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New England Revolution Training Report: July 18, 2019

Please [click here](#) to access interview footage from Thursday's media availability previewing Sunday's away match against FC Cincinnati (NBC Sports Boston – 6:00 p.m. ET), including quotes and footage from:

- [Sporting Director and Head Coach Bruce Arena](#)
- [Forward Juan Agudelo](#)
- [Defender Andrew Farrell](#)

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New England Revolution Sporting Director and Head Coach Bruce Arena

On getting last night's game in without further weather issues:

Arena: "It was great. I think the conditions were improved because of the storm. It looked like it was going to be a real hot and humid evening, and with the storm, things cooled down. We lost a lot of the humidity, so it was a great day to play. No complaints on our part."

On assessing where players are physically ahead of this weekend's match:

Arena: "Yeah, that's an important part of it. For example, Gustavo [Bou] got a lot of minutes last night and we have to see where he's going to be – whether he can give us minutes on Sunday. We've had a player suspended for the game Sunday, so all of those issues come into play and we have a couple days to sort it out."

On how the team will adjust without Luis Caicedo this Sunday:

Arena: "Well, everyone knows the responsibilities in each position, and we'll have players ready to step up for him."

On Diego Fagundez's goal:

Arena: "I think it helps everybody, and I think it'll give him confidence. He's not getting a lot of minutes, but the minutes he's getting now, he's contributing; so that's a real positive."

On the D.C. United-FC Cincinnati game tonight:

Arena: "It'll be interesting to see. We don't know a whole lot about Cincinnati at this point, so it'll be a good opportunity to watch them."

New England Revolution Forward Juan Agudelo

On last night's 4-0 win over Vancouver:

Agudelo: "Overall, I felt like we were in control of the game, but we need to understand that we can't let teams, that were sort of dominating in the first half with possession and chances, get away from us—so it was good that we had a special moment from a special player that put us up 1-0 before [the] half."

On Gustavo Bou's goal and performance:

Agudelo: "I think we needed it. There were of couple chances we passed up on, and it definitely may have been a different game if the team was able to survive until halftime; but we were just on top of them and it would have been a shame to be going into the half 0-0."

On playing to a shutout victory last night:

Agudelo: "It's huge. I can relate, personally, in a different role that I was playing. It felt like a goal or an assist for players that worked so hard, defensively. It's sort of like a rewarding thing. I know the defenders felt great. I know Matt [Turner] in goal, it's always great for a goalie to get a shutout and me and Luis [Caicedo] just worked our butts off, and we were rewarded with a shutout."

On the keys to last night's victory:

Agudelo: "I think what was key was the subs came in and made a huge impact. It was great for everyone to be professional like that, and come in whenever they're called upon. It was a big lift because when they came in it made their defenders sort of a bit scared of [Cristian] Penilla, Diego [Fagundez], - Scotty [Caldwell] came in also and helped in the midfield with some of the work both ways, so it definitely made them a bit more aware of the counter."

On facing FC Cincinnati this Sunday:

Agudelo: "I believe they won the last game against Chicago, so they're a confident bunch because they haven't won previously before that a lot, so we understand it's going to be a tough place to go and play. A team that's gotten some players back and we expect a tough challenge in the heat and turf."

On carrying momentum into Sunday's game:

Agudelo: "It's really important. We picked up a home win, and to pick up another away win would be six points in five days, so that would be really huge for us in the standings because there's also teams around us that are winning, so it would help us a lot."

On Gustavo Bou's next performance:

Agudelo: "I think it's crucial for him to get integrated as fast as possible, and for us and for him to get an understanding and a feel of one another of where we like the ball, where he likes the ball, and just coordinating with one another."

New England Revolution Defender Andrew Farrell

On last night's 4-0 win over Vancouver:

Farrell: "I thought it was a good game. I think, as we saw at the beginning, getting Gustavo [Bou] in form and getting him onto the field was good. I think having guys like Teal [Bunbury] keep on scoring, Diego [Fagundez] getting his first goal, and having [Cristian] Penilla come off the bench and getting two assists; yeah, having those guys who maybe haven't been getting as many minutes as they want involved and helping us win this game was huge. I think, especially at the end of the game, being up 1-0 and Vancouver had a couple chances early on in the second half, but they could have maybe nicked one late, so being able to finish off the job that we kind of started at the beginning at the game was very important for us, and obviously getting the shutout was also big time."

On Matt Turner's shutout in last night's match:

Farrell: "It was important. I think coming against Vancouver, who's obviously a team that's been struggling, we knew that we wanted to get a shutout. It just feels really good to shut out the other team and have that zero. It kind of builds up your confidence and obviously the attack had the confidence building throughout this whole run we've been going on. We've been doing better defensively, and I think getting a shutout is something that can fuel us forward on the defensive side of the ball."

On Gustavo Bou:

Farrell: "He was great. I think in the short practices that we've had with him, he's combined well with the guys up top - with Carles [Gil], Teal [Bunbury], Juan Fernando [Caicedo], [Cristian] Penilla, Diego [Fagundez] - the midfield - Wilfried [Zahibo], Scotty [Caldwell], all those guys; so just seeing him be on

the field and contributing with the technical ability he has. We've seen his track and ability in practice, so I knew he was capable of that stuff, but pulling it off in a game is amazing, and it was a great first goal for the club for him. I'm sure he's happy with it and we're excited for him, and to keep on getting to know him as a person and as a player. Obviously, [with] a couple days of practice and one game, there's still a lot of time for him to gel onto the team and keep getting comfortable."

On closing out last night's game:

Farrell: "I think the guys kept pushing. We didn't sit back on the one-goal lead. I think Vancouver came in with - I don't know if they wanted to get a tie, but they sat in the block deep and getting that early goal in helped us maybe pull them out a little bit late in the game. Obviously, like I said, it was one of those games that they could have maybe stole one, and the guys up top kept on pushing. The guys who subbed in did a great job creating more chances, creating more overloads in the box, and the guys just finished their chances, which is something that we've been working on in practice. They kept on scoring. It was fun to see late, and I think it was the 82nd minute, so being able to keep them shut out for 82 minutes even up one goal, and then the floodgates opened up, which was awesome. Once you get to see the second and third go in, you're like '[we] can relax a little bit.' Obviously, getting the shutout, I think for me, was the best part of it, but I'm glad that we won as well."

On facing FC Cincinnati this Sunday:

Farrell: "They're a team that the last two games, they've gotten two wins, so they had a lot of guys away for Gold Cup, and they've gotten them back and they're integrating into the team. The team beat us here. Obviously, it was a different time. I'm sure they're going to be looking forward to getting on a winning streak themselves, but the team is dangerous. They've got pace up top and they've got size in the back. The team will be at home and have a good crowd, so it's going to be a tough task. Always, when you go on the road, it's going to be tough to play, but we've shown that we've done well on the road recently and we're going to look forward to continuing this momentum."

On having family in attendance this weekend:

Farrell: "It's going to be fun. Louisville is only about an hour, hour and a half, depending on how fast you drive from Cinci, so I have a lot of family there and my girlfriend will be up with her family, and a lot of friends will come up, so it's going to be a fun atmosphere. They always have great crowds there, and so being the first time [and] whenever I get to play close to home, it's always important for me to be able to see my family, so it's going to be another opportunity for that."

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