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Giorgos Giakoumakis scored his first MLS hat trick to propel Atlanta United to a 4-1 win over the visiting New England Revolution on Saturday.

Thiago Almada also scored for Atlanta (1-1-0, 3 points). Carles Gil scored the lone reply for the Revolution, who remain without a point after three games.
New England controlled the play early and had several chances to strike first through the first 15 minutes.
In the 10th minute, Tomas Chancalay cut to the middle of the box before curling a shot toward the top right corner but goalkeeper Brad Guzan stayed tight to the post to keep it out. Four minutes later, Chancalay was in the box for a header off a cross from Nick Lima but hit the crossbar.
The home side finally connected in the second minute of stoppage time when Almada got Henrich Ravas to dive the wrong way on a penalty to give Atlanta a 1-0 lead.
Just moments earlier, it appeared Saba Lobjanidze had put them in front after Ravas came off his line but the whistle had blown to signal the penalty before the shot was taken.
Giakoumakis doubled Atlanta's lead in the 55th minute on another penalty kick and pushed it to 3-0 five minutes later and he completed his hat trick in the 74th.

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