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## New England Revolution Training Report: July 17, 2018

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Please [click here](#) to access interview footage and training b-roll from Monday's media availability previewing this Wednesday's away match against Minnesota United FC (NBC Sports Boston – 8:00 p.m. ET), including quotes and footage from:

- [Head Coach Brad Friedel](#)
- [Forward Juan Agudelo](#)
- [Midfielder Kelyn Rowe](#)
- [Defender Jalil Anibaba](#)
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### [New England Revolution Head Coach Brad Friedel](#)

#### ***On turning the page from Saturday night's match against LA Galaxy:***

**Coach Friedel:** "It was a tough Saturday night afterwards, and it was a tough [Sunday]. For us as a staff—and I know the players are hurting from the way the game ended—when you watch the first 90 minutes, we played really well. We did. Sigi [Schmid] and Dom Kinnear were both very complimentary after the game, and they should've been. We were the better team, we created the better chances, we had all the momentum. They caused us very little to no problems at all, except for three goals—three individual errors on the goals and it cost us dearly. But there are so many good things to take out of the match. I thought so many things we've been working on [were evident], and some really good individual performances. We'll have to take all the positives into our next two games. There were many. It wasn't that difficult this morning to try to pick the players up because I think they know deep down they played well, but the attention to detail is what separates things. I do not agree in that there's parity in this league. I think we have a very, very good squad, and although I'm going to be a little bit greedy, I don't think that we should be dropping too many points throughout the entire season, home or away. Disappointed in that regard, but really happy with a lot of things that we saw in the game."

#### ***On the benefits of charter flights for this week's two-game road trip:***

**Coach Friedel:** "Having the charter flight really makes it irrelevant whether the game is home or away, to be honest with you. There's no issue on travel times, there's no issue on waiting around in public airports, there's no issue on being able to stretch your legs out—all of the above. The flights aren't too long as well. We have a three game week, so we thought it'd be prudent to use the charter flights. Charter flights is something that's very important. I hope they increase throughout the years of the league, because it really does help the away team. And to be honest, whether we're on a charter or on commercial, the home and away thing shouldn't be as much of an issue anyways. I know our players have started to become a little bit more resilient. Yes, you can pick holes—maybe the late Columbus setback and against Galaxy—but by and large for the season, they've been extremely good with applying themselves to hard work. Playing Minnesota and New York Red Bull will be no different."

***On Juan Agudelo returning to full health:***

**Coach Friedel:** “I thought that was the best performance that we've had from Juan [Agudelo] from start to finish this season. He's been very good coming off the bench a few times. He played very well against Sporting Kansas City. I thought he was outstanding on the weekend, but the game is done, so now as a professional player, you have to do the same if not better the next time you play. And then you have to do that again and again and again. This sport is not about what you've done in the past until you're retired. It's about what you do in the future. Juan is an excellent player and a big part of our team.”

***On different players getting an opportunity with three players suspended for Wednesday's match:***

**Coach Friedel:** “I wouldn't say guys behind them, and I'm not going to be talking about the players that aren't here—let's talk about the players that are here. We have some outstanding players that can come in the positions for the players that are out. This is a big opportunity for some of the players to come in and show what they can do. Like every position and every player, if you do lose your place for one reason or another, you're going to have to fight to get it back.”

***On Minnesota United FC:***

**Coach Friedel:** “Likely, they'll play three in the back. Likely, there's going to be spaces alongside their back three behind [Miguel] Ibarra and [Alexi] Gomez, or whoever players in their wing back position. They have a very good player in [Darwin] Quintero. We're going to do everything that we've been doing. We're going to try to stay compact, we're going to try to stay physical, we're going to try to be brave and very productive and proactive on the ball. We're going to go and try to win the game. There's no doubt in my mind about that, and there's no doubt in my mind that the players won't be ready for this game. They'll be ready and the three points is all that's on our mind.”

**[New England Revolution Forward Juan Agudelo](#)**

***On pulling positives from Saturday's match against LA:***

**Agudelo:** “Try stay as positive as we can. Just try to look at the positives. Basically, just look at the first 90 minutes and take that with us knowing that if we put up performances like that, no one can beat us. Close out the game next time.”

***On staying together as a team to push through a tough result:***

**Agudelo:** “It's very important. Just as we had a talk this morning, we understand that the job was almost finished, but we need to keep pushing and finish the rest of this week off in a good way.”

***On playing his longest shift since April against LA:***

**Agudelo:** “I felt really great. One, I think the training staff and everyone that's helped me get back into my fitness—because I definitely feel like I could run for a very long time—it all goes out to them for pushing me and helping me get there.”

***On returning to full health:***

**Agudelo:** “I couldn't have asked for a better staff to get me back into the way that I normally play. Very thankful for that and just have to keep on going. Keep my body strong and my fitness high, and the sky is the limit.”

***On itching to get back on the score sheet:***

**Agudelo:** “This year, not thinking too much about scoring. I know it helps the team, but as long as we come up with three points, I'm fine with putting in the work. I seem a bit happier this year with putting in the work and being satisfied with giving it my all [rather] than scoring.”

**[New England Revolution Midfielder Kelyn Rowe](#)**

***On pulling positives from Saturday's loss to LA:***

**Rowe:** “Look, I thought we did well when we went down a man. I think we played better down a man than we did with 11 men. It was an unfortunate one, and we have to learn from the mistakes. I think we played a good 90 minutes—unfortunately, we need to play 95 [minutes]. It's hard.”

***On sticking together as a group heading into a two-game road trip:***

**Rowe:** "We played a good game. We played 90 minutes really well and we need to continue that. Take what we did positively. I thought we moved the ball really well, I thought we created a lot of chances. You saw Luis Caicedo was running up and down and he found his way in the box a lot and it helped us, because it freed up Teal [Bunbury], it freed up Diego [Fagundez], it freed up [Cristian] Penilla, and even Juan [Agudelo] sometimes. If we can keep that movement going, I think it's going to be a positive going into a Minnesota team who I think we can take advantage of."

***On missing three players due to suspensions on Wednesday:***

**Rowe:** "This part of the season, especially, is a big grind for anyone that has played in this league. The summer time is always the hardest. Luckily for us, we have a lot of depth, so those three players that are going to get the chance have a chance to win a starting spot, or win a chance to get off the bench, or even to get on the bench with those three not there. It's going to be a lot of new faces, and I think it's going to be a positive, especially towards the end of the year when we need to make a run and we have some guys that are out either injured or yellow card accumulation."

**[New England Revolution Defender Jalil Anibaba](#)**

***On finding positives from Saturday's loss to LA Galaxy:***

**Anibaba:** "I think playing again [is helpful]. Obviously, us having a quick turnaround is going to help us in a situation like this. I think everybody has a bitter taste in their mouth after Saturday's game, but there are a lot, a lot, a lot of positives to pull from the game. Any time you lose in that fashion, you tend to be really down on yourselves, but there are so many positives to pull from the guys. Spirits are high and we have all the reason to be proud of what we put into the game for the most part."

***On moving forward:***

**Anibaba:** "I think one thing that we've done very well throughout the course of the season is just be honest with ourselves. When we don't have good performances, we're critical. If we do have good performances, we're complimentary. This is one of those where there are so many positives to pull from the game that it's hard to be ultimately down. Obviously, we were critical on ourselves in the areas that we could've been better and ways we could've finished out the game better. But I think all in all, this game will help us more than it will hurt us throughout the course of the season moving forward."

***On the benefit of chartering flights for the two-game road trip this week:***

**Anibaba:** "It's massive. I think the club has done a great job in terms of managing our travel and helping us out with the different flights and flight patterns. We've been able to take the charter a decent amount this year. This trip is going to be more of that. After a quick turnaround, you can NormaTec on the plane, you can stretch out, you can sleep, and we can leave right after games. It's a benefit that is very, very massive. It has helped us throughout the course of the season. I think it will continue to help us."

***On missing three players due to suspension on Wednesday:***

**Anibaba:** "You guys see every day, we train extremely hard throughout the course of each week. I think just everybody's willingness to buy into that is just a testament to the mentality that has been instilled in us since preseason. But also, it takes a certain willingness from the group to buy into all of that. I think our depth has been tested throughout the course of the year and it'll continue to be tested. I have all confidence in everybody who's going to be called upon."

**[New England Revolution Defender Andrew Farrell](#)**

***On last Saturday's match against LA:***

**Farrell:** "We played good for 90 minutes down a man, so it's tough, but we came undone there at the end. It's disappointing. I think we know we were the better team and should've deserved the three points. Obviously, that's the frustrating part, but I think we played well and moved the ball well. Everybody is working hard, so we can take that going into Minnesota on Wednesday."

***On missing three players due to suspensions on Wednesday:***

**Farrell:** "I think we've shown throughout the season that guys can step up and fill those spots. Obviously, those are three important guys for our team, but we have guys that can play at that level. We're excited to see who's playing in those roles. Hopefully, we can get three points with those guys."

***On training intensifying with spots open for Wednesday's lineup:***

**Farrell:** "I think so. I think competition has been good all season. Guys want to play. There are minutes to be had. I think coach has done a good job at not having necessarily an 11 guys, but 18 to 26 guys who can play week in, week out. I think guys will be excited to compete. Obviously, it's a short week, so just two days before the next game. Guys will be ready for it."

***On having the charter available for this week's road trip:***

**Farrell:** "It's nice. We can get out there early to Minnesota and train out there and use their facilities. It's nice to be in bigger chairs and not have to be with the other people necessarily waiting in security lines and stuff like that. It's always nice to travel in comfort."

***On Minnesota United FC:***

**Farrell:** "I think it's a Minnesota team that is pretty good. I think when we're at our best, we can beat anybody in the league. It's going to be a good challenge for us. We need to get as many points as we can, especially with the tough, tough road scheduled we've got coming up the rest of the year, so it's important to get three points."

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