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## New England Revolution Training Report: August 22, 2018

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Please [click here](#) to access interview footage from Tuesday's media availability previewing this Saturday's away match against the Philadelphia Union (NBC Sports Boston – 7:00 p.m. ET), including quotes and footage from:

- [Head Coach Brad Friedel](#)
- [Goalkeeper Matt Turner](#)
- [Defender Antonio Delamea](#)
- [Defender Andrew Farrell](#)

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

#### ***On the primary takeaways from this weekend's game in D.C.:***

**Coach Friedel:** “In the first half, we just didn't execute what we wanted to do – they gave a lot of space on the flanks and we didn't keep the ball. We only had four passages of play in the first half. We spoke about it with the players and they took it on board. The second half was a lot better in that regard. It was also our plan to follow [Wayne] Rooney and [Luciano] Acosta in the midfield and, primarily on our right-hand side. We didn't do it and we got overloaded. We knew what was happening, we worked on it in training and we didn't execute. In the second half, we executed that far better. It's always more difficult when you're chasing a game and you will concede a couple of chances because of that, because you do have to open up at some stage. The first half was a flat performance from us, so that didn't change from when I watched it again and again. It's time now for us to get our run going. It's crazy how this league is – there are very few teams that consistently get results every weekend. There are only one or two. What a difference a win can make and there's no reason with the quality that we have in the room that we can't go on a 10-game unbeaten run.”

#### ***On seeking a win this weekend in Philadelphia:***

**Coach Friedel:** “It's really important that we win against Philadelphia this weekend. We should've gotten a result against them here a couple of weeks ago. I still feel, and all the players and the staff feel, that we should get a result when we go there this weekend. The players should be confident. You can't let all of the results get you down, because we played really well in almost all of the games and you have to try to take those positives from it and go out and put an incredible effort in. Like I told the players this morning, we have 10 cup finals.”

#### ***On facing Philadelphia for a second time in three weeks:***

**Coach Friedel:** “You try to focus on all of the things that went well in the game and there were a lot of them. The first time that we played them, we had two players sent off. This is a time that we never want to lose against anybody, especially three times in a season. This will be a big character check for the players.”

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

### ***On the overall thoughts and takeaways after Sunday night's loss:***

**Turner:** "We did do some good things in the game. We just continue to shoot ourselves in the foot. For a primary takeaway, I'd say that it's now or never because we've been on this streak and it's been bad game after bad game. It's not really time for us to hang our heads. It's time for us to turn it around and just one win can change everything, so we're looking to get that this weekend in Philly."

### ***On the mentality of taking all three points in Philadelphia:***

**Turner:** "It's massive. We've lost two games to Philly this year. We can't afford to lose another one to them. We really need to win the game on Saturday and no other outcome is really suitable for us, so we'll go down there looking to get three points."

### ***On Michael Mancienne's debut on the backline:***

**Turner:** "I think you guys saw he has integrated pretty well. He's a leader out there. He's really vocal and he's got loads of experience, so as he gets more comfortable with our style of play, we'll see him gel really nicely because he's quality on the ball, as well. He's been a really nice addition so far."

### ***On facing Philadelphia for the second time in three weeks:***

**Turner:** "We know that they've got three guys in the midfield that are really good on the ball, so shutting them down is a priority. They've got some really pacey wingers, as well as quality finishing and strong center-forwards. We know that they lack experience at the back, but those kids have been playing pretty well lately though, so we can try to get them disorganized and keep the ball a bit in this game since last game we were chasing around a lot."

## [New England Revolution Defender Antonio Delamea](#)

### ***On the team's halftime adjustments Sunday:***

**Delamea:** "I think we had an awful first half. We couldn't cope with the amount of players they had in the midfield. I don't really know what's wrong with us right now. It's just like everyone's making some tactical mistakes, we're sloppy and it just kind of looks like our heads are not in the right place. We made some improvements in the second half and the red card obviously didn't allow us to come closer. I think the problem is that we allowed some things to happen at first, then we tried to come back and this has not happened in the last eight or 10 games. I don't really have an answer on what's happening, but it's always one or two guys that are not concentrated. Last week it was me and someone else and I just don't have an answer for why things like this are happening right now. I can only say we need to put our heads together right now. It's not time to point fingers and say who has made mistakes – we need to sort this as a team and try to go back on the winning track if we want to reach the playoffs."

### ***On the importance of a win this weekend:***

**Delamea:** "You can see the whole league is kind of the same thing – ups and downs and everything. We know that with one or two wins, things can change and we can go back up. We'll have to be a lot more concentrated and focused on the things that we're training for to put these things on the field, because we really don't look like a team out there."

### ***On playing alongside Michael Mancienne:***

**Delamea:** "I think Mike [Mancienne] is a very experienced player. It was very fun to play with him. He understands tactical things, so he adjusted to our system right away. I don't really think we could do very much out there in the last game. It was just our team performance and our heads were just not there at the right place where they should be and this cost us the game [and] a few very important points."

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

### ***On the difference between the first and second halves Sunday:***

**Farrell:** "I think it starts with energy. I think it's kind of, again, attention to detail. We went over the same things in practice of what we didn't do in the first half and then the second half was, you know, a tale of

two halves. Obviously, it was very frustrating seeing it now on tape and knowing that if we had just come out a little bit better – I kind of think we came out flat - we could have had a different result.”

***On the importance of getting a win this weekend:***

**Farrell:** “It’s important. I think there are a lot of teams out right now that aren’t on a good run. We’re [one of] those teams and one win can get you back into the mix, especially against a team like Philly. We’re fighting for the same spot rights now, so it’s important. This next game is very important. Obviously, we have nine more games after that one, but we have to take this first one.”

***On Michael Mancienne:***

**Farrell:** “He’s a great player. He’s a great guy off the field. I think he’s gelled really well. [He’s] very vocal, a very good leader. I think he’ll add a lot to our team – just pumping guys up, being positive. Obviously, he knows he came into a situation where we’re not doing too hot right now, but he’s a guy who can help us and get us over the hump.”

***On facing Philadelphia for a third time this season:***

**Farrell:** “It’s obviously a unique situation [that] we’ll get to play them again, especially against a team we need to beat. I think we match up well with them. We know their tendencies, we know what we can do to exploit [them]. We know their weaknesses and we’ve got to do a better job than we did last time. I think we came out flat, gave up two early goals and kind of dug ourselves a deep hole. I think if we don’t do that, we’ll have a good chance at getting three points.”

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