



NEW ENGLAND REVOLUTION POSTGAME QUOTES

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New England Revolution Head Coach Brad Friedel

On why the team had trouble in breaking down the FC Dallas's defense in the final third:

Friedel: "I think Dallas came here for a point. First and foremost, they don't normally play with two big men up front to play long balls. They knew that we would press them. I know that they've been working on that in the week. They were playing for the counter attack. Later in the second half, they went to one striker, played a 4-5-1. So they came here with a certain approach. Whenever you play against a team that's compact like that, it's going to take a little bit more time. But, I just quickly, before I came in here, reviewed all of our chances. We had more than enough chances to score goals tonight. It's just one of those nights that we didn't. I also reviewed the penalty and it was a penalty. So, sometimes you're going to be on good sides of those and sometimes you're going to be on bad sides. But, with video review, that was unquestionably a penalty."

On if he thought there was too much urgency in the second half:

Friedel: "Well, I mean, Diego's [Fagundez] chance was whiskers wide. I think [Cristian] Penilla had a really good chance that just went wide of the post, another one that he sliced off to the right. Juan [Agudelo] made a decent save down low to the left. Juan had a bicycle kick as well. Wilfried [Zahibo] had an opportunity that he put over the bar. Juan had another one. We had a lot of chances and some different days, like against Montreal, we scored four of them. Today, we scored zero. We'll watch again, see if there's something else that we can do. We do a lot of finishing in training and we're going to continue to do so."

On the play of the back line:

Friedel: "We allowed them in a couple of times. I don't think we should've. There's no doubt. Again, we'll watch the tape and see what we need to work on and not. I think we gave them a few chances, especially in the first half, on the counter attack, that there's no need to give away. But again, we'll watch the game and get to the bottom of that."

On whether substituting Juan Agudelo on for Scott Caldwell was tactical or for injury reasons:

Friedel: "No. It was tactical."

On Scott Caldwell's performance in the first half:

Friedel: "Scott Caldwell has been outstanding since we walked in the door. We thought that putting Luis [Caicedo] and Wilfried [Zahibo] in a game like that, in the second half, with the way things were going, was the right move. I thought that it worked out and it paid dividends because when Juan [Agudelo] came on, he started to do extremely well."

On Kelyn Rowe's injury status:

Friedel: "Yeah, Kelyn [Rowe] has a, we hope that it's a minor injury on his knee, not the knee that he injured last year. We didn't say too much because he just saw the doctor late on Friday. He had an MRI yesterday. No major damage, so we're hoping that it's only a couple of weeks, but I'll have to wait to hear what the doctor said. But fingers crossed, that it's nothing too major."

On whether or not Kelyn Rowe will remain training and/or with the team:

Friedel: "No. He'll be here. He'll be with the medical group on Monday, definitely. But, it shouldn't be too long before he's fully back with the squad. I think initially, the doctor said it's going to be a little bit more



than a week, but definitely less than four weeks, is what the doctor said until we get down to the bottom of what exactly it is, it looks like a sprain of some sort, but that's all that I know at this moment. We can give you more precise terminology tomorrow, but within one to four weeks, he'll be back."

On whether or not he wishes he had Lee Nguyen available for selection for this type of game:

Friedel: "No. Diego Fagundez has won the number ten role, fair and square. Diego has performed very, very well and there's no need. In that game, I would never in a million years, have taken off my number ten and put on another number ten. If I wanted to do that, I would've brought Zach Herivaux off the bench and replaced him with Diego."

On Matt Turner's performance tonight:

Friedel: "Good. Very good. Solid. Made two saves, that I can remember, that were very, very good. One, especially in the first half, off a header. That is not an easy save to make. He had another very good game."

New England Revolution Goalkeeper Matt Turner

On the overall defensive effort:

Turner: "We put our game plan into effect. I think we got caught a couple times short at the back, uneven numbers, but otherwise, I think it was pretty solid. We were committed and it was unlucky for the goal. You cut back, a little deflection, and those are the kind of goals that you try to avoid giving up at home because sometimes when you're playing really well, a little cheap goal like that will happen against the run of play, so we were disappointed."

On what he saw out of Dallas in their attack:

Turner: "We didn't do as good a job in the first half of keeping the ball and being aware of—or communicating—the kind of numbers we had at the back, so if we had an errant pass or gave the ball away, we were short numbers or 2-v-2, and that's something you want to try to avoid. We got caught a couple times, and that's why I'm there. I'm there. I want my teammates to allow me to make saves and I did that, and I felt that kept us in the game for the most part, and we're just disappointed to end up losing."

On what Coach Friedel stressed going into tonight's match:

Turner: "Same message as always. We don't really change our game plan from game to game. We just know which guys are going to be dangerous on the field and just know where they are at all times on the pitch."

New England Revolution Defender Gabriel Somi

On losing a tight match at home:

Somi: "It was a tough game. We made some simple mistakes and they countered us. We made a mistake on their goal where we didn't track the guy. They're up 1-0 and then we tried to push ourselves to get the goal to tie, but unfortunately we didn't get it."

On whether they created enough chances tonight:

Somi: "Maybe we didn't get these really clear chances, but we did push them back. Of course, when they are up 1-0, they can focus more on defense and just counter. We did our best and, unfortunately, it wasn't enough today."



On why they couldn't get those clear chances:

Somi: "I think we lacked the final killer instincts in the box. At the end, we weren't clinical enough to finish it. As I said, we did some simple mistakes – the final pass or we didn't take the shot at the right time – but this is football and we will learn from this and we move on."

New England Revolution Defender Andrew Farrell

On the defensive performance tonight:

Farrell: "Obviously, in the system he wants the fullbacks to get up and down the field. We weren't as efficient as we could be, obviously, as we didn't get the result. But, it's just, you know, keep working on that, keep getting forward and getting back, and trying to get in the attack and help the offense as much as possible."

On what he saw during FC Dallas' goal:

Farrell: "They got the ball crossed and it kind of skipped into me. I didn't get a good enough clearance to it. Then, I don't know who it was, one of the midfielders, came running through the middle and he just kind of passed it through to him and he just kind of went through to the near post. I think it was something that we could have dealt with. I think Matt [Turner] did a great job this whole game. They had a lot of chances that he stopped. It was just unfortunate that we gave them that one, but it was a good team that we played against there. I think we're obviously disappointed with the result."

On if he felt like they generated enough chances for a positive result:

Farrell: "I think so. Colman was open here and there. They had some good chances, we had some good chances. We didn't get enough shots on target. [Like] I said, it's a good team we played against tonight, but I think we thought we had enough chances to get a result there."

FC Dallas Head Coach Oscar Pareja

On earning three points in a difficult environment:

Pareja: "It was a great performance. First, the group has been grinding since the first game and trying to get points. In moments that we thought we deserve it, the ball didn't bounce in our way today. Everything was really complete, a lot of effort put in on the field. It was great. We have great chances to score, especially in the first half. Indeed, we faced a very good side. New England surprised me a lot of in this beginning of the season. They're doing a lot of good stuff."

On Jacori Hayes capitalizing on his opportunity in the starting lineup:

Pareja: "It's growing. Made us feel very proud about what he's doing on the field – the personality and the care that he has for the game and the commitment. All those things show us that were on the right path with him and that he's not just taking advantage of that opportunity. He's showing us all that we have a great player for USA."

On establishing depth without Kellyn Acosta available:

Pareja: "Today was a good demonstration of the players that were not playing normally. Victor [Ulloa] came out and played a great game. Also, Cristian [Colmán], Jacori [Hayes] with the continuity that he has, Jimmy Maurer as well – he has been established. So, we're good. Santiago [Mosquera], he's coming and getting more and more minutes. Feeling good, feeling good, feeling good. I wanted to take this opportunity to dedicate this game to Fernando Clavijo, who has stayed at home. I know he's fighting a big battle and I know he's fighting as hard as the boys are today. This is for him."

Victor [Ulloa] and Jacori [Hayes] helping with New England's high press:

Pareja: "They did a great job. Tactically, today, it was impressive how all of them were disciplined enough to control New England in the middle in the first half and keep us tied. The second half, when Carlos



[Gruezo], came up in the field, I think the three of them did an excellent job in finding the plays and the tactical work, but also just those three on the ball. That part, we dominated very well in the game.”

FC Dallas Midfielder Jacori Hayes

On scoring his first MLS goal:

Hayes: “It’s a happy moment. I almost cried in the celebration and the last 10 minutes of the game felt like forever. I was just happy to get the goal for the team. It’s a very happy moment for me and I’m glad we can get the three points on the road.”

On New England being a tough place to play and the importance of scoring first:

Hayes: “Oscar [Pareja] said at halftime, first 10 minutes are huge. We battled the first 10 minutes and we kept the score 0-0. We knew we’d get another chance in the second half. Once we got that one, we just needed to hold the lead.”

On scoring the goal with New England flat-footed:

Hayes: “I just saw Roland [Lamah] had the ball on the side and I was just going to dart in and see what happens. If no one picked me up, I was going to be open. I’m glad he found me. I was just happy I could get something on it and put it near post and past the keeper. I’m just really happy right now.”

On making the most of the opportunity as a starter this season and his mindset:

Hayes: “I think I’m doing the most with what I’ve been given. Just going to keep competing and try to get the same opportunities next week. Just kind of stay humble. There’s a lot of noise out there but trying to do what got me here at this point and keep working each week.”

FC Dallas Defender Matt Hedges

On snapping New England's home unbeaten streak:

Hedges: “This is one of the toughest places to come and play in the league with all the different circumstance. They had a long win streak here and we just came in and tried to be compact and play a good defensive game. We knew we’d get chances on the counter attack and we did. We could’ve had better finishing but what an outstanding performance all around by all of the guys.”

On the cold weather being a factor:

Hedges: “Actually, not as much because in Dallas it’s been a similar temperature recently. I think we were training in the same kind of temperature. It actually wasn’t as affecting as we thought it might be.”

On what he saw on Jacori Hayes' goal:

Hedges: “I don’t remember exactly what happened, but I know it was a low cross and Jacori [Hayes], great run from him getting into the box from the midfield. That’s what we’ve been stressing, for our midfielders to get into the box on those runs and he did exactly what you need to do in the right spot. Great finish.”

On what the team has to do to keep the momentum going:

Hedges: “Keep improving. We’re still undefeated but we’re disappointed with some of our results beforehand – draws that could have been wins. We just need to keep improving in every aspect. I thought defensively was our best performance today so that’s something we can take away.”

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