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New England Revolution Training Report: August 13, 2019

Please [click here](#) to access interview footage from Tuesday's media availability previewing Saturday's away match against the New York Red Bulls (NBC Sports Boston – 7:00 p.m. ET), including quotes and footage from:

- [Sporting Director and Head Coach Bruce Arena](#)
- [Midfielder Diego Fagundez](#)
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[Revolution Sporting Director and Head Coach Bruce Arena](#)

On the 3-3 result at Seattle on Saturday:

Arena: "It's a point on the road. There are segments of that game we played very well, other segments where we didn't play well, but I think it continues to show the growth of our team. We've been able to go on the road and get results over the last couple months, and that's a real positive. We scored three goals, conceded three goals, dealt with all the things you deal with in terms of travel – 1 o'clock game, and all of that – so I think overall it was a positive performance for our team."

On having Michael Mancienne back from injury:

Arena: "He did well. Obviously, I think every day is going to be better for him. He's getting back his full fitness, his confidence, so I think for the first time out, it was a pretty good performance."

On DeJuan Jones returning to training after dealing with an injury:

Arena: "It's good. DeJuan's been out a couple weeks, and good to see him back in training. We're a little thin in the positions he plays, so it's good to have him back."

On Antonio Delamea's recovery:

Arena: "Probably a little quicker than I thought, the same as DeJuan. Hopefully, he'll be back by the end of the month."

On Saturday's opponent, the New York Red Bulls:

Arena: "Hard working team. They're a very aggressive team when their opponents have the ball. They really get after it, and that's been their theme pretty much over the last couple years."

[Revolution Midfielder Diego Fagundez](#)

On continuing to pick up valuable points on the road:

Fagundez: "I think we all know when we play away, we try to go for those wins and overall I think we have a good squad that we can win any game. We knew this would be a tough game and to leave there

[Seattle] with a point was excellent. It wasn't what we wanted, especially when you go up 2-1 over there, but at the end of the day, now we just need to be better and keep going with these points."

On Carles Gil being a catalyst for the offense:

Fagundez: "He steps up when he has to. He wants to get on the ball and we want to make sure that he does that more. When he has a chance to score, he does, so he's a key player for us. We need to make sure we're giving him all the balls and he makes plays happen for us."

On the importance of the season's last nine games:

Fagundez: "It's huge. Every game is important right now. We need to make sure we're getting points no matter what it takes. This squad, we can definitely win every game. We just have to make sure we're playing 100 percent, playing 90 minutes, and when we have those chances to finish teams, finish them. At the end of the day, the last couple games are going to be the toughest ones, and this one's going to be a rivalry, so it all starts from this one. When we go out there, we're just going to go give them a fight and make sure we leave there with points."

On if the opportunity to catch the Red Bulls in the standings with a win adds to the rivalry:

Fagundez: "It's huge. This game is more important than just the rivalry. At the end of the day, if we win we advance with them, so it's going to be whoever wins these games is going to move up the table and if you lose, you're going down. You just have to make sure you're winning games and if you're winning, make sure that you're getting points at least. At the end of the day, that's what's important, and we just want to get above the line."

On having about 500 Season Members traveling to Red Bull Arena on Saturday:

Fagundez: "Every time they go out there, we can hear them. We can hear their support, so it's awesome. We always thank them a lot, because to drive out there and support us down there and support us, it's huge, so we're going to try to make it special for them and give it everything we have."

[Revolution Defender Jalil Anibaba](#)

On the 3-3 draw at Seattle:

Anibaba: "I thought it was a character performance. Everybody stayed with the game throughout the whole 90 minutes and it showed. We were able to get something out of it there at the end. Obviously, we wanted to be a little bit sharper in a few moments defensively. Overall, it was a good point taken."

On Michael Mancienne making his return and his contributions on the day:

Anibaba: "Massive. Obviously to get a goal is huge, especially as a defender, because we're not in those positions very often. I think it just speaks to his ability to stay positive and to continue working. It's not easy to be out in the training room for those many months consecutively, and then come in right away and pick up where he left off. It's a huge, huge credit to him, and hopefully he continues that form as we've been playing well, and it's only going to make us that much better."

On the backline adjusting with Andrew Farrell out due to yellow-card suspension:

Anibaba: "I think throughout the year we've shown that we have depth throughout the backline. We've been able to play multiple guys in multiple spots, and any time someone's stepped into defensive roles, they've done well. [Andrew] Farrell's a guy that's irreplaceable, obviously, but everybody else needs to be ready and I have no doubt that whoever steps in there will do a fantastic job."

On the challenges of playing the Red Bulls:

Anibaba: "It's a huge game. This will be our most important game to date. Playing there in Red Bull [Arena] is always difficult. They play a very high-paced, pressure-based style, so it's going to be a difficult game. It's going to be a battle throughout the whole 90 minutes. Everybody's going to have to bring their A game, and we don't really expect anything less for any of the games remaining on the schedule."

On the traveling support with about 500 Season Members making the trip:

Anibaba: "It's huge. Any time you look up to the stands and you see your home fans there in an away stadium, that's massive. That's massive. They'll give us energy in the tough moments of the game, and we'll look to piggyback off that."

Revolution Defender Michael Mancienne

On making his return from injury in Seattle:

Mancienne: "It felt good. It was a tough game for me to come back into. I've had two friendly games that I've played in and the pace of Saturday was completely, obviously, miles ahead of what I played in, so it took me a good 20-25 minutes to get the pace of the game and get going. But I feel good and I feel confident that I have that first game out of the way and under my belt."

On continuing to regain sharpness in training:

Mancienne: "Working hard and making sure that I'm on top of my game. Getting that match confidence is going to help me and progress me forward. Like I said, the more confidence you have, the better you play anyway, and with playing more minutes I'm going to get that, and I'll get back to my 100 percent fitness and 100 percent sharpness."

On how has the team's mentality has shifted in recent months:

Mancienne: "Everyone's just got each other's backs. It's just -- I don't know how to explain it, it's just a different atmosphere in the changing room. You feel the love amongst one another. You know that as soon as you step on that field, that everyone's going to fight for each other, and we showed that. Like I said, earlier in the season our heads would have gone down and half the boys might have been walking around and kind of half given up, but you didn't see that. Everyone kept fighting through the final whistle, which is massive. It's a massive confidence boost, and we're going to need that if we want to get to the playoffs."

On how that togetherness helps get results away from home:

Mancienne: "It helps massively. All the best teams have it. Especially in America, some of the away trips are the hardest trips to play on. It's so difficult, especially when you're changing time zones, and to go somewhere where you're playing away from home, you haven't got as many fans there supporting you, it's difficult. To have that mentality, that strong mentality and that belief in yourself to not lose the game, is huge."

On having about 500 Revolution supporters traveling to Red Bull Arena:

Mancienne: "It's massive for the boys to see the fans supporting us, and it gives us a boost on the pitch. It motivates us and we obviously want to win games for the fans as well as ourselves, because they're supporting us throughout the whole year, and without them, we wouldn't be here, so it's massive for us to have traveling fans."

On if there is a heightened sense of importance around this game:

Mancienne: "It's a massive game. It's like a local derby, kind of, if it wasn't three hours away. But no, it's like a local derby to be honest. It's a massive game and we want to win it, and we've got to approach it with the same mentality that we did against Seattle."

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