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New England Revolution Training Report: August 7, 2019

Please [click here](#) to access interview footage from Tuesday and Wednesday's media availability previewing Saturday's away match against Seattle Sounders FC (NBC Sports Boston – 4:00 p.m. ET), including quotes and footage from:

- [Sporting Director and Head Coach Bruce Arena](#)
- [Forward Gustavo Bou](#)
- [Defender Brandon Bye](#)
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[New England Revolution Sporting Director and Head Coach Bruce Arena](#)

On the team's position going into the season's final 10 games:

Arena: "It's nice to be in a position where if we close out the season in decent form, we have a chance to make the playoffs."

On the lessons learned from the loss to LAFC:

Arena: "I don't think it hurts. We didn't play well, and I think the score is not a fair score. They dominated us, even though, oddly enough, 75 minutes in we're in position to perhaps get a point out of the game. But, I think we've learned a few things from that game."

On Antonio Delamea's injury status:

Arena: "I'm sure he'll be out the next game."

On Diego Rossi's goal last weekend:

Arena: "Obviously, we made a mistake with [Diego] Rossi on the play – Brandon [Bye] got caught ball-watching a little bit and they played behind him. But, the goal was a fluke. It was a bit of an accident. It's a goal, to their credit."

On additional takeaways from the loss to LAFC:

Arena: "We were dominated in the midfield. We didn't do a good job in terms of squeezing them a little bit. Our backline dropped off too much, our midfield didn't win any tackles, and we didn't convert any of the chances that we created."

On the mentality of the group:

Arena: "They're fine. They'll be fine. They've been good the whole time. They've been – I don't know what the right word is – a resilient group. They've been mentally tough the whole year, because they've

had a bit of a peaks-and-valleys type of season, where there were a lot of valleys in the early going, and they hung in there, to their credit. It's a team with a lot of character."

On the team's chances of qualifying for the playoffs:

Arena: "I wouldn't say we're in good shape, but we're positioned that if we close out the season in decent form, we have a chance to make the playoffs."

New England Revolution Forward Gustavo Bou

Quotes translated from Spanish through an interpreter.

On his takeaways from last weekend's loss against LAFC:

Bou: "First of all, we were a bit frustrated. It was a big game and we wanted to win in front of our fans, but LAFC is a really great team. They've worked with each other for a while and it shows on the field. It also shows on the table since they're first in the league, but we've turned the page now. We're focused on the next game. We're still in the fight to get a playoff spot. The next game against Seattle is really important, and that's really what we're focusing on right now."

On the team's mentality going into the season's final 10 games:

Bou: "We know the last 10 games are going to be very important for us. Every game is important and every point we can get is extremely important. We know the race to the playoffs is very tight and there are a lot of teams that are concentrated around the same area of the table, but we're confident. We know we have a great team, a great group of players, and it's in our hands to win as many games as we can to get into the playoffs. The goal is to be qualified before the last game, but we hope we can do it in the last five games of the season—that's what we hope for."

On Bruce Arena's coaching style and demeanor:

Bou: "Bruce [Arena] is really experienced with the league and a really experienced coach. He's the type of coach that really communicates with the players and tells us what he wants on the field. His ideas are really clear about every game. Every practice, we try to work our best game plan for the upcoming game. Last game, it didn't work out, but we have full confidence in the coach and system. It shows over the last few games since we've had great results."

On playing alongside Carles Gil:

Bou: "Carles [Gil] is a quality player. You can see his touches on the ball and control of the ball. He may not be a player who's very aggressive on the field, but he certainly knows where to be every time. He knows how to feed the right balls to the forwards, which is something I want to take advantage of since I play in the forward position. Overall, he's a great guy and an excellent teammate."

New England Revolution Defender Brandon Bye

On last weekend's match against LAFC:

Bye: "Yeah, I definitely thought it was a test. We definitely played up to the game, and I think a couple of opportunities didn't go our way and went their way. It could have been a different story, but I think we played well as a team and we'll just come back stronger after that, for sure."

On compensating for an injured Antonio Delamea:

Bye: "We definitely have players to step into his shoes if he's not able to go, but we'll play it by ear. Toni [Delamea]'s a good guy and I'm sure if he can play, he'll play, so we'll go from there."

On Michael Mancienne's progress:

Bye: "It was a bad injury that he had a couple months out as it was, but he's definitely coming back. You see him in practice every day. He's looking fit and he's looking sharp, so it's good to have him back, for sure."

On the team's approach to the final 10 games of the season:

Bye: “We just look to get as many points out of these games as possible. We have to see ourselves into the playoffs, and that’s where we’ll try to be at the end of the season.”

On how the team will approach this weekend’s matchup against Seattle:

Bye: “It’s going to be a hard game. Whenever you go out west, it’s going to be a difficult game with the conditions and everything like that, but it’s a game we can definitely get three points out of, and we’ll go from there. We’ll be up for the game, for sure.”

On facing Seattle this weekend:

Bye: “They have a couple of good attacking players that we’ll have to worry about, [like] every team in the league. It’s going to be a hard game. We expect to go in there and play and fight, but every team is good. You can’t sit off any team, and every game is going to be a challenge.”

New England Revolution Defender Michael Mancienne

On returning to the bench last weekend after a prolonged foot injury:

Mancienne: “It was amazing. It’s always good to be amongst your teammates, and for me, obviously, I was very happy. I’ve worked hard to get to this point and get over this injury. It was good to be back involved.”

On how he feels physically ahead of this weekend’s match:

Mancienne: “I feel great. I’ve been able to play a couple of games. They’ve organized a couple of games, especially for the people who haven’t been playing so much, and that’s definitely helped boost my confidence as well as my match fitness.”

On filling in for an injured Antonio Delamea:

Mancienne: “I feel like everyone here can slot into a position if someone was missing. We’ve got capable players. Everyone is ready to go, and obviously, it’s always good to have competition for places and it’s certainly going to make us a better team. I feel like, obviously, Toni [Delamea] will be a massive miss for us, but we have people to step in I’m sure who are more than capable.”

On approaching a critical stretch of the season:

Mancienne: “We’ve got to keep doing what we’ve been doing. Take it one game at a time, make sure we pick up as many points as we can to get to the playoffs.”

On facing Seattle this weekend:

Mancienne: “They’re playing at home – they’re going to want to attack us. They’re going to know that we traveled, but we can’t let any of that sort of thing affect us. We can’t underestimate them just because they’ve lost two games. We can’t go into the game thinking we’re going to win, as well. Like I said, we’ve got to take it every game, one step at a time, and do the best that we can.”

On the team’s mentality ahead of Saturday’s game:

Mancienne: “Like I said, we’ve just got keep doing the same things that we have been doing. LAFC were a good team. I think they’re one of the better teams in the league, and they were a great test for us. I think the game was a game of fine margins. If we had taken one or two chances, it could have certainly been a different game. We could have gotten a point or three points, so we’ve just got to approach the game how we’ve been approaching every single game for the past 11 games.”

New England Revolution Goalkeeper Matt Turner

On last weekend’s loss against LAFC:

Turner: “I think looking back on the game, there are a lot of areas that we still need to improve on. We’re looking to do that and rectify it this week.”

On the team’s level of hunger at the moment:

Turner: “Everyone’s eager to get back out there, and I kind of alluded to this a few weeks ago when games are just every Saturday now, so there’s a little bit more rest in between from game to game, so we have more time to analyze and more time to dwell on things. Everyone’s looking forward to getting out on the field on Saturday in Seattle.”

On the team’s current standing in the playoff race:

Turner: “We’re in control of our own destiny right now, which is huge. Ten games left, we don’t really need any help except our own, which is all we really want to have to rely on.”

On facing Seattle this weekend:

Turner: “They just came off of a loss to Kansas City. They’ve got some good players – Jordan Morris up front. Unsure about [Raúl] Ruidiaz’s health level, but they’re just a good team overall. They’re consistently a top team in MLS, it’s a tough place to play, it’s going to be loud, and a good crowd. We’re ready for it and we’re just ready to get back out on the field—really excited for it.”

On the team’s mentality away from home as it looks to match a club-record six-game away unbeaten streak:

Turner: “I think in the past couple of games we’ve grabbed early goals, and that really helps set the tone for us when we’re on the road, and it allows us to settle into our game plan quite nicely. Hopefully, we can grab an early one there, but if not, it’s nothing to panic about. We trust ourselves and we’ve got some real fluidity up top that wasn’t really on show this past Saturday, but we’re going to work hard on it this week and get some goals.”

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