



## NEW ENGLAND REVOLUTION MEDIA RELEASE

### New England Revolution Training Report: July 11, 2018

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Please [click here](#) to access interview footage and [training b-roll](#) from Tuesday's media availability previewing this Saturday's home match against the LA Galaxy (NBC Sports Boston – 7:30 p.m. ET), including quotes and footage from:

- [Head Coach Brad Friedel](#)
- [Forward Teal Bunbury](#)
- [Midfielder Scott Caldwell](#)
- [Defender Gabriel Somi](#)
- [Goalkeeper Matt Turner](#)

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

##### ***On Saturday's draw with Seattle Sounders FC:***

**Coach Friedel:** "In the second half, after watching it a few times now, we didn't do too badly. I think when we got the ball into wide areas, we weren't quick enough, and we kept allowing the two-v-two or even two-v-three situation occur. There were things that we definitely could improve on in that department. First half, things were far too slow – not for lack of endeavor, not for lack of effort. The physical numbers were quite good, but we allowed them to shift into place and we didn't move the ball quick enough in the attacking third. We watched the Dallas game just so I could see if there were any similarities and there really weren't too many, to be honest with you. In the Dallas game, we created enough. We had three good chances in the second half, and if one of them goes in and Seattle has to come out of their shell, then we could be talking about a different story. But at this stage, we'll take the positives. We had a clean sheet, which we hadn't had in a little while, and we keep our unbeaten run going, and we look forward to welcoming Los Angeles Galaxy here."

##### ***On the LA Galaxy:***

**Coach Friedel:** "I think with the players that they have, they are going to go forward and try to score a little bit more than what Seattle did. In saying that, they do hit an incredible amount of long balls – very uncharacteristic of the Los Angeles Galaxy teams in the past. More times than not, [David] Bingham hits the ball long, so it could turn into a little bit of a second-ball game, but in saying that, there will be more space for us to attack. I like any one of our attacking options against most teams, most every single team in the league, so this will be no different."

##### ***On Isaac Angking increasing his involvement in training:***

**Coach Friedel:** "He's obviously wanting to impress now, which is really good. It's great to have him back. As far as when he'll be match fit, not sure yet, but the good news is that that's where we're at now. We're just getting his minutes on the ball, minutes with the players, and hopefully a reserve match or two that we can get him into. So, he's fully able to join in as his general fitness now progresses."

***On Claude Dielna's injury status:***

**Coach Friedel:** "It was a bit of a muscle issue in his lower back. Hopefully, it's on the mend. We wanted to take a little bit of precaution today and still run him through quite a bit of fitness, but more in a structured setting. We'll see how it is tomorrow and Thursday, but hopefully there isn't any issue for the weekend."

***On Nicolas Samayoa returning from his loan stint with Las Vegas Lights FC:***

**Coach Friedel:** "It was a shame, really, because he tweaked his knee a little bit while he was on loan so he only got a couple games while he was there, but I think it's important for the younger players, that they do get the training that we have here and then they go and get some first-team games if they're not getting first-team games here. I think from that standpoint, it will have served a very, very good purpose. Mark Segbers has gone back out on loan, as well, to Orange County, so hopefully he'll get many more minutes under the belt and then we'll recall him at some stage again, and we just want to see their development as they progress and hopefully getting some match minutes."

***On how much work has gone into scouting for the Secondary Transfer Window:***

**Coach Friedel:** "A lot. Some of the work that we put in November and December was for this window as well, and we're already starting for the January window. So it never, never stops. Deals aren't easy to get over the line. You never know when it's going to happen. We're trying to improve the squad all the time. We're not just going to sign someone to sign someone. Hopefully, we'll hear some news fairly soon, but we also have round about a month until the window closes, so we'll keep working to improve the squad. As I've said many times, we have a very good squad here, also, so any player that comes through the door is going to have to be very good."

**[New England Revolution Forward Teal Bunbury](#)**

***On the lessons learned from last Saturday's draw with Seattle:***

**Bunbury:** "I think there are a lot of lessons. I think that we can count on other teams potentially coming in here and trying to possibly play like that, so we have to figure out a way to exploit teams that do that. I think one of the key things that we can kind of hone in on is just our patience, and maybe being a little bit more dynamic with our running, with our movement, and not being a little stagnant. I think those are things we're going to work on this week, especially going to be playing against LA. They're a great team, they've got great players, but I think moving forward, we've got to make sure that we're motivated and making good runs for each other."

***On securing the clean sheet against Seattle:***

**Bunbury:** "It's huge. I think it's huge when you can have a clean sheet, and also when the opposing team isn't getting many shots, that means you're doing something right. Credit to Jalil [Anibaba], Toni [Delamea], [Andrew] Farrell, Claude [Dielna], and then [Gabriel] Soma when he came in – they were all strong back there in limiting their chances. That's what we need to have from them and I think from everybody – is limiting other teams' chances. Then on the other end, just creating more."

***On if the draw motivates the team to get all three points against the LA Galaxy:***

**Bunbury:** "It definitely spurs us a little bit more. Obviously, we get a point and that's good, but at home, we always want three points. We know especially a game against LA, they've got the big names, they've got the stars and things like that, we're going to want to perform. We're at home in front of our fans, so it's definitely going to be a motivating factor, but we can't let that get to our heads. I think we've got to have a strong week of training, continue to work for each other and work hard. I think overall, the first half of the season, we've been doing pretty well – we just have to incrementally continue to get better."

***On playing in front of a large home crowd Saturday:***

**Bunbury:** "It's a huge boost. You can look around, you can just feel it. You can ask all players, they can sense it when we're out on the field. Each play, each pass, they're cheering us on and they're kind of giving you this added motivation that usually might not be there. I think having a huge crowd like that is always exciting to play in front of."

## [New England Revolution Midfielder Scott Caldwell](#)

### ***On the lessons learned from last Saturday's draw with Seattle:***

**Caldwell:** "I think we learned that we were playing a little too slow in the attack. I thought we did a nice job defensively limiting their chances as well, but we can definitely take a few things from each side of the ball, and learn from it and move on to this week."

### ***On securing the clean sheet against Seattle:***

**Caldwell:** "I thought our backline did an excellent job limiting their breakout opportunities. They always kept one in front and one behind the forward, and I think overall as a team we defended well. We transitioned well and that's always going to help us in every game."

### ***On the LA Galaxy:***

**Caldwell:** "They're a team that has a lot of very good individual players. They will attack with a few guys that can really break you down, but I think if we stick together as a team, we'll be able to handle that. We cover each other and attack as a group. I think we'll do just fine."

### ***On playing in front of a large home crowd Saturday:***

**Caldwell:** "The fans have been excellent all year, and especially the last few games and now this one. We love playing in front of them and they always help us, give us a little bit of a boost and we'll count on that again this week."

## [New England Revolution Defender Gabriel Somi](#)

### ***On securing the clean sheet against Seattle:***

**Somi:** "It felt good. We controlled the game. Maybe we didn't create as much as we wanted to, but I think over 90 minutes I think we didn't let Seattle create too many chances against us. As I said, we just tried to have a bit more quality in the final third and hopefully score a lot of goals."

### ***On his relationship with Zlatan Ibrahimović:***

**Somi:** "He was one of my idols when I was young. He's had a fantastic career and now he's [with the] Galaxy. It'll be fun, if I play, and be able to play against him. Of course it would be a dream, but we're focused on the three points and not just on Ibrahimović. They have a lot of quality players, so we have to play very good to get the three points."

## [New England Revolution Goalkeeper Matt Turner](#)

### ***On the lessons learned from last Saturday's draw with Seattle:***

**Turner:** "I think towards the end of the game we were throwing numbers forward, a little bit of a flurry of chances and just we need to play with that urgency throughout 90 minutes in those types of games to get the three points. It's not going to be easy when teams are organized and behind the ball, and we've just got to figure out ways to break them down. The biggest positive is the clean sheet and the lack of chances that Seattle created, so we take those things, we learn, and go on."

### ***On securing the clean sheet against Seattle:***

**Turner:** "It's been too long. Two months is way too long to go from clean sheet to clean sheet. We've been giving way too many quality chances to our opponents and it's not that we haven't necessarily been playing well, it's just been a lack of attention to detail for a full 90 minutes. I think this last week's game was probably the first time for 90 minutes outside of the Kansas City game where we proved to ourselves that we can shut down even the chance of people even having chances, so we proved that to ourselves again and hopefully get a little roll going forward throughout the rest of the summer."

### ***On the challenges presented by the LA Galaxy:***

**Turner:** "They have Ola Kamara, Zlatan [Ibrahimović], the Dos Santos guys. There are just talented players all over the field that can hurt you if you give them an inch of space, so it's going to take focus for

90 minutes. Limit service into the box. We've seen how Ola Kamara and Zlatan can get on the end of those services, so that's kind of been our mantra lately. Keep service out of the box and limit chances, and at the same time we need to keep the ball. It's probably going to be hot, it's a summertime game, and kill them off and work hard for 90 minutes, come out with three points."

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