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### **New England Revolution Training Report: September 3, 2019**

Please [click here](#) to access interview footage from Tuesday's media availability previewing Saturday's away match against New York City FC (Univision / Twitter – 3:55 p.m. ET), including quotes and footage from:

- [Sporting Director and Head Coach Bruce Arena](#)
- [Defender Andrew Farrell](#)
- [Defender DeJuan Jones](#)
- [Goalkeeper Matt Turner](#)

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#### **[Revolution Sporting Director and Head Coach Bruce Arena](#)**

##### ***On what he has learned about the team through its last few games:***

**Arena:** "They don't quit, that's for sure. We've been able to get points in every game. Even on days when you're not at your best, to walk off the field with points, it's still a positive."

##### ***On if the coaching staff's approach changes late in the season to account for fatigue:***

**Arena:** "Yeah, it depends. Every individual is a little different. We monitor their fitness and make adjustments accordingly."

##### ***On DeJuan Jones' performance at left back over the last two games:***

**Arena:** "He's done all right. I think he's played that [position] during the year and we're certainly in a situation where we're lacking a little bit in that position with the injury to Edgar [Castillo], so it's been good to see DeJuan fit in."

##### ***On players making the transition from winger to outside back:***

**Arena:** "My best example is Tony Sanneh with the national team. He was probably the best right back in the 2002 World Cup. He was converted from a forward position. You need athleticism in the position, for sure. But in all honesty those changes were made before I got here. They were already playing as outside backs."

##### ***On if the dimensions of the Yankee Stadium field affect the game:***

**Arena:** "Yeah, I think the sightlines are very bizarre there. It's difficult for players to have a good feel for where their position is on the field at times. That's a little bit difficult. You'll see that it takes visiting teams a little time to get adjusted there."

##### ***On adding Chris Tierney to the technical staff as Player Recruitment Manager:***

**Arena:** "He's bright. He was obviously a very good player here for a number of years, knows the game pretty well, and is ambitious about having a career in this sport. This is a good starting point for him, and it'll give him the opportunity to see if this is something he really wants to do."

***On approximately 700 Revolution supporters traveling to New York for Saturday's match:***

**Arena:** "It's great. We had the fans come to the game at New York Red Bull, and that really helped our guys, so to have that kind of support is going to be important."

**Revolution Defender Andrew Farrell**

***On assessing the team's performance vs. Toronto:***

**Farrell:** "I think it was sloppy. We didn't play our best and Toronto played really well. I think it's good that we fought back to get the point and keep this momentum going a little bit, but now it's more important than ever to get a win in New York."

***On DeJuan Jones stepping in at left back:***

**Farrell:** "I think it was important. Every game you can get as a young player is very good. We need him right now, and he's stepping up and playing big minutes for us. The more minutes he gets, the better he keeps on getting, and we're excited for the player he's going to become. Every game, he's getting better and better."

***On the Eastern Conference playoff race:***

**Farrell:** "I don't know if I've necessarily seen it this tight before, but it's just very exciting to be a part of it. We wish we were a lot more points clear of this whole kind of mess of teams, but it makes every game important, every weekend, every game that every other team is playing is important, and a lot can shift in one weekend. We've gotten very lucky with the results going our way and us being able to fight back to get points, but we've got to start getting three points to make sure we're in a great spot for the playoffs."

***On Saturday's match at New York City FC:***

**Farrell:** "They're a great team. They've got a lot of attacking pieces. Their defense is really good and obviously the field is different than what we've played on all season. It'll be fun to play against a team of that caliber, a team that's clinched a playoff spot. They're looking to probably get up higher and higher, but it's going to be a great challenge. They've got a lot of good players. Maxi Moralez, Mitrita, Heber, so they've got guys who can really punish us if we're not on our game."

***On the boost the team gets from traveling supporters:***

**Farrell:** "Our support has been great throughout the whole year, even when we were down and now that we're on a good run. I know they love being there to support us and we feel that extra energy when they're cheering louder than the other team at their home field. We're excited to see our fans down there. Safe travels to them and we're looking forward to giving them a good performance."

***On the importance of recovery at this point in the season:***

**Farrell:** "I think it's especially important, because we've had some injuries, so guys had to step up. We have a little bit of – not necessarily depth right now with some guys being out or coming back from injury. It's important to take care of your body and kind of just focus on us. Obviously, we watch film and look at what New York City is going to do and what the other teams are going to do, but at the same time, we've got to get ready and mentally prepared for the big task to compete at our highest level on the weekend."

**Revolution Defender DeJuan Jones**

***On the team's ability to grind out results:***

**Jones:** "Toronto is a really good team that we just played, and just that we're resilient. We're going to fight until the end. They scored a goal, it was pretty devastating, but we just kept fighting until the end and we got one back. So, just the resiliency of this group and that we're going to keep fighting until the end."

***On his mindset filling in for Edgar Castillo at left back:***

**Jones:** "Yeah, it's a great opportunity. I'm just hoping to do my best, contribute, help the team contribute to victories, and just play solid defense, then contribute in the attack as much as I can. Just taking this opportunity and making the best of it."

***On learning the nuances of the position:***

**Jones:** “Yeah, the coaching staff does a great job just giving me little tips here and there, then also the players. Just being a sponge and taking in all the information I’m receiving to become a better player.”

***On direction he has taken from Bruce Arena at left back:***

**Jones:** “Basically it’s just a lot of positioning, making sure I’m covering for the center backs. And then just getting forward quickly, and good entry passes into the midfielders and the forwards.”

***On staying fresh in his first professional season:***

**Jones:** “Yeah, it’s very difficult. I just picked up an injury not too long ago, so just staying on top of recovery and fitness with the trainers. Like you said, it’s been a grind. Longest season that I’ve ever had, so it’s definitely a change, but just getting the rest that I need and getting ready for practice the next day.”

**[Revolution Goalkeeper Matt Turner](#)**

***On Saturday’s draw with Toronto:***

**Turner:** “Another one where we came from behind from a losing position, grabbed a point, but another game where we just didn’t seem to have that edge in the final third. We’re going to work on playing a little faster to break teams down that are sitting in on us a little bit and hopefully get three [points] this Saturday.”

***On DeJuan Jones stepping in at left back:***

**Turner:** “He’s done a good job. He’s still got a lot to learn, but he’s really keen to learn and he listens really well, so he’s got a bright future ahead of him as long as he keeps working hard. He’s done a decent job of filling in Edgar [Castillo]’s role.”

***On the importance of recovery late in the season:***

**Turner:** “Yeah, it’s massive. You’ve got to take the extra time to take care of your body every single day. It’s late. It’s been a grind this season. Games came thick and fast in the summer – we haven’t really had much of a break, so just taking care of ourselves on and off the field, making sure we’re getting good food in us, and just keeping off the legs when you’re not on the field.”

***On the Eastern Conference playoff race:***

**Turner:** “We want to be playing in the playoffs, so we know that every game is super important. You take one wrong step, another team could really close that gap on you. We were lucky on Saturday – we got a point and some results fell our way, so we continue to hold our spot there, but we’re not in a comfortable sixth place by any means. We have a big challenge this weekend at New York, and they’re a team that’s also looking to solidify their home-field advantage for the playoffs, so we know that they’re going to be up for it, and we need three points.”

***On the challenges of playing at Yankee Stadium:***

**Turner:** “The field’s a little bit different. I know we did a good job there last year. There’s a lot of shots in the games because the field’s a little smaller, and it can just be a pretty ugly game, so we’ve got to be up for a dogfight. We’ve got to win our 50-50s in the middle of the field and hopefully create some of those into some opportunities to score, and when we get our chances to score, we need to put them away.”

***On having approximately 700 supporters traveling for the game:***

**Turner:** “I think you saw in the Red Bull game, they just kept us going. When you’re away from home and you’re losing, it can be pretty challenging, but they were behind us the whole way down at Red Bull Arena and we’re really excited that there’s going to be another contingent coming out this Saturday at New York City. We’re looking forward to it and safe travels to all the fans that are making the trip.”

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