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New England Revolution Training Report: September 17, 2019

Please [click here](#) to access interview footage from Tuesday's media availability previewing Saturday's home match vs. Real Salt Lake (NBC Sports Boston – 7:30 p.m. ET), including quotes and footage from:

- [Sporting Director and Head Coach Bruce Arena](#)
- [Forward Teal Bunbury](#)
- [Defender Brandon Bye](#)
- [Goalkeeper Matt Turner](#)

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

On the 3-3 draw at Orlando City SC:

Arena: "Well, you know we made some mistakes defensively. We could've been a little bit better in the attack and maybe finish off another chance or two. But over 90 minutes, we had some real good moments, and we also had some mental lapses that cost us dearly in the second half."

On how critical it will be to avoid those mental lapses against Real Salt Lake:

Arena: "It's critical in every game not to have mental lapses. As we get towards the end of the season, we need to avoid those kinds of mistakes, and hopefully put ourselves in a position to get three points."

On if Orlando City playing with a sense of desperation took them out of their game:

Arena: "That's what happens in these games. Other teams come at you hard, and that'll be the case on Saturday, as well."

On Orlando scoring two goals off of throw-ins:

Arena: "Two off throw-ins? Well, I wouldn't describe Nani's third goal as off a throw-in. I know the play started with a throw-in at midfield, but there were a lot of other elements that came into play there. First of all, every goal they scored was a pretty good goal. Unique finishes. I think the one Dwyer had, he wouldn't make in 100 tries, and Nani's first goal – that glancing header – was a very good goal, as was their third goal."

On Nick Rimando:

Arena: "Great career. He's a real good person. He's represented our country, he's been in this league for a number of years. I actually had him with the New York Red Bulls and I let him go to Salt Lake, which started his career there. He's a special guy, and I'm happy he's had such a good career."

On what has helped Carles Gil adapt so seamlessly to MLS:

Arena: "I think a good group of players around him. Culturally, he wasn't overwhelmed because we have so many South American and Spanish-speaking players here that allowed for a smoother transition, and he's obviously pretty mature."

Revolution Forward Teal Bunbury

On how it felt to return to game action last weekend:

Bunbury: "It feels great. Whenever you miss playing time, it's tough. As a player, you want to be on the field and helping contribute, making an impact, so getting in there for a few minutes was great. Obviously disappointed with the result, but moving forward, I think getting guys healthy for these last four games is going to be crucial."

On what it will take to make the playoffs:

Bunbury: "I think it's going to come down to our work ethic in training, I think it's a lot about communication. I think a lot of guys who've been in the league for a while need to start stepping it up a bit in terms of just getting guys ready for this last stretch here. It's tough. Everybody's tired in the league. It's not just us. So we have to be mentally stronger than most teams."

On the key to putting together complete performances:

Bunbury: "It's attention to detail. It's some guy messes up, you're picking it up for him. It's being a unit. The chemistry of the group has really grown in the past three or four months, and I think it's going to show with these last few games. We need to stick together no matter what, and we need to be able to grind out results, but we also need 90 minutes of playing a complete game."

On if it feels like the playoffs have already started, or if it felt like that earlier:

Bunbury: "I think it was before now. Each game is so crucial. We need to maximize the points that we can get. We don't want to really have to rely on other results, so we have four games here to make sure we're handling business. We'll treat them all like playoff games, but regardless if they're playoff games or not, we just have to play a little bit better and a little bit smarter, and we'll get the results."

On how optimistic he is that the group can secure a playoff spot:

Bunbury: "Very optimistic. I think we're getting the results we need. Obviously, we can still play better, but you have to be optimistic. You have to be realistic, but coming into training, the guys are upbeat. We know we have a good opportunity ahead of ourselves, but we've got to take it a game at a time, and this stretch is going to be crucial for us."

On Kelyn Rowe returning to New England with RSL:

Bunbury: "He's going to have a chip on his shoulder, and I think most players would. He was so important to this organization, this club. Playing with him – great player, great person off the field, as well. So I think it's going to be a special moment for him. I think the fans are going to recognize him, give him a nice little ovation, but once it's game time, I'm going to run through him. [Laughing]"

Revolution Defender Brandon Bye

On what he takes away from the match in Orlando:

Bye: "We just have to be a little cleaner. We created three goals. Our defense, we've just got to be a little sharper in the back and not let them get a good run of the first 10 minutes of the second half. But other than that, I thought we played okay, but we're looking forward to the weekend and getting three points at home."

On if the team pays attention to other results around the league:

Bye: "A little bit. You can't resist, really. But we're worried about ourselves every week, and we know that we have to get the job done every weekend to keep putting ourselves in a position to get into the playoffs."

On if facing former teammate Kelyn Rowe adds anything to the match:

Bye: "A little bit. It'll be fun to see him, but we're worried about us and we're worried about getting a win on the weekend and keep rolling."

On Real Salt Lake:

Bye: “They’re a good team. They’ve got some good attacking players, doing pretty well in the West. We’re worried about us, really, but we’ve scouted them a little bit and figured out who exactly we’re going to play against and who’s going to match up, so we’ll be alright.”

On the final four games of the regular season:

Bye: “It’s the final push. We have three games in basically a week, and then our last one in Atlanta. We’re worried about the weekend, obviously, but we have a big schedule coming up and we’re going to need to maximize as many points as possible.”

Revolution Goalkeeper Matt Turner

On what he can take away from the draw at Orlando:

Turner: “Just that we need to play a full 90 minutes. There’s not really too many positives. Glad that we scored three goals, but we also conceded three goals, so a lot to work on this week and get right for Saturday against Salt Lake.”

On how important each remaining match is in the playoff picture:

Turner: “Every single match is a huge one. We can’t really afford to drop too many points anymore. We’ve got teams nipping at our heels. Everyone’s in this do-or-die mindset, so we’ve really got to buckle down and get a complete 90 this Saturday. It starts with one, and then we’ll look at the next one.”

On Kelyn Rowe returning to Gillette Stadium:

Turner: “I’m sure he’ll come in with a chip on his shoulder, but at the end of the day, whoever’s on the other side of the field – friends or not – for those 90 minutes, you’ve got to do what you’ve got to do to get three points, and that’s what we’re really focused on.”

On Real Salt Lake:

Turner: “They’re very stout defensively. Nick Rimando’s been playing really well lately, and then they’ve got five guys up top that are pretty dangerous attacking-wise, Albert Rusnák being one of them. He can shoot the ball from anywhere. I know they’ve gotten some good road results this year, so they’ll come in and they’ll be ready to play, especially trying to right their ship after a loss. But we know this game is important to them, important to us, so it’s going to have a playoff vibe to it.”

On the club’s annual Kick Childhood Cancer night and hosting NEGU Crew:

Turner: “It’s going to be a really nice night. Just raising awareness, and I’m looking forward to hosting Felix [Soares] and his family for the NEGU Crew this Saturday night, and I know that the Fort is going to be ready and loud for Felix after the game, and hopefully brings us some luck and we get another three points.”

On Nick Rimando:

Turner: “He’s just a model goalkeeper. I think he’s 40 years old now. All of us wish that we could play for that long. He’s done it at a high level for a really long time, and done well in this league. His style’s definitely really unique, and he’s just been a joy to watch over the years, so I’m excited to line up against him on Saturday night. Hopefully I can do well and he can do well, but we come out on top.”

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