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New England Revolution Training Report: June 7, 2018

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Please [click here](#) to access interview footage and [training b-roll](#) from Wednesday's media availability previewing this Saturday's away match against the Chicago Fire (NBC Sports Boston – 8:30 p.m. ET), including quotes and footage from:

- [Head Coach Brad Friedel](#)
- [Forward Teal Bunbury](#)
- [Midfielder Kelyn Rowe](#)

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

On the response he expects from the team after the U.S. Open Cup loss on Tuesday:

Coach Friedel: “The guys who took part in the game, today weren't out on the field. They were doing a recovery session. The energy out here today was really good. I expect them to be completely normal tomorrow. Yes, disappointed that we didn't go through [in the U.S. Open Cup], but this is professional sports. This is another game right around the corner, as we know, against Chicago. Starting again tomorrow, it's competition for places all over again.”

On if it's best to move on to a new game quickly after a disappointing result:

Coach Friedel: “Without a doubt. You want to see a reaction from the players that took part in the game to try to gain a place in the team for the next game. Learn what went right and what went wrong in the game they just played in, but that has to be behind us now and we have to look forward to two very important games against Chicago and San Jose.”

On having several players going into the road trip fresh:

Coach Friedel: “It was very important, because we had the three games in eight days prior to that. So, that was the reason for the 10 changes. If we had enough bodies to make the 11 changes, we would have done [that]. That is important, to try to keep people fresh. It's important to try to give as many people minutes as possible, but on the flip side of that, it's also important to win games. So, we're not happy that we didn't win the game [against Louisville City FC]. However, we are happy that we won the game against New York Red Bull and we have to be firmly focused on Chicago now.”

On the challenges presented by the Chicago Fire:

Coach Friedel: “They have a couple of very good players, as everyone knows. I think it's important that we take control of the transitions in the game. I think that will be very important. I think we need to try to possess the ball. I think we could frustrate them a little bit if we do so in the areas, but there's not going to be a lot of changing our philosophy against them. We're going to do and try to do a lot of the things that we've been successful with this season. We just need to shore up and fix a few minor problems.”

[New England Revolution Forward Teal Bunbury](#)

On the response he expects from the team after the U.S. Open Cup loss on Tuesday:

Bunbury: “I think there’s going to be a great response. I think sometimes in games, unfortunately, and even in training sessions, there’s times where the effort isn’t there. That should never be the case and I think everybody knows that. Now, it’s just about getting on with it. It’s a new day, we have a new challenge. We have another game coming up, so we kind of have to forget about that game and just make sure we stay motivated, and everybody kind of pushes themselves and motivates themselves, and try to motivate others as well to keep working hard and keep grinding, and knowing that we have league games now that are very important.”

On if the team can build on its recent run of good form in league play:

Bunbury: “Yeah, I think we can. I think that we’ve been getting some good results of late and now going on the road, it’s going to be another challenge for us. But I think we’re confident right now. I think we have the ability to go to Chicago and win, and that’s going to be our mindset – to go there and get three points and kind of take it a game at a time.”

On having several players going into the road trip fresh:

Bunbury: “It’s so important. I’ve been in this league a long time and it’s a lot about having fresh legs, it’s a lot about having depth on your team, especially come summertime when a lot of these games kind of bunch up together. A lot of it boils down to your mindset and your mentality, and knowing that maybe you’re not going to get as much rest as you might need or want, but knowing that you put the work in in preseason and through the rest of the season to be ready to grind these games out.”

On the importance of getting results before the World Cup break:

Bunbury: “It’s going to be huge. We have to be alert, be ready, because Chicago and San Jose are both really good teams and we are playing on the road. But before a big break, if you can get some results, especially on the road in this league, we’re going to be sitting really nice coming back from that World Cup break.”

[New England Revolution Midfielder Kelyn Rowe](#)

On the response he expects from the team after the U.S. Open Cup loss on Tuesday:

Rowe: “I think you look for a professional response. Obviously, we’ve said it all year, we can’t lose two in a row – that includes Open Cup. It was not a good result. Obviously, we didn’t go in there to tie or lose, so it’s tough on us. We made a midweek travel that we needed to win, now we have to go travel again [for] a Saturday and again [for] a Wednesday [match]. We put ourselves in a little bit of a hole in that sense, but we’ve got to be pros and come out and win a game.”

On if it’s best to move on to a new game quickly after a disappointing result:

Rowe: “You always want something right away to get back in the groove of things. We get to go to Chicago and then go to San Jose. Both those games are huge for us coming up before that World Cup break.”

On if the team can build momentum from its recent run of good form in league play:

Rowe: “Of course, you use whatever momentum you have. But, you look at the film, you look at the things you did well, the things you could do a little bit better, and there are obviously things in the New York game we can even do better, even though we won it. So, [we’ll] break down the film, making sure that we’re pros going into this week in training with the short week that it is, and then get to Chicago and get the result.”

On the importance of getting results before the World Cup break:

Rowe: “You obviously want to win all games you have, but the fact that it is condensed and it is before a long break, you want to go into that break feeling as positive as possible. When you get out of it, you get another hard stretch as well. We want to come out on top and two away games are big to win.”

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