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New England Revolution Training Report: August 1, 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 away match against Orlando City SC (NBC Sports Boston – 7:30 p.m. ET), including quotes and footage from:

- [Head Coach Brad Friedel](#)
- [Forward Femi Hollinger-Janzen](#)
- [Midfielder Diego Fagundez](#)
- [Defender Jalil Anibaba](#)

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

On the team's eagerness to play coming out of the bye week:

Coach Friedel: "I think the bye week can definitely serve a purpose, but after you've lost a game – I said it after we lost the Galaxy game, having the Minnesota one right away and then again with New York, it's always good to have a game straightaway to try to rectify your mistakes and your loss. But it wasn't to be, so we made the best of it. We were able to get some players some extra training [who] needed it and get some other players some rest [who] needed it, and also able to work on things. We took it in stride and we'll be well and truly prepared for the Orlando game."

On facing Orlando City under new head coach James O'Connor:

Coach Friedel: "His time at Louisville doesn't really affect things. He played three in the back at Louisville. He's been playing four in the back [with Orlando]. You never know, he could change that up at any moment. He'll have a different set of resources at his disposal and he'll have a different quality of player in front of him, so I don't think you can compare the two. I think he did a wonderful job at Louisville, there's no doubt. Right now he's obviously, with the changing of the lineup so much, he's obviously trying to find out the players that are going to fit his system, which is absolutely normal to do. They have a few players that are very good, very dangerous, as do we. They've conceded an awful lot of goals this season, so hopefully we can take advantage of some of the situations that I'm sure we'll be in to finish them off. Like I said, we don't really have the mentality of a team that should lose twice in a row, let alone three times in a row. I think the LA Galaxy game, the Minnesota game, we played very well in those two games. Red Bull game should've been a draw – very dull affair, which most games against Red Bull are – they just try to play long balls and win the second ball. We fell victim to not defending on a set piece. There were a lot of positives in the three games, with the exception of the results. You've been out here at training – training's been very good. The spirit is high and I know the boys are raring to go."

On Cristhian Machado's first full week with the team:

Coach Friedel: "He's done well. Not easy when you come into another country where you've never played in the league, never spoke the language. He's assimilated himself very well so far. Bubbly character, good guy, hard worker, and he'll take no time at all settling in."

On Machado's availability for this weekend's match:

Coach Friedel: "Yeah, he could potentially be in the mix. With the players that we're signing, we're not signing to not be in the mix. We'll assess his fitness, but generally his fitness looks very good. I'm sure he'll be involved on the weekend."

On potentially adding more players during the transfer window:

Coach Friedel: "One, maybe two [players]. We're working tirelessly on it. Every time you think you have one over the line, then something else crops up. Sometimes when you think a deal is dead, it changes. Hopefully in the next 24-48 hours we'll have another agreement in place. If we don't, then we'll just keep working. We have an excellent array of scouts around the globe, we have a lot of contacts around the globe, and there's no doubt we'll be bringing in at least another face. The exact time? I don't know. We're working hard on it."

[New England Revolution Forward Femi Hollinger-Janzen](#)

On returning to action after his elbow injury:

Femi: "It's amazing to get back out there, playing again and getting some minutes with the guys out there on the field. I love it."

On the injury:

Femi: "[It was] just a dislocated left elbow. I just needed time to rest and time to strengthen it again in order for me to get back on the field."

On his reaction to the injury:

Femi: "It was the first time I've ever dislocated something. [It was] probably one of the more painful injuries I've had, but you know, it's something I've experienced and I'm fortunate to not have any injuries like that before this."

On how he was able to make a speedy recovery:

Femi: "I was able to keep up my fitness. I was able to do some biking, elliptical, and then some treadmill running, so that was nice so I didn't lose all my fitness. And then I was obviously working with trainers on the sidelines while I was able to get on the field a little bit, and then slowly work my way back into practice and fitness has been there."

On returning to action after the bye week:

Femi: "Last week, we really pushed ourselves and we're staying positive moving forward here. We've got Orlando coming up and it's definitely a game to redeem ourselves and get back on a winning streak."

[New England Revolution Midfielder Diego Fagundez](#)

On returning to action after the bye week:

Fagundez: "I think we're all pretty rested. We had a strong week of training last week, but I think we're all ready to go. Especially after those losses, three in a row, we all want to get back on the field and make sure that we win the game and get our confidence going. We've been working hard this week and we're only a couple days away from playing again."

On if the team benefitted from the rest or would have preferred to get back on the field quickly:

Fagundez: "It may be both ways. You kind of want to reset, start all over, see where things are at, but at the same time when you lose, you just want to get back out on the field and try to get a result. For us, I think after that loss, I remember we were all sitting there and we were all thinking about it, and it wasn't what we wanted, so we just have to make sure that when we [play] against Orlando we can only get three points and make sure that we win that game."

On the team's mentality:

Fagundez: “We say we win and we lose as a team. No matter what happens, we have to stick together. When we’re on the field and we’re winning, everyone is having fun and everyone can celebrate. When we’re losing, that’s when you need to bring the team together, and so far, I think that’s what we’re doing. I think this team, we have good quality on the field and we can win any game.”

On Orlando City SC:

Fagundez: “We know that they haven’t been playing well, but any team that’s [been playing] like that, they’re going to come out there and they’re going to try to do anything they can to win these games. For us, we just have to go out there and perform and make sure that they don’t take anything away from us.”

On Cristhian Machado:

Fagundez: “Cristhian’s an awesome guy inside the locker room. But just playing-wise, you know what he brings to the table. He wants to play, he wants to touch the ball, he wants to move around, so he’s definitely going to bring a lot to us. Now, we just have to get him out there and make sure he’s fit.”

[New England Revolution Defender Jalil Anibaba](#)

On coming out of the bye week:

Anibaba: “We’re definitely anxious to get some of the things we’ve been working on the training pitch into game play. I think the bye week did come at a good time to get some rest and get some fresh outlook on the season. I think we kind of needed to get some things sorted out in-house, and I thought we did that with the bye week.”

On what the team was able to work on during the bye week:

Anibaba: “We brought [Cristhian] Machado in, so it was good to have a bye week to integrate him into the squad. I think continuing to just build on our competitive edge, to just make sure that we’re still competing at 100 percent level every training session, and kind of not taking a rest, if you will, with the bye week. From a competitive standpoint, I thought it was a useful week.”

On the importance of responding to a three-game losing streak:

Anibaba: “It’s huge. Obviously, you have objectives that you want to hit throughout the season, but by no means do we freak out if we don’t meet one of those. It’s just something that we use as a benchmark, and now realize, okay, we don’t want to let that happen again, and how do we kind of make sure that we don’t turn some of the things that have happened into a trend. I think that’s kind of the key theme as of late, but also understanding where we are. We’re still in a decent position in the table, but we do need to really crank things up and make sure that we don’t let points slip in crucial moments of the season. To be honest, the rest of the games are going to be crucial.”

On the urgency to get results setting in around August:

Anibaba: “In MLS, the way that our league is structured, the second half of the season, if you do keep yourself in a decent position throughout the year, the second half of the season is extremely crucial. And having good form going into later parts of the year is how you put together a good run. That’s obviously what we’re trying to do, but we’ve approached every game in that manner and I think that’s why we’re in this position in the first place.”

On Saturday's match up with Orlando City SC:

Anibaba: “I think if everybody just brings their A game – that’s what it’s all about. If we’re able to put them on their heels, that’ll make things easier for us in the back. If we’re able to defend well and stifle some of their attack, it’ll make things easier for the midfielders and the guys in front of us. Obviously, they have players that can hurt us if we’re not cognizant of where they are and what they can do, but at the same time, we have guys that are very dangerous, as well.”

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