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## **New England Revolution Reveal 2020 Team Awards, Matt Turner as JetBlue Team MVP**

*Turner, Henry Kessler (Defender of the Year) and Teal Bunbury (Humanitarian of the Year, Players' Player of the Year and Golden Boot) recognized ahead of Nov. 20 Audi MLS Cup Playoffs Play-In Match vs. Montreal*

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. – The New England Revolution announced the club's 2020 team award winners today. Goalkeeper Matt Turner has been voted the 2020 JetBlue Revolution Team MVP by fans, while rookie Henry Kessler was voted the club's 2020 Defender of the Year by local media. Forward Teal Bunbury, who captured the team's Golden Boot as New England's leading scorer with eight goals this season, has been honored as the 2020 Revolution Humanitarian of the Year and selected as the Revolution Players' Player of the Year by his teammates.

- [DOWNLOAD](#) videos for [Matt Turner \(JetBlue Team MVP\)](#), [Henry Kessler \(Defender of the Year\)](#), and [Teal Bunbury \(Humanitarian of the Year, Players' Player of the Year and Golden Boot\)](#).

Goalkeeper **Matt Turner** has been voted 2020 Revolution Team MVP by fans. Turner, in his fifth professional season, started all but one league match in 2020. The 26-year-old native of Park Ridge, N.J. backstopped the league's best scoring defense to six clean sheets in 2020 and one or fewer goals conceded in 16 of 23 matches. A candidate for 2020 MLS Goalkeeper of the Year, Turner, who allowed just 24 goals through 22 starts, set a new career high with six shutouts and matched his personal best eight wins in 2020. He concluded the season ranked among the top 10 MLS goalkeepers in saves (68), saves percentage (75.6%) and goals allowed per 90 minutes (1.09). Turner's six wins away from home in 2020 were tied for the league lead and his prolific campaign helped New England set a new club record for best goals against average (1.08). Turner climbed the all-time club rankings to second in Revolution history in saves percentage (71.7%) and goals against average (1.36) and third in saves (238), minutes played in goals (6,176) and wins (24).

### **MATT TURNER'S 2020 SEASON AT A GLANCE:**

- Started 22 games, all but one match in 2020, led the team in minutes played and helped guide New England to an 8-7-8 record, including a seven-match unbeaten streak for March through August, and its second consecutive trip to the Audi MLS Cup Playoffs.
- Tied for the league lead among goalkeepers in wins away from home (6), including one in the *MLS is Back Tournament*, and ranked among the top 10 goalkeepers in saves (68), saves percentage (75.6%) and goals allowed per 90 minutes (1.09).
- Set a new career high with six clean sheets in 2020 and matched his personal best eight wins for the third consecutive season.
- Helped the Revolution to a new club record for goals against average (1.08), surpassing the 2006 mark of 1.09.
- Ascended in the club's all-time goalkeeper rankings to second in Revolution history in saves percentage (71.7%) and goals against average (1.36) and third in saves (238), minutes played in goals (6,176) and wins (24).

- First goalkeeper to be named JetBlue Revolution MVP since Matt Reis in 2011.

Rookie defender **Henry Kessler** has been voted the Revolution Defender of the Year by local media. Kessler, selected sixth overall by the Revolution in the 2020 MLS SuperDraft, appeared in all but one match this season, including 19 selections to the Starting XI. The University of Virginia product led all 2020 MLS SuperDraft selections in games played (22), games started (19), and minutes played (1,823). Among all rookies, Kessler ranks second in appearances and minutes played. Kessler, the club's third consecutive first-year defender to log at least 20 appearances and 10 starts in his rookie season, quickly fit into his role at center back, where he started alongside veteran Andrew Farrell in all six of the club's clean sheets. The 22-year-old native of New York, N.Y., posted team bests in clearances (83), interceptions (34), tackles won (21) and possessions won (123), while ranking second in minutes played and recoveries (123).

#### **HENRY KESSLER'S 2020 SEASON AT A GLANCE:**

- New England's first MLS SuperDraft selection to be voted Revolution Defender of the Year in his rookie campaign since A.J. Soares in 2011.
- Registered 22 appearances, playing in all but one match, including 19 selections to the Starting XI-all full 90-minute performances.
- Led all 2020 MLS SuperDraft selections in games played, games started and minutes played (1,823). Ranked second among all rookies in games played and minutes played.
- Led the team in clearances (83), interceptions (34), tackles won (21) and possessions won (123). Ranked second in minutes played and recoveries (123).
- Started all six of the team's clean sheets.

Forward **Teal Bunbury** has been honored as the 2020 Revolution Humanitarian of the Year and selected as the Players' Player of the Year by his teammates. The 11<sup>th</sup>-year veteran has consistently been one of the club's passionate and dedicated ambassadors off the field, with outstanding commitments to club and personal charitable initiatives in the community. In September, Bunbury launched his second annual "Back to School Kickoff with the Revs" shopping spree, where Bunbury, with help from fans and teammates, reached his goal and raised \$12,000 to provide 40 Boston-area families in need with a \$300 Target gift certificate each to purchase school supplies, clothing, and more. Most recently, Bunbury launched "Teal's Turkey Club" in November. Bunbury, with help from several teammates and in partnership with the Providence Rescue Mission, is aiming to raise at least \$4,000 to help feed 100 families for Thanksgiving. Bunbury's also actively involved in the team's bible study group.

On the field, Bunbury, who appeared in all but one match with 19 starts, secured the club's Golden Boot as the team's leading scorer with eight goals in 2020. He finished as the MLS leader in away goals (6) and concluded the season with four goals in his last seven games. Bunbury's two braces were one behind the MLS lead and his three game-winning goals were two behind the MLS lead. Bunbury climbed into a tie with Steve Ralston (42) for fourth on the club's all-time scoring list and became the 11<sup>th</sup> player in club history to register 200 appearances with New England when he made his 200<sup>th</sup> career start on Oct. 23.

#### **TEAL BUNBURY'S 2020 HUMANITARIAN EFFORTS AT A GLANCE:**

- Launched his second annual "Back to School Kickoff with the Revs" in September, raising \$12,000 to provide 40 Boston-area families in need with a \$300 Target gift certificate to purchase essential school supplies, clothing and more.
- Expanded the goal of this year's initiative from 10 families and \$4,000 to 40 families to \$12,000, and reached it with help from Revolution fans and teammates.
- Launched "Teal's Turkey Club" in partnership with the Providence Rescue Mission and several teammates to raise at least \$4,000 to provide Thanksgiving meals for 100 families (where).
- Actively leads the team's bible study group, which helped launch the first Back to School shopping spree in 2019.

- Second consecutive University of Akron product to receive the award after former college teammate Scott Caldwell was selected for the honor in 2019.

**TEAL BUNBURY’S 2020 SEASON AT A GLANCE:**

- Registered 22 appearances, playing in all but one match, with 19 selections to the Starting XI. Bunbury was one of three Revolution players to appear in each of the first 20 regular season games.
- Secured the team’s Golden Boot as the Revolution’s leading scorer with eight goals, including four over the last seven games of the season.
- Ranked first in MLS in away goals (6), helping New England match its club record with six wins away from Gillette Stadium in 2020.
- Surpassed his 2019 goal total (6) in 10 fewer appearances in 2020.
- Recorded two braces, one behind the MLS lead, and three game-winning goals, two behind the MLS lead.
- Climbed into a tie with Steve Ralston (42) for fourth on the club’s all-time scoring list and became the 11<sup>th</sup> player to register 200 regular season games played in a Revolution uniform.

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