



NEW ENGLAND REVOLUTION POSTGAME QUOTES

New England Revolution 3 vs. Toronto FC 2

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New England Revolution Head Coach Brad Friedel

On how the high-pressing style of play helped to dictate the outcome of the game:

Coach Friedel: "When we play against teams who like to build out of the back – and Toronto is one of those teams and they're very, very good at it – we like to high press and force them into mistakes. They've had a lot of injuries across the backline, as you saw with Michael Bradley playing in the back four in the first half for them, and he's naturally a midfielder. We felt that if we won the ball high up the field, we could expose the back four, which we did on numerous occasions."

On the changes made to the starting lineup and how the team responded:

Coach Friedel: "I thought our second half performance against Montreal was very, very poor, very uncharacteristic of us. I said all along, players that work hard in training always have a chance to play. All these players have trained very, very hard. Toni Delamea has trained very hard since he was replaced by Jalil [Anibaba]. Chris Tierney trains hard every single day. Kelyn Rowe, coming back from injury and you've seen him on the training ground working very hard and so on and so forth. Also, we were very close to starting Zach Herivaux. He has been doing excellent in training. I'm really happy that he was able to come on in the second half. So, the players that were left out, they have every chance to play the next game. We have a really good squad. You're going to see some rotation of the squad, but you're going to see players fight for their places and that's the way it's going to be here."

On Matt Turner's performance:

Coach Friedel: "Excellent. Matt [Turner] had a very good game. I think, whenever I look at saves, when I played and when I look now, is would you blame the goalkeeper if the ball went in and if you wouldn't have, then that's a great save. And I think the one low, down to his left, was a great save. It was a big moment, because we had spurned two, three, or even four chances. And at two-nil, getting back to two-one would've put a completely different complexion on the game. So, Matt's performed every single game for us very well. Tonight was no different."

On Zachary Herivaux's performance:

Coach Friedel: "He was excellent when he came on. Not easy. Pace of the game was really high. They put on [Sebastian] Giovinco. They put on [Victor] Vazquez. They put on [Chris] Mavinga. Fresh legs. The tempo of their play rose and I thought Zach coped very, very well."

On starting Scott Caldwell over Wilfried Zahibo:

Coach Friedel: "Scotty [Caldwell], we asked him to push up higher. So, because we wanted him up higher, that's a different skill set than what Wilfried [Zahibo] has. Wilfried will have every chance of playing in the next game. Wilfried played very, very well against Columbus Crew the last time [on April 21] and it was a tactical change – nothing more, nothing less."

On Teal Bunbury's fit into the system and whether he is having a career year:

Coach Friedel: "I can't talk about Teal [Bunbury] in the past. I can only talk about what we've seen from Teal from day one that we came in. We tried him as an eleven, we tried him as a seven, and we tried him as a nine in preseason. With his skill set that he has, and in our system, he fits perfectly a number nine. He works really hard every single day. And I don't mean just running around hard – at his game, where he should run, how he should run, on his touch, on his finishing. We just like what we've seen from day one. Teal nearly didn't make the game today because of a bout of food poisoning that he had a couple



days ago. Again, you see the character that Teal has, to go out to complete 80 minutes in the fashion that he did, it's truly outstanding."

On the importance of not losing back to back games:

Coach Friedel: "In my playing career, the most successful coaches and the best coaches, they always said the best teams never lose two in a row. I think if you live by that, you can start to get runs together and have successful seasons. Winning is contagious and losing is contagious and you don't want to start losing on a normal basis. I'm not saying it's never going to happen, but it's something I try to preach to the players and our staff tries to preach to the players all the time. I think this was another really good character check on our team after that second half performance against Montreal, to play against a very good Toronto team in the manner that we did."

New England Revolution Forward Teal Bunbury

On the game plan in the first 10 minutes of the game:

Bunbury: "I think our game plan was just to put pressure on whoever had the ball in the back. We wanted to start out the first 15 minutes making them feel uneasy, uncomfortable, and I think we were able to do that. Great pressure from Diego [Fagundez], from all the guys up front – Kelyn [Rowe], [Cristian] Penilla, Scotty [Caldwell]. Everyone was putting the work in and we were able to capitalize [on] Penilla using his pace – two quick goals and that really set the tone for us. I think we kind of let up a little bit, but we still were putting a lot of pressure on them throughout the full 90 minutes, and that's the most important thing."

On not having Sebastian Giovinco on the pitch for the majority of the game:

Bunbury: "Obviously, he's a great player, but Toronto still has great guys and great players that can step up as well, so we don't really pay attention too much about that. We're wary of certain key players, but whoever's on the field, we're going to do our job and make sure that we're all bought in together, and we're doing things that we can control. We can't control the other team and who they're going to put out on the field. We only can control who we're going to put out there and who's going to work hard and that's what we did."

On the impact of Scott Caldwell starting in place of Wilfried Zahibo:

Bunbury: "I think there's a lot of players that can start over a lot of different players. That's just how much depth we have and I think they're both key players for us. They both can play together and you've seen that. They both work hard, they both are good at distributing the ball, so it's great to be able to have all this depth and all these players that are talented enough to be starting."

On if the early success led to the aggressive approach to get the third goal in the second half:

Bunbury: "I think it did. We wanted to come out strong in the first half, and then we knew that if we didn't match or exceed their intensity starting the second half, that they could come and maybe get a goal early and that could kind of change the dynamics. We really wanted to start out hot in the second half, and we were able to do that. There was a little bit of some chaos there at the end, but we stuck to it and we got three points, and that's all that matters, is winning."

On if the pass from Andrew Farrell was one of his best and if it was the result of the system or style of play:

Bunbury: "He works on it in training, and the style – I mean, he's always looking forward. He's had a lot of great passes, so I don't think that's his greatest one, but he's aware of the game. He knows where he is, he knows I like to make runs like that, and if it's not myself, someone else [is] making a run. He led me nicely and I just had to finish the rest of it."

On what this win does for the group's confidence, coming off a loss in Montreal:



Bunbury: "It never feels good to lose a game, so obviously being able to win [tonight], our confidence is high, but I don't think that loss [to Montreal] changed our confidence. I still feel like we were a team that was cohesive. We still had confidence, knew that we could still play. We know the season's long and we know that there were key moments in that Montreal game that we didn't like, but we knew that there were some things that we did well. We tried to correct those things that we didn't do too well, and I think we showed tonight against Toronto that we're a quality team."

On if he feels he's putting away chances at a better rate than in the past:

Bunbury: "I feel good. It feels great to score goals, especially as a center forward. I'd be lying if I said it doesn't feel good, but I don't really sit there and think of the ratio and all that. I just think of what can I do in the next scenario to help my team, if that's putting pressure on the center back, if that's getting an assist, if that's tracking back – all those things are part of my game."

New England Revolution Midfielder Zachary Herivaux

On playing 23 minutes on tonight's match:

Herivaux: "[Brad Friedel]'s always been telling me to work hard in training and that's what I've been doing. I always put my head down and just work and wait for my opportunity. I knew it was going to come this season and it came, so when I got the opportunity I just wanted to work hard and help the team out."

On his performance today:

Herivaux: "I just want to go out there and work hard and help my teammates. Whatever position that I'm in, I'm going to do my best and I was able to do that tonight. I'm happy with the three points."

On what made him feel he'd have the chance to play extended minutes this year:

Herivaux: "First thing, I got a phone call from Brad [Friedel] before the season started and he said the guys who work hard in training are going to get a chance. Doesn't matter what your name is, doesn't matter how much you make. If you work hard in training, you'll get an opportunity. I knew I was going to be able to do that this year and I'm glad he was able to give me the opportunity."

On if he felt he got a fair shot to play last season:

Herivaux: "It's a different situation. We were in a tough situation all [last] season. We weren't performing, so it was difficult to take risks. I'm not going to talk about that subject, I'm just moving on."

On his preferred position to play:

Herivaux: "He [Brad Friedel] just views me as a midfielder. Whatever position I'm out there, I just play. Whether it's the eight, six, ten, it doesn't matter. They train me in all three of those positions so I'm prepared."

On gaining more confidence from the coaching staff:

Herivaux: "They always push me, they always keep me involved, update me on how I'm doing. They always make me feel like I have an opportunity ahead of me. I keep working hard in training and I know that they keep looking at training to see how hard I'm working, so hopefully I get more opportunities."

On his hard work paying off:

Herivaux: "It's just a start, so I need to keep doing it. Hopefully, I help the team get more results like this."

New England Revolution Defender Andrew Farrell

On the keys to sustaining quick starts to each half:

Farrell: "Obviously fitness, we keep working on that. I think the guys up top did well. The circumstances – this is probably one of the hardest games we played. Toronto is a great team, we knew what dangers



they have, guys like [Michael] Bradley, [Sebastian] Giovinco, [Jay] Chapman is a good player, [Jonathan] Osorio, [Marky] Delgado. They've got national team guys, so they're a really good team. So it always feels good to beat a good team, even though in the second half we let ourselves out of the game a little bit, but it's always [good] to get three points."

On playing with a new combination of players at center back:

Farrell: "Everybody on this team can jump in and play when their name is called upon. Toni [Delamea] came back in and did well, Chris [Tierney] did well, Kelyn [Rowe] did well. All the guys who came in gave us a spark and got us that jumpstart we needed. We didn't withhold it all the 90 minutes, but it was good to see those guys perform and get a result."

On connecting with Teal Bunbury for his assist:

Farrell: "If I see Teal [Bunbury] open, [we knew] they had a slow backline tonight with their center backs out, so I knew he was going to be in a good spot. He's been making runs all game, all year, that's why he's got so many goals this year. He's been working really hard, so you've got to feed those guys the ball; him, [Cristian] Penilla, Diego [Fagundez], Kelyn [Rowe], Nemo [Krisztián Nemeth], Juan [Agudelo], all those guys. Get those guys the ball, it's what they're getting paid to do. He scored a goal, so he did well."

On Brad Friedel's system allowing him to get further up field:

Farrell: "It does, [Brad Friedel] wants us getting forward and high and getting up and down and keep the ball. It's a lot easier than when we lose it and turn the ball over its just deadly. So we've got to keep working on the possession and keeping the ball. Whenever it works out, you can see, when we keep the ball and move it side to side and spring wide, we've got players that can cause havoc. It's something we're working on throughout the season and we're going to keep getting better."

New England Revolution Goalkeeper Matt Turner

On responding to last week's loss to Montreal:

Turner: "Both halves we came out flying. We got our goals early and really set the tone. I think you saw a really committed team out there tonight. Everybody was working really hard until they couldn't work anymore. And then the guys that came on for them worked even harder and that's what we've been saying – we have the depth and people work really hard for this team and are really bought in."

On the changes along the backline:

Turner: "Awesome. Toni [Delamea] and Chris [Tierney] are vets. They know how to do their job really, really well and we're happy that we have the depth defensively. I think you saw from the first minute, they were locked in and just the way the backline was stepping up every time the ball went back to their goalkeeper. If you look back at that, you'll see how committed everybody was."

On the challenges Sebastian Giovinco presents:

Turner: "He's a world-class player. He's like a [Ignacio Piatti]. There are a lot of guys like that in the league now. He came in and was pretty dangerous. He created a couple opportunities to score and then he ended up getting his goal on a penalty. He's always causing teams trouble, so you just have to know where he is at all times on the field and that comes from me organizing my backline and knowing where they are."

Toronto FC Head Coach Greg Vanney

On his takeaways from the game:

Coach Vanney: "We gifted goals early in the first half. Getting down on the road, 2-0, is a horrendous start. Also, just the way we give up goals, it's unacceptable. I think we're now minus-nine in the first 15 minutes of the first half and in the second half. That's something we took a lot of pride in last year, but for



whatever reason – not for whatever reason – it'll stop happening. We have to stop giving up goals in the first parts of these games or second halves. Playing from behind is not the position we want to be in and we're finding ourselves in it too much. Effort-wise, I think the guys put in a decent shift. We had some chances over the course of the game that we didn't finish off. Defensively, [we were] too porous through much of the game. I think we found a little bit of stability as in the latter part of the game, as we start to slide Chris [Mavinga] back there and get a natural center back in. Get Jason [Hernandez] over to his natural side, get Michael [Bradley] sitting in front of the back line. All those things led to, I think, greater stability in our group and our shape started to be better. All those things started to fall together a little bit more. Hopefully, over these next week to two weeks we'll start to get more of our group back together and we'll get guys back into the positions they need to be, because I think that'll help to start to settle some of these things down and I think that's important."

On having Chris Mavinga back:

Coach Vanney: "First, I would say I think Michael [Bradley] and whoever he's been back there with the last few games have done a very good job, especially under the circumstances. Today, I think we got off to a bad start – lost some balls in the midfield that came back at us really quickly. Didn't manage those well, but I thought once Chris [Mavinga] slid back and Michael moved into midfield it started to look a lot more stable. Chris, obviously, just as a natural center back – his ability, his feel for reading things and recognizing things, his athleticism – all those things help us. Also, it helps to have Michael in front because he funnels things into better areas. He protects our center backs in a different way. That was one of my objectives as this game goes on, is to start to get guys back to their positions so we could use this game a little bit to hopefully start moving momentum forward back to the way we want it."

On the mood of the team after tonight's loss:

Coach Vanney: "There's obviously frustration because we don't like losing. We're not ever going to get used to losing. That's never going to happen. There's also understanding that we all have to give more, we all have to be more disciplined, we all have to do our jobs better, we all have to compete better, we all have to start games better. I think on a very basic level, now guys are coming back. Injuries can't keep being the excuse. We've got to find the stability we expect and it starts with the way we compete at the starting whistle."

On Sebastian Giovinco's red card:

Coach Vanney: "I think that rule, it varies. That's my challenge to it. Last week, we had a player who caught basically a punch to the chin. I'm not going to say it was intentional, but it's a hands to the face is hands to the face, I think. One week it goes one way, one week it goes another. The one last week actually knocked our guy to the ground and he was a bit shaken. This one is a touch to the face and I just don't know. They'll give me a good reason as to why that is, but I don't understand."

Toronto FC Midfielder Michael Bradley

On Toronto's performance:

Bradley: "The performance was we weren't good enough and we lost the game 3–2, and there's not much more to say."

On the team's fight at the end getting some sloppy goals:

Bradley: "Bare minimum. Bare minimum, not bare minimum effort but that's bare minimum expectation."

On sliding back to the midfield position after Chris Mavinga comes in:

Bradley: "We had a poor start in every way and we're chasing the game from there. Obviously, when you make certain adjustments, it's good to get Chris [Mavinga] back on the field. It's been a challenging stretch in every way. We just got to, we have to find the right way to keep ourselves going. Understand that there's been a lot of things that just haven't been good enough in this stretch, there's some things



outside of our control that certainly haven't helped, but the reality is this is where we are right now and we continue to feel like, we know we have a good team, but it does us no good to be sitting in here after every game talking about the same things. So, obviously, this initial part of the season with [CONCACAF] Champions League and with trying to manage everything was always going to be difficult, but, we're past that now. We've got to find the right ways to play ourselves back into things and regain the momentum that we've had for the better part of a year and a half or two."

On if he feels there's a specific problem happening at the beginning of matches:

Bradley: "We need to be better across the board. I wouldn't look just specifically at the beginning of games. Obviously, we all know how you start is important and especially with our group. The way that a lot of teams set up to play against us, it's clear if we can get the first goal and force them out even a little bit more, then our ability to use space and play through teams and then find openings and attack and make chances for ourselves, that part is always good. Right now, I wouldn't look at just any one thing, look across the board and say that we've all got to find the right ways to raise the level."

On the conversation with referee Mark Geiger at the end of the game:

Bradley: "The conversation is that, I think we all wish that the referees were allowed to have a little bit more feel for the game. Everything gets made so black and white for them by in some cases FIFA, PRO, and I think for me the best referees are always the ones that, obviously keep all of that in mind, but still referee the game and have a feel for the moment and the passion that goes into the game. So, look, the way things, the way the rule goes right now and the way things are ref'd, that's a red card. But, there's no animosity in what he's doing. There's no endangerment of the other player at that point. Seb [Giovinco] was running back with the ball, the guy tries to swat it out of his hand, Seb was frustrated because there's been a few plays before that where he hasn't gotten a call and he puts his hand up to the guy's face. Again, the way they're directed to call that, it's a red card. But again, I feel like—and a lot of cases we would all be better off—if they had the ability to use a little bit of discretion and feel and make decisions based on what they saw in the game and not directives that were getting handed down from FIFA and PRO. Certainly not blaming anything on the referee tonight, that's for sure. We dug our own grave from the beginning and that's that. Got to find the right ways to respond and to move ourselves forward and we will for sure."

Toronto FC Forward Sebastian Giovinco

On how the match finished:

Giovinco: "Bad, because we lost. It's too many games we lost. It's not good and I think we have to change direction, we have to change everything."

On Toronto's mentality right now:

Giovinco: "We lost almost every game. The mentality is not in a good way. I think we have to change if we want to make the playoffs."

On how much injuries have factored into the season:

Giovinco: "It's difficult. Everybody knows, everybody sees. I don't have to think about this."

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