir (70' Stroud)

(4) 1 Philadelphia Union:

Blake,
Glesnes,
Elliott,
Lowe,
● Harriel,
McGlynn,
■ Martinez,
Flach (55' Bueno),
■ Wagner,
Carranza,
Gazdag (55' Uhre)

LATE TOLKIN FREE-KICK GIVES NEW YORK A MUCH-NEEDED WIN OVER RIVALS DC UNITED

- BY ANTHONY J. MERCED -

John Tolkin's 87 th minute goal gives New York Red Bulls a much-needed win in their return to MLS play against rivals DC United on Sunday night. The free-kick goal came after a game where little happened offensively for both sides, frustrating both coaches.

The first half saw little to differentiate the two sides as possession numbers were almost identical. DC star striker Christian Benteke started the game high up the field in an attempt to play off of the shoulder of New York Red Bulls captain Sean Nealis. However, his inability to get the ball saw him fall back into the middle of the pitch.

For New York, their star striker Dante Vanzeir left the game with a lower body injury after just 28 minutes. His replacement, Tom Barlow, did little to make an impact in the game as did his partner Elias Manoel.

The second half saw New York pick up the pace. Head coach Troy Lesesne moved right-back Cameron Harper further up the field, giving the Red Bulls their best opportunity of the game to that point, a shot that brushed the outside of the net.

With the final minutes draining away, New York earned a free-kick just outside of the 18 yard box and the young defender Tolkin stepped up for the effort. His shot beat the defense and hit the back of the net to give New York all three points.

The win moves New York into 11 th place, just three points back of CF Montreal for the final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference. Next up is an epic clash against Lionel Messi and Inter Miami at home with the world watching and playoff implications on the line.

STARTING XI'S

New York Red Bulls 1

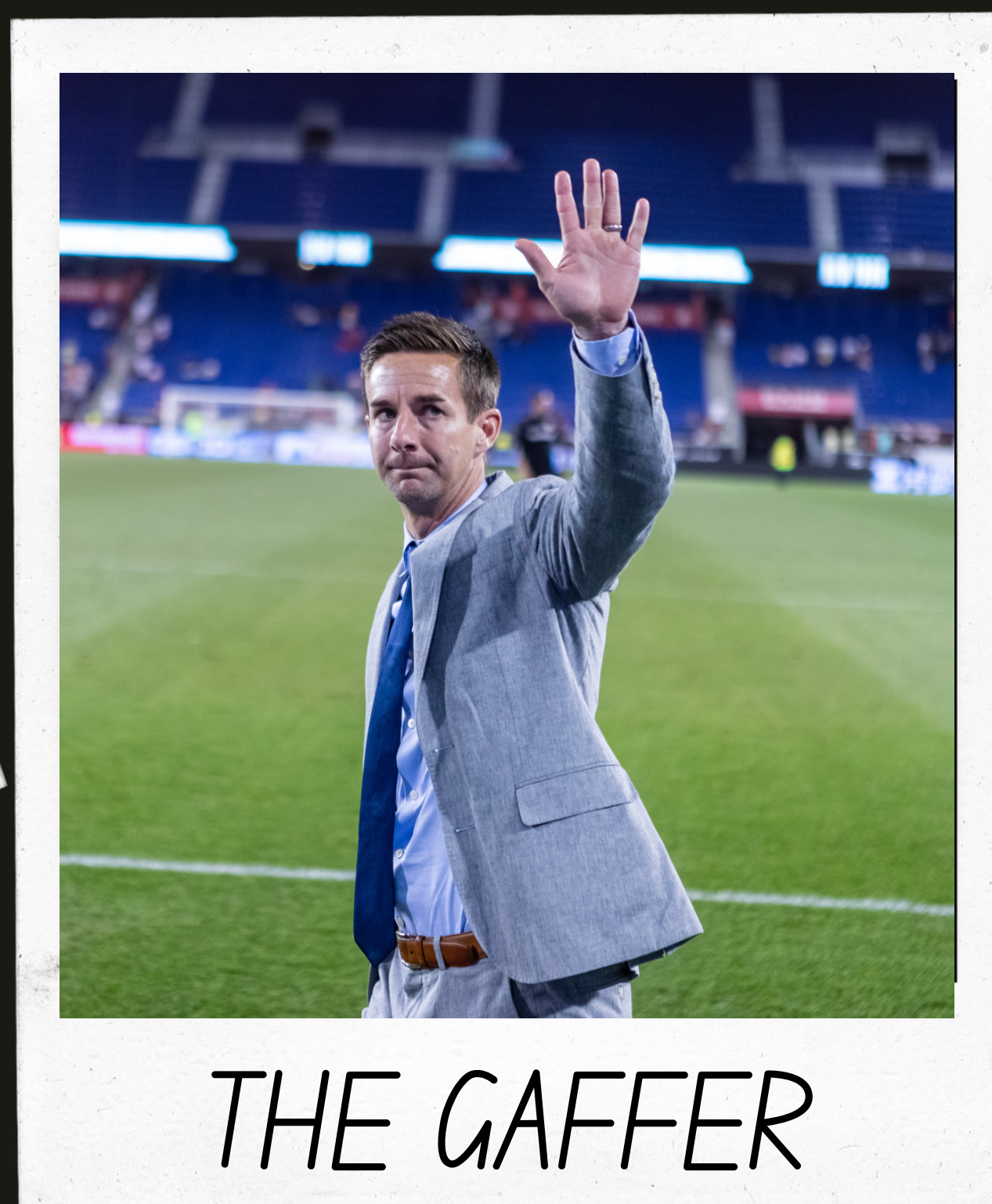
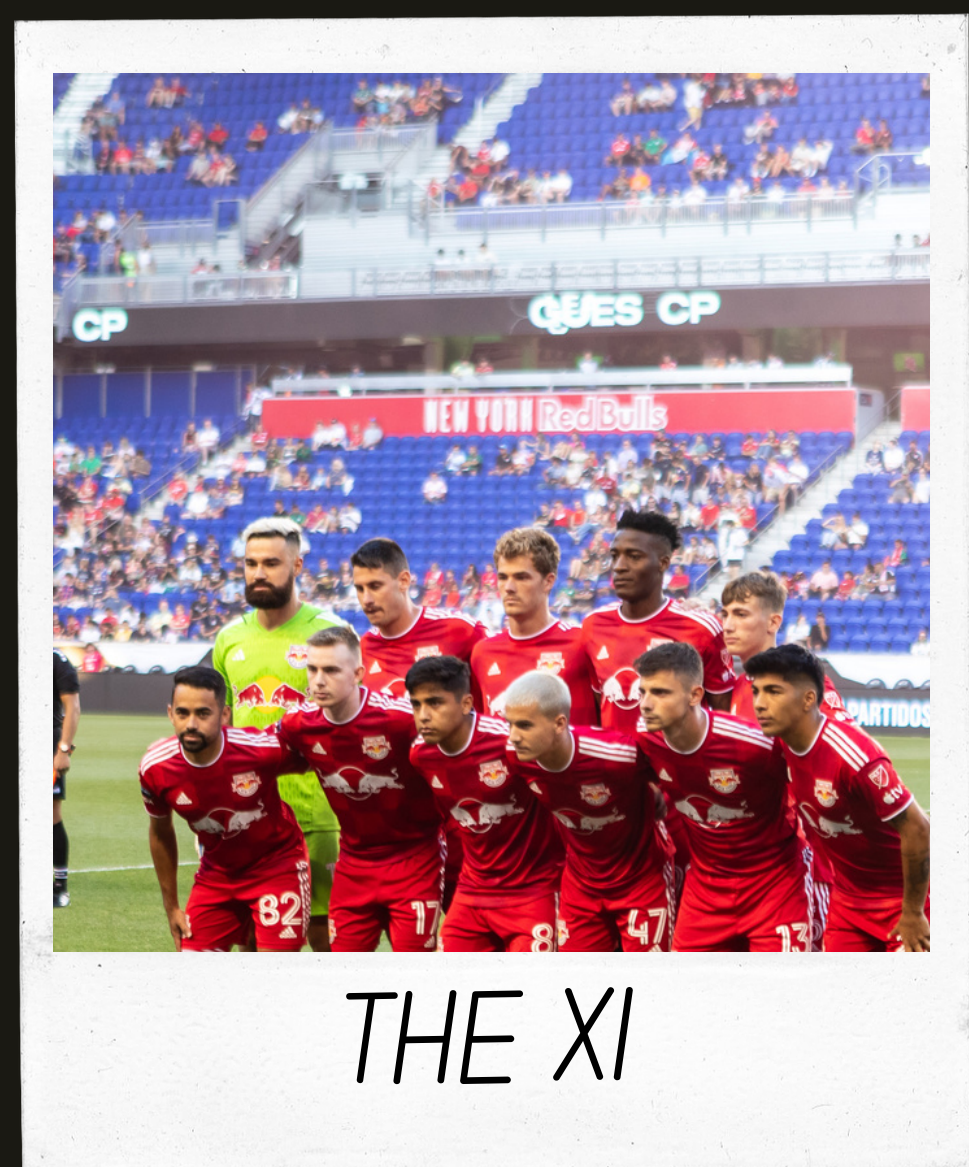
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Manoel (85' Carmona)

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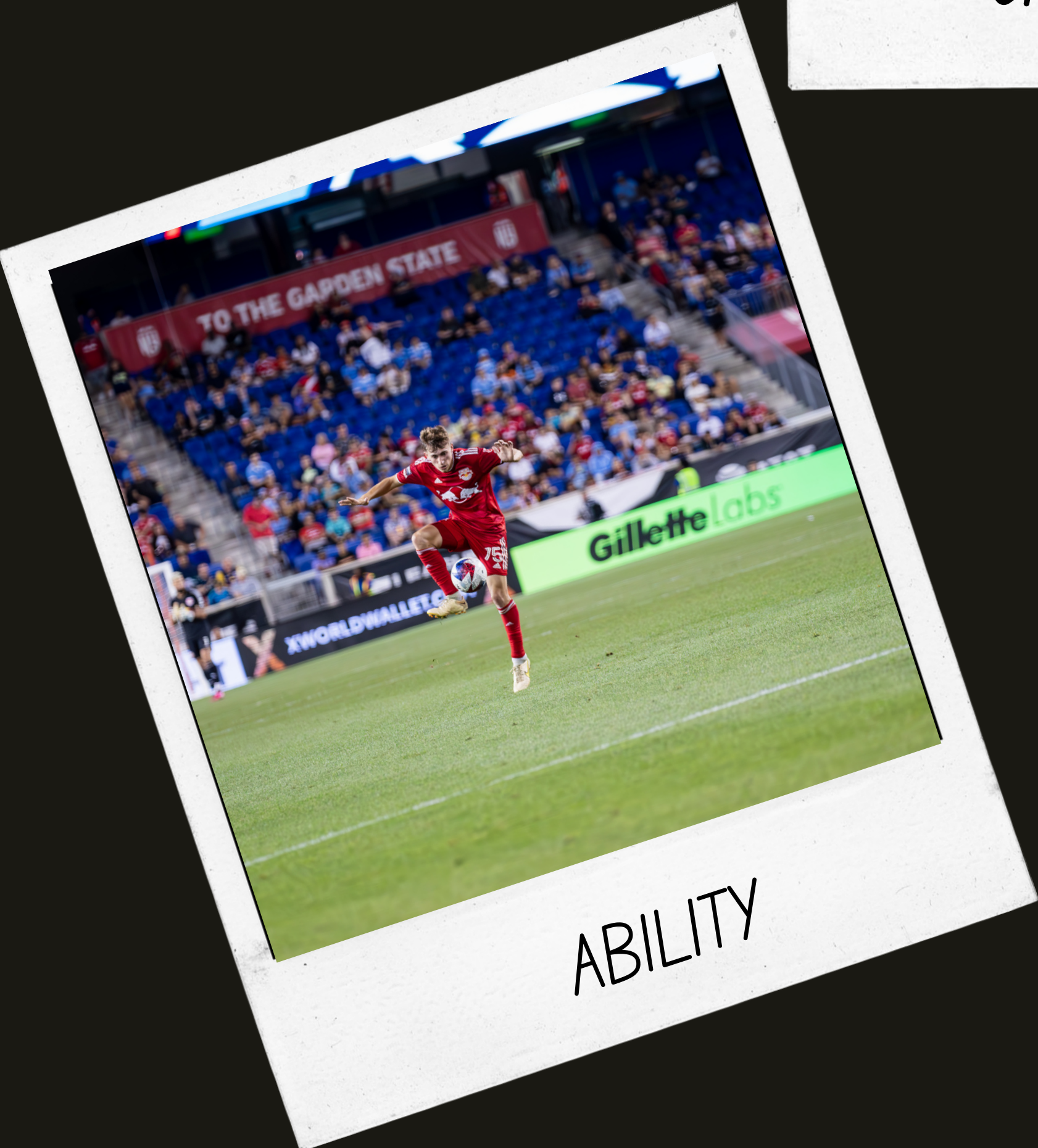
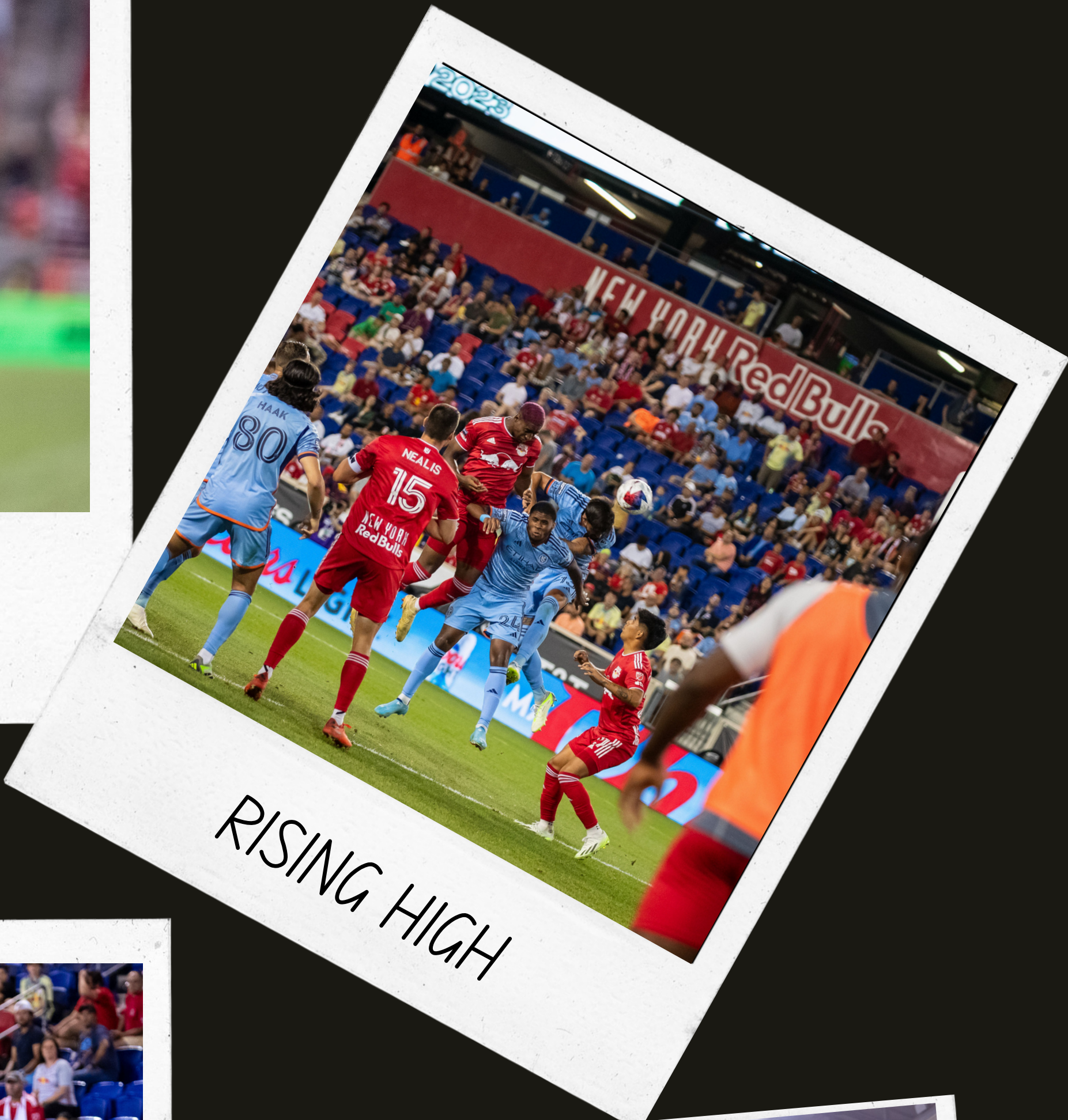
Miller,
Hines-Ike,
Williams,
Birnbaum,
Dajome (65' Ku-DiPietro),
Durkin, ■
Canouse,
Pedro Santos (90' Asad),
Pirani (78' Fajardo),
Ruan (65' Najar),
BentekeGazdag (55' Uhre)

THE SNAPSHOT

RBNY 2-1 SAN LUIS - 07/31/2023



RBNY 1-0 NYCFC - 08/04/2023



THINGS ABOUT TO GET MESSI IN HARRISON

-BY RONNIE PIPER-

On Saturday 26th August, one of the greatest footballers in the history of the game touches down at Red Bull Arena for what will be his first-ever Major League Soccer appearance. There is expected to be a full house in New Jersey to watch the World Cup winner take on the New York Red Bulls.

Ever since Leo arrived in Florida, his performances in the Leagues Cup have got the world looking at US Soccer. With his good friends Sergio Busquets and Jordi Alba joining him in pink, a formidable lineup and team has been put together.

Let's not forget just how Inter Miami are doing in the league this season rock bottom in the Eastern Conference and only winning 5 games out of a possible 22. However, with the arrival of the new look team a playoff spot is being expected from the team and the journey to the post-season starts in Harrison.

However, the Red Bulls are also looking up to the playoffs with the longest active playoff run in US Major Sports and a fanbase demanding post-season success. A disappointing season so far sees Red Bulls sitting in 11th in the East and only 4 points off the play off spots. Wins need to start coming and will there be a bigger statement victory than beating Inter Miami at the beginning of a tough series of games upcoming. Which sees RBNY face off against Revolution, Philly and NYCFC.

The reverse fixture in Miami saw the Red Bulls come out on top in a 1-0 victory with the goal being scored by Tom Barlow which saw the last few days of Phil Neville's reign come to an end.

A very similar type of match will play out this time around with Inter Miami dominating possession again and the Red Bulls looking to bunker down the hatches and hit them on a counter or a set piece. One of the problems for RBNY this season has been giving away fouls and anything given away on the edge of the box will see a certain Argentine looking to nest it in the top corner. Fast paced moves have become a vital weapon in the arsenal in the team over their Leagues cup and run and will be an essential factor going forward.

Whatever happens out on the pitch at Red Bull Arena the world be watching wether live on highlights the next day this really seems the beginning of the next chapter for the league and hopefully the Red Bulls.

RB AROUND THE WORLD

CCJ RUBS SHOULDERS WITH MBAPPE

Following Cristian Casseres Jr's transfer away from the Red Bulls, you'll now see him suiting up for Toulouse in the French Ligue 1.

Following Week 2 of the season sees them sitting in 7th in Ligue after a 2-1 victory away from home against Nantes and also a very respectable 1-1 draw against the dominant PSG.

CCJ played all 90 mins in the season opener and then played 71 mins at home to the champions.

YORKSHIRE TO THE SOUTH COAST

Tyler Adams said 'goodbye' to the Championship and 'hello once again' to the Premier League last week.

It looked like Adams was joining the free spending Chelsea however at the 23rd hour Chelsea pulled the deal to focus on the signings of Romeo Lavia (Southampton for £60m) and Moises Caicedo (Brighton for £115m).

Adams had a release clause in the contract for around £25M for a Premier League team that expired. however Bournemouth agreed a deal with Leeds for his acquisition.

He has now put pen to paper on a 5 year contract and will wear the number 18 shirt for the cherries.

RBNY ALUMNI

TIM CAHILL

The corner flag's worst enemy, this time we look at the high-flying Australian's time on the East Coast.

When the chance to sign a Premier League icon arises, you never say no. And that is exactly what happened in the summer of 2012, with the Red Bulls acquiring Socceroos legend Tim Cahill to bolster the attacking arsenal. And why wouldn't they? With the likes of Kenny Cooper and Thierry Henry taking responsibility on the goal-scoring front, an additional creative spark would not go amiss. 125 goal contributions in the English game after 384 matches, Cahill would not only add that extra cutting edge but vital experience in the side's quest for their first piece of MLS silverware. Could the former Millwall man be that deciding factor?

Well, if his time in south-east London was anything to go by, then the New York Red Bulls were in luck. Coming up through the academy after arriving from Sydney, the Australian international leapt into life during the 2001-02 season in Millwall's bid for promotion to the Premiership, playing 43 times. The then 21-year-old grabbed 13 goals and seven assists as the Lions secured a play-off spot. By 23, he had become the club's top scorer for the first time with nine in the league, before earning a move to Premier League strugglers Everton.

And his productivity in the big leagues is exactly why Cahill was brought to Red Bull Arena. The forward became the club's top scorer in his first season with 11 in the league, as the Toffees' remarkable end to the calendar year saw them secure Champions League football for the following campaign. During his eight-year spell in Merseyside, his position was never concrete. Alternating between a second striker and central midfield role in his first stage at the club, Cahill became more comfortable as the attacking midfield option in his prime. However, he only averaged just three assists per season: exchanging that for a more goal-heavy return with seven in the same period.

So, what was to be expected when he joined in the 2012 mid-season? Well, the new man came straight into the fold, losing 2-0 on his debut against Houston Dynamo. However, by game three, he had already secured his first goal for the club as they came from behind to beat Portland 3-2. Cahill's versatility allowed him to fit into any of Hasse Backe's systems - often playing in a central midfield position in a 4-4-2 or just behind the striker in a 4-2-3-1.

Ahead of 2013, former player and fan-favourite Mike Petke took charge, with Cahill establishing himself in the centre of the park with Henry just ahead of him. This was not always the case with the former Everton forward ineffective in front of goal for the first portion of the season. A change in role resulted in five goal contributions in six games despite dropping into a deeper role on paper, with the Red Bulls going on an eight-game unbeaten run when he was in the side.

The 33-year-old was also at the epicentre of Red Bulls' fine form at the end of the year. Another eight-game stint ending with an emphatic 5-2 win against Chicago Fire on the final day, securing the first Supporters' Shield in the side's history. Five goals and an assist for the man in form were pivotal contributions as he assumed a more advanced position - playing alongside either Henry or BWP in a front two.

Individually, it wasn't a bad year either. The club's top scorer for the season with 11 league goals and awarded with the New York Red Bulls MVP, it was no surprise to see the midfielder's inclusion in the MLS Best XI. And with accolades galore, it was sure to soften the blow of missing out on the MLS All-Star game due to injury.

2014 wasn't as glorious. At 34, Cahill wouldn't be expected to be playing week in, week out, and instead started just the 18 regular season matches and only played a full 90 on a handful of occasions. He was limited to just three goals and two assists in all competitions, as the team looked elsewhere for contributions in front of goal.

After finishing eighth in the league, Cahill called time on his time at Red Bull Arena. But not on his career. A two-year spell in China, followed by a trip back home to play for Melbourne City, Cahill returned to the club where it all started, Millwall, on a short-term deal in 2018. He later signed for Indian Super League side Jamshedpur for the 18-19 campaign, before retiring at 40 years of age - an end to an illustrious 18-year career at senior level.

Always looking to create something in the final third, always lurking on the end of a cross, Cahill always offered something. Sometimes a goal, other times an assist, but often it was more than that. That little bit of extra spark and imagination is something that the veteran had done all his career, and that was no different at the Red Bulls. He is another player whose time in New York has been somewhat short but sweet yet feels like a decade in our memories.

A crucial figure in the 2013 Shield success, Cahill's first trophy is sure to leave a mark on Red Bull hearts, likewise his memories on the East Coast will be sure to last him forever.

-written by Jamie Denley-

MISSING PLAYER

05/21/2016 - NYCFC 0 V 7 RBNY



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2023 STATISTICS

GOALS

F.AMAYA	4
O.FERNANDEZ	3
A.REYES	2
C.BURKE	2
D.VANZEIR	2
E.MANOEL	2
T.BARLOW	2

ASSISTS

J.TOLKIN	4
O.FERNANDEZ	3
C.HARPER	1
D.VANZEIR	1
E.MANOEL	1
K.DUNCAN	1

YELLOW

A.REYES	8
K.DUNCAN	8
C.CASSERES	7
S.NEALIS	6
D.EDELMAN	4
J.TOLKIN	4

TACKLES

C.CASSERES	41
S.NEALIS	37
J.TOLKIN	36
C.HARPER	35
A.REYES	34
D.NEALIS	30

MINS PLAYED

C.CORONEL	2160
S.NEALIS	2070
C.HARPER	1749
A.REYES	1662
J.TOLKIN	1530
C.CASSERES	1441

MOTM

A.REYES	3
F.AMAYA	2
C.CASSERES	1
D.NEALIS	1
S.NEALIS	1

UPCOMING GAMES

NEW YORK RED BULLS V INTER MIAMI
SAT 26 AUGUST 19:30
RED BULL ARENA

NEW ENGLAND REVIEWS V NEW YORK RED BULLS
WED 30 AUGUST 19:30
GILLETTE STADIUM

PHILADELPHIA V NEW YORK RED BULLS
SUN 3 SEPTEMBER 19:30
SUBARU PARK

NYCFC V NEW YORK RED BULLS
SAT 16 SEPTEMBER 15:30
YANKEE STADIUM

NEW YORK RED BULLS V AUSTIN
WED 20 SEPTEMBER 19:30
RED BULL ARENA

DC UNITED V NEW YORK RED BULLS
SAT 24 SEPTEMBER 19:30
AUDI FIELD

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We would love to hear your feedback on Twitter @TheHarrisonMetro_!



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