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New England Revolution Training Report: March 5, 2019

Please [click here](#) to access interview footage from Tuesday's media availability previewing this Saturday's home opener against Columbus Crew SC (NBC Sports Boston – 2:00 p.m. ET), including quotes and footage from:

- [Head Coach Brad Friedel](#)
- [Midfielder Scott Caldwell](#)
- [Defender Antonio Delamea](#)
- [Goalkeeper Brad Knighton](#)
- [Defender Edgar Castillo](#)

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[New England Revolution Head Coach Brad Friedel](#)

On his overall takeaways from Saturday's 1-1 draw against FC Dallas:

Coach Friedel: "I was pleased – first game of the season, away from home. Quite happy with the weather in Dallas, to be honest with you, instead of playing there in the summer. I thought the second-half performance was pretty solid. When we're looking at where they had possession, they had 600-some odd passes, most of which were in their half of the field and that doesn't bother us, especially when we're playing away from home. Other than maybe the first 15 minutes, I thought we were decent and worthy to come out with at least a point."

On the status of Michael Mancienne:

Coach Friedel: "We'll see. He's day-to-day."

On the status of Juan Fernando Caicedo and Andrew Farrell:

Coach Friedel: Juan Fernando Caicedo is day-to-day. We'll just see how his fitness comes along. Andrew Farrell, you'll have to speak to the medical side of things as we're waiting on the eye doctor to give us a go-ahead, so I don't yet have a date for Andrew [Farrell]."

On if the goalkeeper battle is ongoing after Brad Knighton earned the start in goal last Saturday:

Coach Friedel: "The battle was in preseason and it's Brad's [Knighton] shirt to lose at the moment."

On facing a new-look Columbus Crew SC this weekend:

Coach Friedel: "I'm sure Caleb [Porter] will make a few tweaks, but they are a group that's been together. Gregg Berhalter did a very good job with them and a lot of those players have been on the same page for quite some time, but it's nothing that we can't overcome and beat in our home stadium and it should be an exciting game. We're going to want to attack, they're going to want to attack, and let's see who comes out winners – hopefully it's us."

[New England Revolution Midfielder Scott Caldwell](#)

On coming home from Dallas with a point:

Caldwell: "Proud of the way the team played together, coming out with a point, especially after falling down a goal away from home. The response was great and now it's all eyes forward to the home opener."

On his takeaways from Saturday's road draw ahead of this weekend's matchup:

Caldwell: "We've got to look at what we did right, what we did wrong, how it compares to how Columbus plays, and how we want to play this weekend. There's a lot to look at and a lot to work on, on the practice field and we'll do a lot of work there."

On playing in front of the home supporters for the first time this season:

Caldwell: "It means a lot when the fans show up and I know they will. We're just excited again, like we are every year, to play in front of the supporters and I can't wait for this weekend."

On attempting to extend the club's 12-game unbeaten run in home openers:

Caldwell: "We don't really look at those types of statistics. We're always looking to win every game at home and on the road, so we'll continue that this year and really it's just about this result. This result is what matters and that's getting three points."

On what to expect from Columbus Crew SC this weekend:

Caldwell: "They're a very talented team. We've seen them, even with their new head coach [Caleb Porter], the last several years. The way they play, they have a certain style and they're a good team, but we've seen that, we know how to deal with them, and we're looking forward to it."

On what to expect from Crew SC Head Coach Caleb Porter, his former coach at Akron, this weekend:

Caldwell: "He likes to play with the ball on the ground. Their transition from defense to offense and offense to defense is very valuable to him. They like to really put pressure in your face as soon as they lose the ball to try and get another quick attack. All of those things, in addition to some more, he really likes to instill in his team, so we're looking forward to playing them at home in front of our fans and getting the win."

[New England Revolution Defender Antonio Delamea](#)

On his takeaways from Saturday's 1-1 draw against FC Dallas:

Delamea: "Overall, we are happy with the result. Although, we kind of feel we could have won if we had played a little better in the first half. It was only our first game and it's always hard to play these first games. I think we need to be satisfied with the point and now we need to build up this week at home. If we can make a great start to the season, then I think the whole season could be successful for us."

On defender Jalil Anibaba filling in for an injured Michael Mancienne:

Delamea: "We all know he's capable of great things. He's a great defender, so I knew right away he was a perfect guy for these sorts of things. I think he did a really good job. He showed great professionalism out there and I think we all did a great job, especially with defending and shifting. This was one of our best games in overall defending and, like I said, we need to build on this game and improve every week."

On his overall thoughts on the team's caliber of goalkeeping:

Delamea: "I think it has to be said that we have three really good keepers. Any of them can step in goal and do great for us and this is a good thing for the team. This time, it was Brad [Knighton] and I think he did a good job, but it doesn't matter. It just matters that, as a team, we're all on the same page, we know what our goal is, and anyone who steps on the field is doing their job."

On maximizing points at home this season:

Delamea: "We need to improve on that. We need to win a lot more games at home and we need to start this Saturday."

New England Revolution Goalkeeper Brad Knighton

On the team's mentality after returning home with a point:

Knighton: "It's good. Everyone is super excited for this weekend, to open up at home, and the guys are really getting ready to go and trying to get everyone healthy, fit, and on to this weekend."

On turning a road point into three points this weekend:

Knighton: "We watched [Columbus'] game against New York Red Bulls and saw some tendencies that they like to do. We're going to come up with a game plan that we feel like is going to be good for us to get three points. Hopefully, we can work on that this week and implement the game plan come this weekend."

On returning home to play in front of home support:

Knighton: "It's awesome. We're looking to get back here at Gillette and play in front of our home fans. It's been a long offseason and I think the fans are eager to see us play rather than watching us on TV. For us, to get out there in front of them at Gillette Stadium is always going to be nice and for it to be an afternoon game is also nice. Hopefully, the sun is shining bright, it's a little warm, and we get a good turnout."

On facing Columbus Crew SC this weekend:

Knighton: "Columbus is always a good side, whether they have Gregg Berhalter there or Caleb Porter. I think they're going to play similar to how they've played in previous years with a few tinkering here and there, but Caleb's going to bring his team ready to play. We know that and we've just got to be up for a test between two Eastern Conference teams."

On training in colder temperatures:

Knighton: "It is what it is. They've got cold weather there too and it's going to be cold here. Both teams have to fight through the adversity, but ultimately it's down to us. I'm sure the field will be cleared off, ready to go, and it'll just be two teams out there battling for three points."

New England Revolution Defender Edgar Castillo

On making his debut in Saturday's 1-1 draw at FC Dallas:

Castillo: "It was a very good result and good game. We fought the whole game and it's a very good point on the road."

On making an adjustment after Michael Mancienne's pre-game injury:

Castillo: "That doesn't matter. All of the players are ready to go and what Brad [Friedel] wanted us to do on the field was for every player to have his task on the field. My task was to cover [Michael] Barrios and it was a very good point on the road."

On attacking with the outside backs this weekend:

Castillo: "It's going to be a good game, because they like to attack. We're at home, so we'll have our fans and all of that. It's going to be a good game and we'll have to go on the field and get three points."

On potentially making a home debut this weekend:

Castillo: "It's exciting to come here and try to get that first win in front of our fans and start off well."

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